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PERSONAL DATA

Born: 18 April 1983
Nationality: Italian and Belgian
Marital status: married, two children

CURRENT POSITION

2018 - ongoing Research Associate Professor (tenure) / Chercheur Qualifié F.R.S.-FNRS

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

10/2017 - 09/2018	Collaborateur scientifique du F.R.S.-FNRS – niveau Chercheur qualifié
09/2016 – 09/2017	Maitre de conférence /Lecturer in Political science, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
09/2017 – 08/2019	Guest-Professor of Political Science, Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles/UCLouvain
01/2016 – 09/2017	Guest-Professor of Comparative Politics, University of Antwerp, Belgium
09/2015 – 08/2019	Chargé d'enseignement, ESPOL, Université Catholique de Lille, France (10%)
01/10/2013 – 30/09/2016	Chargé de recherches FNRS/Postdoctoral Researcher in Political science, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
01/10/2009 – 30/09/2013	Research Fellow/PhD candidate in Political Science, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

VISITING POSITION

31/3/2019 – 07/04/2019	Visiting Scholar, V-Dem Institute, University of Goteborg, Sweden.
01/2014 – 01/2015	Visiting Research Fellow, St Antony's College, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

EDUCATION

- 2009 – 2013 PhD in Political and Social Science, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB, Brussels) jointly with Italian Institute of Human Science, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (SUM-SNS, Florence)
- Thesis:* “The European Union and the Quality of Government in Central and Eastern Europe” (in French)
Supervisors: prof. Jean-Benoit Pilet (ULB) and prof. Leonardo Morlino (LUISS)
Thesis defended: 18 January 2013
- 2008 – 2009 PhD candidate in Political Science, doctoral training, Italian Institute of Human Science, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (SUM-SNS Florence)
- Supervisors:* prof. Leonardo Morlino (LUISS Rome)
- 2005 – 2008 Master in European Union politics, University of Padova, Italy
- Grade:* 110/110 cum laude (best possible)
Dissertation title: “The European politics of France: the first veto to the UK accession in 1963” (in Italian)
Supervisors: prof. Antonio Varsori
- From January 2007 to July 2007: Erasmus, Faculté “Jean Monnet”, Université Paris Sud, Paris, France
- 2002 – 2005 Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations, University of Trieste, Italy
- Grade:* 110/110 cum laude (best possible)
Dissertation title: “The enlargement of the EU and the Democratization of Turkey” (in Italian)
Supervisors: prof. Fabio Fossati

TRAINING

- 2013 8th ECPR Summer school in methods and techniques, Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets: Basics and Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 25 July – 10 August
- 2012 Teaching training programme at the Free University of Brussels (ULB), unit PRAC-TICE, 5 seminars of 3h during the year
- 2012 3rd IPSA Summer School, Case study methodology – small-n research designs, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, 30 January – 10 February
- 2009 LSE Summer School in European Union Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK, 6 July – 24 July

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Tomini, Luca, and Cassani, Andrea (2019) *Autocratization in Post-Cold War Political Regimes. The Reverse Wave Hypothesis*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.

Tomini, Luca (2017) *When Democracies collapse. Assessing Transitions to Non-Democratic Regimes in the Contemporary World*. London and New York: Routledge.

Tomini, Luca (2015) *Democratizing Central and Eastern Europe. Successes and failures of the European Union*. London and New York: Routledge.

Handbook

Croissant, Aurel, and Tomini, Luca, eds. *Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*, London and New York: Routledge (2024).

Edited Books

Tomini, Luca, and Sophie Wintgens, eds. (2020) *Les méthodes d'enquêtes de terrain en Sciences sociales: de la théorie à la pratique*. Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles.

Tomini, Luca, and Giulia Sandri, eds. (2018) *Challenges of Democracy in the 21st Century. Concepts, Methods, Causality and the Quality of Democracy*. London and New York: Routledge.

Coman, Ramona and Tomini, Luca, eds. (2015) *The State of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe*. London and New York: Routledge.

Coman, Ramona, Kostera, Thomas, and Tomini, Luca, eds. (2014) *Europeanization and European Integration: from Incremental to Structural Change*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Telò, Mario, Sandri, Giulia, and Tomini Luca, eds. (2013) *L'état de la démocratie en Italie*. Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, pp. 1-168.

Special Issues

Tomini Luca, and Cassani, Andrea (2019) «The Dark Side of Regime Change: Autocratization and Authoritarian Resilience in the Early 21st Century/Post-Cold War» *Special Issue of the Italian Political Science Review*.

Coman, Ramona, and Tomini, Luca, eds. (2014) “A Comparative Perspective on the State of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe”, *Special Issue of Europe-Asia Studies*, 66(6).

Telò, Mario Sandri, Giulia, Tomini, Luca, and De Waele, Jean-Michel, eds. (2013) “The Crisis of the Italian Democracy in the European Context”, *Special Issue of Comparative European Politics*, 11(3): 261-382.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Balderacchi, Claudio, and Luca Tomini (2024) “Alternative Patterns to Electoral Autocracy: Recognizing Diversity in Contemporary Autocratization Processes”, *Democratization*.

- Balderacchi, Claudio, Cassani, Andrea, and Luca Tomini (2024) “Shut up! Governments’ popular support and journalist harassment: evidence from Latin America”, *Latin American Politics and Society*.
- Cassani, Andrea, and Luca Tomini (2023) “Time to go: Paths of term limit resilience in sub-Saharan Africa”, *International Political Science Review*.
- Tomini, Luca, Suzan Gibril, and Venelin Bochev (2023) “Standing up against autocratization across political regimes: a comparative analysis of resistance actors and strategies”. *Democratization*, 1(23):
- Tomini, Luca (2021) “Don’t think of a wave! A research note about the current autocratization debate”. *Democratization*, 28(6).
- Tomini, Luca, and Andrea Cassani (2020) “Trajectories and Modes of Autocratization in the Early 21st Century” *Partecipazione e conflitto* 13(3).
- Tomini, Luca, and Andrea Cassani (2020) “Oltre il trend illiberale: I processi di autocratizzazione nel XXI secolo”. *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, 2.
- Tomini, Luca, and Andrea Cassani (2019) “Post-Cold War autocratization: trends and patterns of regime change opposite to democratization” *Italian Political Science Review*.
- Tomini, Luca, and Andrea Cassani (2018) “Reversing regimes and concepts: from democratization to autocratization” *European Political Science*.
- Tomini, Luca, and Claudius Wagemann (2018) “Varieties of contemporary democratic breakdown and regression: A comparative analysis”, *European Journal of Political Research* 57(3).
- Tomini, Luca (2014) “Reassessing Democratic Consolidation in Central and Eastern Europe and the Role of the EU”, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 66(6).
- Coman, Ramona, and Tomini, Luca (2014) “A Comparative Perspective on the State of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe”, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 66(6).
- Spasova, Slavina, and Tomini, Luca (2013) “Building Social Dialogue Institutions in Bulgaria: Between national institutional development and EU impact”, *Debatte: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*, 21(1): 3-24.
- Telò, Mario, Sandri, Giulia, and Tomini, Luca (2013) “Political system, civil society and institutions in Italy: the quality of democracy”, *Comparative European Politics*, 11(3): 261-279.
- Tomini, Luca (2012) “A Qualitative Approach to the Quality of Government: An Assessment of Slovakian Government from 1994 to 2010”, *Studia Europaea*, 2/2012: 29-67.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

- Tomini, Luca (2023) “Ondate di Democratizzazione”, in Graziano, Paolo, and Almaagisti, Marco, eds., *La Democrazia: Concetti, Attori, Istituzioni*, Carocci Editore.
- Panzano, Guido, and Luca Tomini (2023) “Regimi Ibridi”, in Graziano, Paolo, and Almaagisti, Marco, eds., *La Democrazia: Concetti, Attori, Istituzioni*, Carocci Editore.
- Gürkan, Seda and Luca Tomini (2020) “The limits of Europeanization research agenda: Decoding the reverse process in and around the EU” in *European Integration Theories and EU's Crises*, Nathalie Brack and Seda Gürkan (eds). Routledge.
- Gürkan, Seda and Luca Tomini (2020) “Contesting the EU, contesting democracy and rule of Law in Europe.

Conceptual suggestions for future research” in *Illiberal Trends and Anti-EU Politics in East Central Europe*, Astrid Lorenz and Lisa H. Anders. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Pilet, Jean-Benoit, and Tomini, Luca (2018) “Démocraties”, in De Waele, Jean-Michel, et Hastings, Michel (eds.), *Politique comparée*. Brussels: Editions Larcier.

Tomini, Luca (2015) “Italie”, in De Waele, Jean-Michel, Brack, Nathalie, and Pilet, Jean-Benoit (eds) *Les démocraties européennes*. Paris: Armand Colin.

Tomini, Luca (2014) “Divergent Democracies? The Limits of the Current Political Integration”, in Coman, Ramona, Kostera, Thomas, and Tomini, Luca, eds. (2014) *Europeanization and European Integration: from Incremental to Structural Change*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Coman, Ramona, Kostera, Thomas, and Tomini, Luca (2014) “Conclusions”, in Coman, Ramona, Kostera, Thomas, and Tomini, Luca, eds. (2014) *Europeanization and European Integration: from Incremental to Structural Change*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Telò, Mario, Sandri, Giulia, and Tomini, Luca (2013) “Société, système politique et institutions en Italie: l'état de la démocratie”, in Telò, Mario, Sandri, Giulia, and Tomini Luca, eds. (2013) *L'état de la démocratie en Italie*. Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, pp. 9-20.

Telò, Mario, Sandri, Giulia, and Tomini, Luca (2013) “Conclusions: la démocratie dans la deuxième République”, in Telò, Mario, Sandri, Giulia, and Tomini Luca, eds. (2013) *L'état de la démocratie en Italie*. Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, pp. 160-168.

Book reviews

Tomini, Luca (2021) *Authoritarian Gravity Centers A Cross-Regional Study of Authoritarian Promotion and Diffusion*, Edited by Marianne Kneuer and Thomas Demmelhuber, *Democratization*.

Tomini, Luca (2020) “L'Egitto tra rivoluzione e controrivoluzione. Da piazza Tahrir al colpo di stato di una borghesia in armi”, by Gianni Del Panta, Bologna, Il Mulino 2019, *Italian Political Science Review*.

Tomini, Luca (2020) “Imparfaites démocraties, by Yves Meny”, *Revue française de science politique*.

Tomini, Luca (2019) « How democracies die: What history reveals about our future,» *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, DOI: 10.1080/14662043.2019.1581456.

Tomini, Luca (2011) “Conflict, Negotiation and European Union Enlargement, by Christina J. Schneider”, *Revue internationale de politique comparée*, 18(2): 231-241.

Reports

Pilet, Jean-Benoit, Tomini, Luca, Nikolic, Louise, Dejaeghere, Yves, Hooghe, Marc (2013) *La démocratie en Belgique*. Report for the “Fondation Roi Baudouin”

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Paper and Presentation “How to Stop Autocratization When It’s Here: Patterns of Democratic Resistance Against Democratic Breakdown and Regression”, with Guido Panzano, SISP Conference, 12-15 September 2023, Genova.

Paper and Presentation “How to Stop Autocratization When It’s Here: Patterns of Democratic Resistance Against Democratic Breakdown and Regression”, with Guido Panzano, ECPR Conference, 5-7-September 2023, Prague..

- Paper and Presentation “How to Stop Autocratization When It’s Here: Patterns of Democratic Resistance Against Democratic Breakdown and Regression”, with Guido Panzano, APSA Conference, 28-30 August 2023, Los Angeles.
- Paper and Presentation “Shut up! Executive approval and press freedom: evidence from Latin America, with Cassani, A., & Balderacchi,” C. Paper session presented at SISP General Conference 2022, 6 September 2022.
- Paper and Presentation “Time to go? Enforcing presidential term limits in sub-Saharan Africa: A qualitative comparative analysis”, with Andrea Cassani, German Political Science Association (GPSA) Online General Conference, 15-17 September 2021.
- Paper and Presentation “Time to go? Enforcing presidential term limits in sub-Saharan Africa: A qualitative comparative analysis”, with Andrea Cassani, SISP Online General Conference, 8-11 September 2021.
- Presentation “Assessing the threat of autocratization in a comparative perspective”, PSA Conference, 29 mars 2021.
- Paper and Presentation “Theoretical Approaches for Studying Democratization and Autocratization at Subnational Level”, with Adam Szymański, ECPR Virtual General Conference, 24-28 August 2020.
- Paper and Presentation “Oltre il trend illiberale. I processi di autocratizzazione contemporanei”, with Andrea Cassani. SISP General Conference, 11-14 September 2019, Lecce, Italie.
- Paper and presentation “The missing link: the interplay of De- Europeanization and Autocratization in EU member states and candidate countries”, with Seda Gurkan. Section “Democratic backsliding in EU member states and candidate countries”. ECPR Joint Session in Mons, Belgium. 9-12 April 2019, Université libre de Bruxelles
- Paper and presentation “Exploring the Nexus between De-Europeanization and Autocratization in Contemporary Europe”, with Seda Gurkan. International conference “The Autocratic Challenge. Assessing Autocratization Processes in Contemporary Times”, 15-16 November 2018, Université libre de Bruxelles.
- Paper and Presentation “Autocratization Modes: an inter-regional comparative qualitative analysis 1990-2015”, with Andrea Cassani. SISP General Conference, 6-8 September 2018, Turin, Italie.
- Paper and Presentation “Modes of Autocratization: A Cross-Regional Qualitative Comparative Analysis, 1990-2015”, with Andrea Cassani. ECPR General Conference, 22-25 August 2018, Hamburg, Germany.
- Paper and Presentation “Exploring the Nexus between De-Europeanization and Autocratization in Contemporary Europe”, with Seda Gurkan. Standing Group on European Union of ECPR Conference, 13-15 June 2018, Paris.
- Paper and Presentation “A third reverse wave of autocratization? Some evidence and a few preliminary conclusions on prevailing patterns”, with Andrea Cassani. XXXI SISP conference (Italian Association of Political Science), 14-16 September 2017.
- Chair and discussant of the panel “An authoritarian resurgence? De-democratization and authoritarian resilience in the contemporary world”, with Andrea Cassani. XXXI SISP conference (Italian Association of Political Science), 14-16 September 2017.
- Paper and Presentation “The other way around. Conceptual challenges in the shift from democratization to autocratization studies”, with Andrea Cassani, XXX SISP conference (Italian Association of Political Science) conference, Milan, 15-17 September 2016.

Chair and discussant of the panel “Highs and Lows in Recent Democratization Trajectories”, *ECPR General Conference in Prague*, Prague, 7-10 September 2016.

Paper and Presentation “Evidences on the Triggering Role of Crises in Contemporary Democratic Regressions”, *24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Poznan, Poland 23-28 July 2016.

Paper and Presentation “Assessing Causes for Democratic Regression during the Contemporary Age”, in the XXIX SISP (Italian Association of Political Science) conference, Cosenza, 10-12 September 2015.

Presentation “Towards a Renewed Research Agenda on the Quality of Democracy”, in the conference “The Quality of Democracy. The Challenges of a New Research Agenda”, IEE – ULB and ESPOL, LILLE, Brussels and Lille, 5-7 March 2015.

Chair of the panel “The Quality of Democracy and the Subnational and International Dimension”, in the conference “The Quality of Democracy. The Challenges of a New Research Agenda”, IEE (Université libre de Bruxelles) and ESPOL (Université Catholique de Lille), Brussels and Lille, 5-7 March 2015.

Paper and Presentation “De-democratization in a comparative perspective: assessing democratic regression during the third wave”, in the Panel “Paradoxes of Democratization”, *23rd IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Montreal, Canada 19-24 July 2014.

Chair of the panel “Political Participation: New Parties, Political Culture and Democracy”, *23rd IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Montreal, Canada 19-24 July 2014.

Chair of the workshop “The Europeanization of National Political Parties and Parliamentary Groups”, *Summer School on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe*, Luiss Guido Carli School of Government, Rome, 18 July 2014.

Presentation “Is De-democratization Happening?”, St Antony’s College, European Studies Centre, University of Oxford, Oxford, 26th May 2014.

Presentation “Conditions for Anti-corruption Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe”, *Models of State Consolidation in Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe: National and EU Perspectives*, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, 16th May 2014.

Paper and Presentation “A New Season for Referendums in Italy? Referendums and the Transformation of the Italian Democracy”, *EHIC Conference on Referendums and the European democratic ideal*, Clermont-Ferrand, France, 6 & 7 June 2013.

Paper and Presentation “New Equilibria or Return to the Past? The Consequences of the Monti Government for the Executive-Legislative Relations in Italy”, in the Panel “The Monti Government: Technocrats at the Helm: Accountability, Performance and Legacy”, *63rd Political Studies Association Annual International Conference*, Cardiff, UK, 25-27 March 2013.

Chair of the Panel “*Designing Quality of Democracy in Europe*”, with Coman, Ramona, in the Section “RC34 Quality of Democracy”, *22nd IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, 8-12 July 2012.

Paper and Presentation “Unexpected Problems of Democratic Consolidation in Central Europe and the Role of the EU”, in the conference “Europeanization and the opening of the “black box” of the national level - Do we still miss the big picture?”, ULB - CEVIPOL (Centre d'Etude de la Vie Politique), ULB-IEE (Institut d'Etudes Européennes), Brussels, 29-30 March 2012.

Paper and Presentation “La troisième génération des travaux sur l’eupéanisation. Bilan empirique et théorique”, with Coman, Ramona, in the Section “L’eupéanisation et ses coins d’ombre: vers une normalisation des études européennes ?”, *XI^{ème} Congrès de l’Association Française de Science Politique*, IEP Strasbourg, 31 august - 2 September 2011.

Paper and Presentation “The Quality of Government: A Theoretical Framework for the Empirical Analysis”, in the Panel “Evaluating the State of Democracy: Different Approaches and Methodologies”, *6th ECPR General Conference*, University Of Iceland, Reykjavik, 25-27 August 2011.

Paper and Presentation “Analysing Change in the Quality of Democracy: A Theoretical Perspective”, with Coman, Ramona, in the Panel “Evaluating the State of Democracy: Different Approaches and Methodologies”, *6th ECPR General Conference*, University Of Iceland, Reykjavik, 25-27 August 2011.

Paper and Presentation “Democratisation Through Social Dialogue? The EU's Influence on the Role of Bulgarian Social Partners”, with Spasova, Slavina, in the Panel “The Impact of European Integration on Democratic and State Quality in Southern Europe”, *6th ECPR General Conference*, University Of Iceland, Reykjavik, 25-27 August 2011.

Presentation “L'influenza dell'Unione europea sulla qualità democratica dei paesi dell'Europa centro-orientale. Il caso della quality of government”, in the Panel “EU Governance and Institution”, *3a Graduate Conference SISP*, Torino, 23-25 June 2011.

Paper and Presentation “Improving Quality of Government. The EU’s Influence in Central and Eastern European Countries during the Enlargement Process”. In the Panel “Assessing the Democratic Divide between Eastern and Western Europe”, *First IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference*, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 16-19 February 2011.

Presentation “La démocratie dans les partis en Italie: deux cas d’étude”, with Sandri, Giulia, in the conference “La transition italienne dans le cadre européen. Société, système politique et institutions: l’état de la démocratie”, Bruxelles, 3-4 December 2010.

Chair of the Panel “Democracy and Democratization: Open Panel”, in the Section “Democracy and Democratization”, *3rd ECPR Graduate Conference*, Dublin City University, Dublin, 30 August-1 September 2010.

Paper and Presentation “The Enlargement Policy. Neo-institutionalist Hypothesis about the Increasing Role of the Commission”, in the Panel “EU Enlargement”, *3rd ECPR Graduate Conference*, Dublin City University, Dublin, 30 August-1 September 2010.

Paper and Presentation “Democratisation Through Social Dialogue? The Influence of EU’s Social Dialogue Norms on the Role of Bulgarian Trade Unions”, with Spasova, Slavina, in the Panel “Civil Society and the EU”, *3rd ECPR Graduate Conference*, Dublin City University, Dublin, 30 August-1 September 2010.

Paper and Presentation, “Bridging Gaps of EU Democratic Deficit Debate. The Quality of EU Democracy”, *Fifth ECPR Pan-European Conference on EU Politics*, Porto, Portugal, 23-26 June 2010.

Paper and Presentation “The EU Democratic Deficit Debate. The Quality of EU Democracy”, in the Panel “Integration Versus Disintegration in Europe”, *Canadian Political Science Association, 82nd Annual Conference*, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada 1-3 June 2010.

Paper and Presentation “The Democratic Deficit Debate and the Quality of EU Democracy”, *Council for European Studies, 17th Conference of Europeanists*, Montreal, Canada, 15-17 April 2010.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

M.A. Courses, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

2022-ongoing *Democratization and Autocratization*, 5ECTS, in English
2016-2022 *Séminaire de préparation au travail de fin d'études* (method course), 6ECTS, in French
2016-2017 *Méthodes d'enquête de terrain* (method course), 6ECTS, in French.

- 2015-2016 *Démocratisations comparées*: 14h seminar in the course “In-depth Study of Topics of Political Science”, POLI-D-404, 10 ECTS, in French.
- 2014-2015 *Démocratisations en perspective comparée*: 14h seminar in the course “In-depth Study of Topics of Political Science”, POLI-D-404, 10 ECTS, in French.
- 2013-2014 *Démocratisations en perspective comparée*: 14h seminar in the course “In-depth Study of Topics of Political Science”, POLI-D-404, 10 ECTS, in French.
- 2012-2013 *Théorie et pratique de la démocratie*: 14h seminar in the course “In-depth Study of Topics of Political Science”, POLI-D-404, 10 ECTS, in French.
- 2011-2012 *Théorie et pratique de la démocratie*: 14h seminar in the course “In-depth Study of Topics of Political Science”, POLI-D-404, 10 ECTS, in French
- 2010-2011 *Comparative European politics*, POLI-O-407, 5 ECTS, 24h.

B.A. Courses, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

- 2018-ongoing *Introduction to Political Science*, POLID107, 30h.

M.A. Courses, University of Antwerp, Belgium

- 2016-2017 *Comparative Politics*, 24h, 5ECTS, 24 students, MA level, in English.

M.A. Courses, Catholic University of Lille, France

- 2018-2019 *Research Methodology*, 18h, in English.
- 2017-2018 *Methodology*, 18h, in English.
- 2016-2017 *Social science methodology*, 18h, in English
- 2015-2016 *Research Methods in Social Sciences*, 18h, in English.

M.A. Courses, Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles, Belgium

- 2018-2019 *Européanisation LEUSL2014*, 15h, 3 ECTS, in French.
- 2017-2018 *Européanisation LEUSL2014*, 15h, 3 ECTS, in French.

Supervision of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

Supervision of a post-doctoral researchers:

- 2021-2022 Margaux De Barros (ARC Project RESAUT)
- 2020-2023 Suzan Gibril (FNRS “Chargé de recherché”)
- 2019-2021 Rail Adil Safiyev (Solidarity fellow post-doc)

Supervision of a funded doctoral students:

- 2022-2026 Jing-Syuan Wong (PhD student, GEM DIAMOND project)
- 2021-2026 Simone Benazzo (PhD student and assistant)
- 2021-2025 Venelin Bochev (ARC Project RESAUT)
- 2020-2024 Guido Panzano (FNRS “Aspirant”)
- 2018 – Member of PhD supervision committee of PhD candidates (Jessy Bailly, Mattia Gambilonghi, Virginie Arantes, Amir Nurbakhsh, Blagovesta Cholova, Marta Matrakova, Aleksei Gridnev, Angelo Vito Panaro, Thomas Legein, Serafine Dinkel)
- 2014 – Supervision of more than 60 Master students

Invited speaker

Rethink ingpolitical Regime, CEDAR, University of Birmingham, 27th January 2023.

Identifying and countering contemporary processes of autocratization: a global perspective. Three days

workshop at the University of Perugia, Italy, 26-28 April 2022.

Assessing the Risk of Autocratization in Europe. Current Threats and Perspectives. 1-2 October 2019, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia.

Contemporary Autocratization: Trends and Modes, 1990-2015, with Andrea Cassani, 3rd April 2019, V-DEM Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

QCA Training (Qualitative Comparative Analysis) (2 days training), 6th and 7th December 2017, CEVIPOL, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Comparative Analysis, 2h Seminar within the Autumn Methods Workshop in Research Methodology, GEM-STONES, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada, 30th October – 2nd November 2017.

Methodology seminar for graduate students- Séminaire de préparation au travail de fin d'études, 24h seminar, POLI D 522, 7th October and 4 November 2015, two 2h seminars.

The Quality of Democracy and the Legitimacy of the European Union, 2h seminar in the course POLI-O-407, 24 October 2014, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

Institutional building and Political Regimes, 2h seminar in the course “Social and Political Actors in Central and Eastern Europe”, POLI-D-443, 24 October 2014, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

Double-standard's issue: how does the EU managed (and mismanaged) the problems of democratization in Central and Eastern Europe, in the “Summer School of Democracy”, 23 June - 7 July 2013, University of Wrocław, Wrocław, Poland, (3h).

Corruption in Central and Eastern Europe, Institut d'études politiques (IEP) Lille, France, 3h, 9 February 2013.

Consolidation of Democracy, 3h seminar in the course “Social and Political Actors in Central and Eastern Europe”, POLI-D-443, 24 October 2012, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

Democratization processes in a comparative perspective, 2h seminar in the course “Social and Political Actors in Central and Eastern Europe”, POLI D 443, 6 June 2012.

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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| 2022-2025 | EU Horizon ITN project GEM-DIAMOND – Democratic Institutions, the rise of Alternative Models and mounting Normative Dissensus. Member of the project and PhD supervisor of one doctoral student. |
| 2022-2025 | EU Horizon project RED-SPINEL – Responding to Emerging Dissensus: Supranational Instruments and Norms of European Liberal Democracy Work Package leader of WP3: EU instruments and the autocratisation challenge in a dissensus-stricken neighbourhood |
| 2020-2021 | ECPR Research Project Grant. Project: “Democratization and Autocratization in Multi-level Democracies – MULTIDEMAUT, 6.500 €, co-principal investigator. |
| 2021-2024 | “Defending democracy: resistance strategies against autocratization attempts”, Funded by the ULB - ARC project (Action de recherche concertée), 3-years project, 221.424 € |
| 2018-2023 | “Investigating the Role of Crisis in Contemporary Democratic Regressions and Breakdowns”, Funded by Fonds Nationale de la recherche scientifique (FNRS), 5-years project. |
| 2017 | Participation to the projet “Parlement Citoyen on the future of Europe”. Parliament of the |

- French Community, Belgium, April-September 2017. Participation in the preparation of the panel, drafting of methodology, moderation of discussion..
- 2013-2016 “De-democratization in a Comparative Perspective”, Post-doctoral project, Funded by Fonds Nationale de la recherche scientifique (FNRS), 3-years project.
- 2013 Participation to the research project “The quality of democracy in Belgium”, funded by the “Roi Baudouin Foundation”, Brussels, 2013.

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Organisation of the workshop “Resisting the autocratic turn: Can (and should) autocratization be prevented, stopped, and resisted?”, with Johannes Gerschewski, ULB, 28-29 September 2023.
- Organisation of the workshop “Twenty-first century authoritarianism: resilience, innovation, reconsolidation”, 24 March 2022, with Andrea Cassani and Gianni Del Panta, Scuola Normale Superiore (Palazzo Strozzi), Florence.
- Organisation of the workshop “Social Movements in Southeast Europe : New Avenues for Politics and Research”, 29th November 2021, with Simone Benazzo, Venelin Bochev, and Guido Panzano.
- Academic Coordinator of the Master in Political Science (1 year programme), Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, ULB, 2016-2022
- Organization and Lecturer in a two-days Doctoral Training on Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), 6th and 7th December 2017.
- In-depth Study of Topics of Political Science* (2015-2016): responsible for the whole course, 11 teaching assistants, POLI-D-404, 10 ECTS, October 2015 - April 2016, 150 students
- Member of the ULB Electoral Commission for 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Scientific Consultant for the Freedom in the World annual report, Freedom House (since 2016)
- In Charge for the Academic Management of Internship at the Department of Political Science (ULB), Course POLID404 (2016-2017)
- Expert for REA (The Research Executive Agency established by the European Commission) in the evaluation of Horizon 2020 research proposals.
- Organization of the international conference: “The Autocratic Challenge. Understanding Autocratization Processes in Contemporary Times”, with Aude Merlin (ULB), Brussels 15-16 November 2018.
- Organization of the international conference: “The Quality of Democracy. The Challenges of a New Research Agenda”, jointly with ESPOL (Université Catholique de Lille), Brussels and Lille, 5-7 March 2015.
- Representative of the Institute of European Studies (IEE-ULB), at the TEPSA Conference and General Assembly in Riga, 4-5 December 2014, Riga.
- Organization of the international conference: “Europeanization and the opening of the “black box” of the national level - Do we still miss the big picture?”. ULB - CEVIPOL (Centre d'Etude de la Vie Politique), ULB-IEE (Institut d'Etudes Européennes), 29-30 March 2012, Brussels.
- Organization of the international conference: “La transition Italienne dans le cadre européen. Société, système politique et institutions: l'état de la démocratie”. ULB - CEVIPOL (Centre d'Etude de la Vie Politique),

ULB-IEE (Institut d'Etudes Européennes), Université libre de Bruxelles et LUISS, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli de Rome, 3-4 December 2010, Brussels.

Participation in the project: “Menu for Justice. Toward a European Curriculum Studiorum on Judicial Studies” (JUSTMEN) financed by the European Commission and coordinated by the Department of Political Science of the University of Bologna.

Organisation of a study trip for ULB’s students in Bulgaria, for the course “Régimes politiques: pays d'Europe centrale et orientale”, POLI-D-429 6 – 20 November 2010.

Organisation of a study trip for ULB’s students in Romania and Moldova, for the course “Régimes politiques: pays d'Europe centrale et orientale”, POLI-D-429 14 – 30 November 2009.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Member of the Collegium of the Académie Royale de Belgique in the Classe des Lettres et des Sciences morales et politique, since 2023

Carlo M. Santoro Prize to the best paper delivered at the SISP annual conference, for the paper “The other way around. Conceptual challenges in the shift from democratization to autocratization studies”, XXX SISP conference 2016, with Andrea Cassani.

FNRS grant for visiting period at Oxford University, 2014.

“Mini-Arc” Ph.D. scholarship from the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), 2009 – 2013.

Numerous grants from ULB and FNRS (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique) for conferences and research trips, 2009 – ongoing.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of CEVIPOL, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Co-convenor and co-founder of the standing group “Regime changes”, Italian Political Science Association

“Qualification” for Maître de Conférences, France.

Member of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)

Board Member of IPSA Research Committee 34, “Quality of Democracy”.

Research Expert for REA (European Commission)

Academic Consultant for Freedom House

Senior Member, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, 2014.

Referee for Acta Politica; Commonwealth & Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Chinese Political Science Review; Democratization; Europe-Asia Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science; Interdisciplinary Political Studies; International Political Science Review; Japanese Journal of Political Science; Nations and Nationalism; Palgrave Macmillan; Party Politics; Perspective on Politics; Political Perspectives; Polish Political Science Yearbook; Quaderni di Scienza Politica, Quaderni dell'Osservatorio elettorale, Oxford University Press; Revue Française de Science Politique; Studia Politica; Third World Quarterly; Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistics software: R, SPSS, fsQCA

Text processors: LaTeX, Microsoft Word, Open Office Word Processor, Apple Pages

Spreadsheets: Microsoft Excel, Open Office Spreadsheet, Apple Numbers

Advanced skills in presentation software: Microsoft Powerpoint, Apple Keynote, Prezi

Graphics: Adobe Photoshop

Windows and Apple packages

LINGUISTIC PROFICIENCIES

Italian: mother tongue

English: fluent

French: fluent