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## EDUCATION

2025 -  
present

### PhD in Political Science

UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – CEVIPOL · [Mini-ARC Fellow](#)  
Supervisor: Prof. Pietro CASTELLI GATTINARA

2022 -  
2024

### MA in Digital, New Technologies, and Public Policy

SCIENCES PO – EAP, EdR · [Comparative Politics Research Track](#)

*Summa Cum Laude* · GPA: 17.5

Thesis: *Structuring the Public Debate. Party-press alignment and discursive polarization in the French immigration and climate change debate.*

Supervisors: Prof. Caterina FROIO (Sciences Po, CEE) & Prof. Pedro RAMACIOTTI MORALES (CNRS ICS)

2018 -  
2021

### BA in Philosophy, International and Economic Studies

CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY OF VENICE

*110 e lode (1<sup>st</sup> class with honours)* · GPA: 29.3

## EMPLOYMENT

Apr 2025 -  
Sep 2025

### Freelance Researcher

WEIZENBAUM INSTITUT · Berlin, DE

Conduct bibliometric work and computational analyses using language models and social network analysis to study interdisciplinarity, epistemic influence, and funding in the literature on disinformation.

Oct 2024 -  
Apr 2025

### Researcher and Data Analyst

OBSERVATORY ON INFORMATION AND DEMOCRACY · CNRS INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEX SYSTEMS · Paris, FR

Conduct computational analyses and visualisations of [academic literature on information ecosystems](#) using natural language processing and social network analysis. Work on OID data operations and strategy.

May 2023 -  
Feb 2024

### Research Assistant

SCIENCES PO, CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON SOCIAL INEQUALITIES (CRIS) · Paris, FR

Worked on two disinformation research projects under the direction of Prof. Jen Schradie. Conducted literary reviews and data collection linking digital trace data (scraping and APIs) and survey methods.

Apr 2021 -  
Jul 2024

### Analyst and Editor

CENTRO STUDI INTERNAZIONALI · Naples, IT

Write and edit think tank articles and position papers on social media and politics, online discourse, artificial intelligence, digital policy and quantitative methods.

Feb -  
Jul 2022

### Foresight, Studies and Policy Assessment Trainee

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EESC) · Brussels, BE

Conducted desk research, drafting reports and background notes. Worked on evaluations and studies of EU legislation and policies through quantitative and qualitative methods.

Sep 2021 -  
Feb 2022

**EU Policy and Research Trainee**  
EUCLID NETWORK · The Hague, NL  
Conducted research on the social and solidarity economy in the EU-27. Drafted policy briefs for official consultations with policymakers and stakeholders.

#### METHODS AND COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

##### Computer Languages

Proficient: Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown  
Intermediate: R, HTML  
Beginner: CSS, JavaScript, Stata

##### Data Collection & Content Analysis

Web-scraping, web-crawling, APIs, web-tracking, data donation, surveys, and interviews.  
Content analysis software: SPSS, NVivo, MaxQDA.

##### Network Analysis

Social network analysis using Python and Gephi, multi-partite and projected networks, network embeddings, especially applied to digital trace data and text.

##### Natural Language Processing

Text mining, text parsing, topic modelling (LDA, BERT), word embeddings, LLM fine tuning (e.g., text classification), retrieval augmented generation (RAG), and data extraction chains.

#### HUMAN LANGUAGES

*Italian* – native

*English* – full proficiency (C2)

*French* – working proficiency (B2)

#### OTHER TRAININGS

Jun 2024

##### Statistical Text Analysis

SCIENCES PO MÉDIALAB · Paris, FR

Intensive course in natural language processing and text mining (from word frequency to word embeddings and transformer models) with prof. Alex Kindel.

Jun 2023

##### Social Media Networks Political Analysis

SCIENCES PO MÉDIALAB · Paris, FR

Intensive course in network scaling methods and inferential models for political research with prof. Pedro Ramaciotti Morales. Final project on ideological embeddings for media research.

Nov -  
Dec 2021

##### Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS · London, UK

Masterclass on AI ethics with prof. Kate Vredenburg.

Jun 2021

##### Summer Institute for Ageing

VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY · Venice, IT

Treating key concepts in bioethics, economics, philosophy, law, and medicine for optimal triage system.

Jun 2017

##### Journalism Training

IL CORRIERE DELLA SERA · Milan, IT

## PUBLICATIONS

### Policy Papers and Think Tank Articles

**Maggi, G.**; Mautner Markof, C.; Zurdo, L.; Bromová, B.; Rapparini, R. 2025. Cultural Biases in Generative AI: Exploring Religious Bias in Stable Diffusion. *Sciences Po, AI Summit, TIERD Project*.

Denart, L.; Frölich, N.; Koch, N.; **Maggi, G.** 2023. Exploring Mandatory Interoperability across Social Media Platforms in the EU, *Sciences Po, Chair of Digital Governance, and Sovereignty*.  
Dissemination article and video [here](#).

**Maggi, G.** 2023. Gender and Whistleblowing Online. Comparative Analysis of the Twitter Discourse around Peiter Zatko and Frances Haugen's Revelations: A look into gender-based elements. *CSI Review*. 7. pp. 53-65. Centro Studi Internazionali.

**Maggi, G.** 2021. AI, automation, and the Future of Work. The EU digital strategy, job polarisation and skill-biased technological change. *CSI Review*. 5. pp. 27-40. Centro Studi Internazionali.

**Maggi, G.**; Scipione, J. 2021. "Sfide Digitali", in *L'Europa al Bivio. Quale strada per l'Unione di domani?*. *CSI Policy Brief*. 1. pp. 33-40. Centro Studi Internazionali.

Translation: "Digital Challenges", in *Europe at a Crossroad. Which path for the Union of tomorrow?*.

## PRESENTATIONS

21/03/26 · "Networked" Mainstreaming of the Far Right: A methodological approach to study interconnections between fringe and mainstream discourses (workshop presentation), *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

13/03/26 · Mainstreaming Antifeminist in Italy and the US: far-right agenda-setting and framing in networked debates (workshop presentation), *Association Belge de Sciences Politiques (ABSP); Brussels Institute for Advanced Studies (BRIAS)*

22/01/26 · Antifeminist Mainstreaming in Networked Public Debates (presentation of doctoral project), *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

## INVITED TALKS

21/02/25 · **Cultural Bias in Gen-AI – a study of stable diffusion** (roundtable presentation), *Sciences Po, TIERD Project – AI summit*

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Mini-ARC PhD Scholarship · *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

Master thesis prize for Technology, Global Affairs, and Public Policy finalist · *Sciences Po Paris*

## EDITORIAL AND REVIEW

2022-present · Reviewer and Member of the Editorial Board · *Centro Studi Internazionali*

## OTHER PROJECTS

[Demo] **Information and Democracy RAG**, *Observatory on Information and Democracy*, 2025

**Information and Democracy Semantic Landscape**, *Observatory on Information and Democracy*, 2025. See [code](#).

**Zotero OCR**, *Observatory on Information and Democracy*, 2025