

# Sergio Martini

## PERSONAL CONTACT

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Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Science, University of Siena

Via Mattioli, 10, I-53100, Siena, Italy

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## CURRENT POSITION

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Assistant Professor (non-tenured) *since 2023*

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Science

University of Siena, Italy

Collaborator *since 2012*

Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology

Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

Member of the Behavioral and Experimental Social Sciences Group *since 2013*

Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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Post-doctoral Fellow *2018-2023*

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Science

University of Siena, Italy

Adjunct Professor (Professore a Contratto) in Political Science *2019-2023*

Department of Political Economy and Statistics

University of Siena, Italy

Post-doctoral Fellow at the Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology *2017-2018*

Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. *Europaeus Cum Laude* in Political and Social Sciences 2017  
Pompeu Fabra University, Spain (Supervisor: [Mariano Torcal Loriente](#)).
- M.A. *Cum Laude* in Methodology and Empirical Research in the Social Sciences 2010  
University of Florence, Italy (Supervisors: [Andrea Lippi](#) and [Claudius Wagemann](#))
- B.A. *Cum Laude* in Sociology, Methodology and Applied Research Techniques 2006  
University of Urbino, Italy (Supervisor: [Yuri Kazepov](#))

## RESEARCH VISITS AND STAYS

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- Visiting Scholar GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Science June 2018  
EUROLAB and Monitoring Society and Social Change
- Visiting Ph.D. researcher (Mentor: [Diego Gambetta](#)) Fall 2014  
Department of Political and Social Sciences  
European University Institute, Italy
- Visiting Intern (Supervisor: [Diane Payne](#)) June-July 2011  
Geary Institute, Dynamics Lab  
University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland
- Erasmus Visiting Student Winter-Spring 2008  
Graduate School of Social Sciences  
University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- Big data and social media, Survey Experiments 2017  
Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology, Pompeu Fabra University Spain
- Bayesian modeling, Big data and social media, Multilevel models for longitudinal data 2016  
Web and mobile-web surveys  
Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology, Pompeu Fabra University Spain
- Hierarchical models 2015  
48th Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, UK
- Multilevel modeling, Structural equation modeling  
Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain 2014

Public opinion and political behavior, Advanced research design  
Graduate courses at the European University Institute, Italy

Maximum likelihood estimation, Game theory

Summer School in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, US

2013

Panel data analysis of microdata

46th Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, UK

2012

Experiments in the social sciences

Experimental Summer School, University of Oxford, Nuffield College, UK

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Books*

- (2023) *La Classe Politica Italiana: Struttura, Atteggiamenti, Sfide*, with Pierangelo Isernia and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2023) *Populismo all'Italiana. Cosa Dicono, Pensano e Fanno i Populisti in Italia*, with INTERDISPOC, Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2020) *Citizens and Democracy: Contexts, Changes and Political Support in Europe*, with Mario Quaranta, Palgrave Macmillan (first published 2019).

### *Peer-reviewed journal articles*

- (2021) *Paranoid styles and innumeracy. Implications of a conspiracy mindset on Europeans' misperceptions about immigrants*, with Mattia Guidi, Francesco Olmastroni, Linda Basile, Rossella Borri and Pierangelo Isernia, *Italian Political Science Review*, DOI: 10.1017/ipo.2021.26.
- (2021) *Psychological correlates of populist attitudes*, with Cengiz Erisen, Mattia Guidi, Selin Toprakkiran, Pierangelo Isernia and Levente Littvay, *Advances in Political Psychology*, DOI: 10.1111/pops.12768.
- (2021) *From the lab to the poll: The use of survey experiments in political research*, with Francesco Olmastroni, *Italian Political Science Review*, DOI: 10.1017/ipo.2021.20.
- (2021) *Framing effects on the COVID-19 see-saw*, with Francesco Olmastroni, Mattia Guidi and Pierangelo Isernia, *Swiss Political Science Review*, 27(2): 257-270, DOI: 10.1111/spsr.12453.
- (2020) *A tale of bias: Longitudinal evidence of the effect of electoral defeat on citizens' evaluations of the economy*, with Mario Quaranta and Moreno Mancosu, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 32 (3), 604-620. DOI: 10.1093/ijpor/edz038 (first published 2019).

- (2019) [A sinking boat? The refugee crisis and attitudes towards the European Union in Italy, 1993-2018](#), with Mario Quaranta, *Italian Political Science*, 14 (2), 129-148.
- (2019) [Political support among winners and losers: Within- and between-country effects of structure, process and performance in Europe](#), with Mario Quaranta, *European Journal of Political Research*, 58 (1), 341-361. DOI: 10.1111/1475-6765.12284 (first published 2018).
- (2019) [Trust across political conflicts: Evidence from a survey experiment in divided societies](#), with Mariano Torcal, *Party Politics*, (2), 126-139. DOI: 10.1177/1354068816685933 (first published 2016).
- (2018) [Deciding about the unknown: The effect of party and ideological cues on forming opinions about the European Union](#), with Mariano Torcal and Lluís Orriols, *European Union Politics*, 19 (3), 502-523. DOI: 10.1177/1465116518769754.
- (2017) [Easy come, Easy go? Economic performance and satisfaction with democracy in Southern Europe in the last three decades](#), with Mario Quaranta, *Social Indicators Research*, 131 (2), 659-680. DOI: 10.1007/s11205-016-1270-0 (first published 2016).
- (2016) [Does the economy really matter for satisfaction with democracy? Longitudinal and cross-country evidence from the European Union](#), with Mario Quaranta, *Electoral Studies*, 42: 164-174.
- (2015) [Finding out the hard way: Uncovering the structural foundations of political dissatisfaction in Italy, 1973-2013](#), with Mario Quaranta, *West European Politics*, 38(1): 28-52. Coverage: [stukroodvlees](#)

#### *Book chapters*

- (2024). Support for democracy and support for autocracy: Two sides of the same coin? In M. Ferrín and H. Kriesi (eds), *How Europeans View and Evaluate Democracy Revisited*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (contract signed, under review).
- (2023). Elettori e partiti di fronte alla guerra in Ucraina, with Linda Basile e Pierangelo Isernia. In ITANES. Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2023). Opinione pubblica e guerra in Ucraina: Un'anomalia italiana?, with Pierangelo Isernia. In Salvatore Vassallo and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), *Bipolarismo Asimmetrico. L'Italia al Voto dopo il Decennio Populista*. Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2023). Studiare la classe politica in tempi di crisi: Questioni di ricerca. Metodologie. Dati, with Pierangelo Isernia and Luca Verzichelli. In Pierangelo Isernia, Sergio Martini and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), *La classe politica Italiana. Struttura, Atteggiamenti, Sfide*. Bologna: il Mulino.

- (2023). Pubblico vs. Politici. L'immagine dell'opinione pubblica tra i politici, with Pierangelo Isernia. In Pierangelo Isernia, Sergio Martini and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), *La classe politica Italiana. Struttura, Atteggiamenti, Sfide*. Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2023). Politici vs. pubblico. Le sfide della democrazia e la deliberazione, with Pierangelo Isernia. In Pierangelo Isernia, Sergio Martini and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), *La classe politica Italiana. Struttura, Atteggiamenti, Sfide*. Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2023). Presente e futuro della classe politica italiana. In Pierangelo Isernia, Sergio Martini and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), *La classe politica Italiana. Struttura, Atteggiamenti, Sfide*. Bologna: il Mulino.
- (2022) O come opinione pubblica. COVID-19, fiducia politica e politiche di contenimento della pandemia, with Pierangelo Isernia. In Maria Giovanna Sessa (Ed), *Dalla Pandemia all'Infodemia: La Disinformazione ai tempi del COVID-19*, Quaderni/41, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.
- (2018) Formándose opiniones sobre Europa: El uso de “pistas partidistas e ideológicas” como atajos informativos por los votantes españoles, with Mariano Torcal and Lluís Orriols. In Mariano Torcal, *Opinión pública y cambio electoral en España. Claves ante el reto europeo y la crisis política y económica*, Centro de Investigación Sociológicas Academia Series 41.

#### *PhD dissertation*

- (2017) **Trusting People in Times of Crisis: Panel and Experimental Evidence on the Political Foundations and Consequences of Social Trust**, *PhD thesis, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra*. Committee: **Sonja Zmerli, Francisco Herrerros Vázquez, Gema García Albacete**. External evaluators: **Pedro Magalhães**.

#### *Non-peer-reviewed articles and volumes*

- (2023) “**L’opinione pubblica italiana e la guerra in Ucraina**”, with Pierangelo Isernia and Claudio Cozzi Fucile, OSF, DOI: 10.31219/osf.io/x3dv7.
- (2021) “**Public preferences for the COVID-19 Reopening Policies: An experimental assessment**”, with Gianni Betti, Mattia Guidi, Pierangelo Isernia, Francesco Olmastroni and Paolo Pin, OSF, <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/XMF3Q>.
- (2020) “**Gli effetti del Covid-19 sulla politica italiana**” with Linda Basile, Rado Fonda, Mattia Guidi, Pierangelo Isernia, Francesco Olmastroni and Alida Spurio *il Mulino*.
- (2018) Political support as an evaluation: Democratic satisfaction and political trust indicators in comparative survey research, with Mario Quaranta, *European University Institute Max Weber Programme Working Papers*.

- (2014) Review article on “*Gli Onorevoli. Cosa Fanno e Come ci Rappresentano i Nostri Parlamentari*” (by Federico Russo), *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 6(1): 108-109.
- (2013) *Los efectos negativos de la polarización política: Confianza social, partidismo e identidades nacionales/territoriales en España*, with Mariano Torcal, *Anuario de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM)*, 17: 333-353.

#### *Datasets*

- (2020) *Online Political Participation and Deliberation in a Democracy in Crisis: A New Methodological Approach (E-Dem) (2017-2020)*, with Mariano Torcal, Andrés Santana, Javier Lorenzo, Emily Carty, Melanie Revilla, Pedro Riera, Josep Maria Comellas, Daniela Tamayo. Mendeley Data, V2, doi: 10.17632/6bt6r8cn2r.2.
- (2016) *Crisis and challenges in Spain: Attitudes and political behavior during the economic and the political representation crisis (CIUPANEL)*, with Mariano Torcal and Danilo Serani. Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (CSO2013-47071-R, 2014-2016, PI: Mariano Torcal).

## CONFERENCE AND TALKS

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2024

Polarization and Beyond: What Comes Next in Political Communication Research? International Conference, University of Bologna.

2023

Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, University of Genoa, Italy.

IPSA-AIPS 27th World Congress of Political Science 15-19 July, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

APSA, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles CA, USA.

V Conference of the Italian Scientific Society of Sociology, Culture and Communication (SISCC).

Conference of the Italian Association of Political Communication 8-10 July, University of Turin, Italy.

How do we feel about democracy? Results of the European Social Survey. Conference, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences.

Southern Political Science Association, Mini Conference, Political Institutions and Elite Behavior 9: Experimental Approaches, St. Pete’s Beach, Florida, US.

2022

36th Italian Association of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy.

British International Studies Association Conference, Newcastle, UK.

17th European Union Studies Association, Miami, USA.

2020

Political Trust in Crisis Conference, TrustGov Project. [Web Conference](#).

*2019*

GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Science, Monitoring Society and Social Change Team Meeting, Köln, Germany.

5th Conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics, Loughborough University, UK.

APSA, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA.

*2018*

GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Science, Monitoring Society and Social Change Team Meeting, Mannheim, Germany.

*2017*

Political Behaviour Colloquium, European University Institute, Italy.

31st Conference of the Italian Association of Political Science, Department of Economy, Society and Politics, Laboratory of Political and Social Studies, University of Urbino, Italy.

*2016*

Italian Center of Electoral Studies (CISE), Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli - Luiss, Rome, Italy.

World Association for Public Opinion Research regional conference on “Political trust in contemporary representative democracies”, Barcelona, Spain.

2nd Barcelona-Gothenburg Experimental Political Science Workshop, International University Consortium Menéndez Pelayo, Barcelona, Spain.

*2015*

12th Conference of the Spanish Association of Political and Administration Science, University of Basque Country, San Sebastian, Spain.

68th Annual Conference of the World Association for Public Opinion Research, Tres de Febrero National University, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

*2014*

European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, University of Glasgow, Scotland.

European Graduate Network Conference, Sciences Po, Paris, France.

*2013*

1st Southern European Conference on Survey Methodology and VI Congreso de Metodología de Encuestas, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain.

11st Conference of the Spanish Association of Political and Administration Science, Pablo de Olavide University, Seville, Spain.

27th Conference of the Italian Association of Political Science, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Florence, Italy.

*2012*

European Social Survey International Conference. European University Cyprus.

27th Conference of the Law Faculty Autonomous University of Madrid: “Identity, Rights and Politics”, Autonomous University of Madrid, Madrid, Spain.

## **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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*2023-2027*

Team Member: REDIRECT is a project funded by the EU’s Horizon-Europe programme. Call: HORIZON-CL2-DEMOCRACY-01-Democracy in flux. Grant Number: 101095142

*2021-2024*

Collaborator. EuComMeet: “Developing Participatory Spaces using a Multi-stage, Multi-level, Multi-mode, Multi-lingual, Dynamic Deliberative approach (M4D2)”, H2020-SC6-GOVERNANCE-2020.

*2022-2023*

Research collaborator. Progetto “PRIN2017 IPolHyS Investigating Polarization in Hybrid media Systems”, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Bologna.

*2019-2021*

Team Expert. “European Social Survey round 10”, European Research Infrastructure Consortium.

*2018-2022*

Collaborator. “SecEUrity Project ”European common defence and shared security in an age of brexit and trump”, finanziato dalla Volkswagen Stiftung.

*2018-2022*

Research member. “The study of the determinants and the effects of populism in Italy with survey and experimental methods” funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, code: 2272-2018-IA-PROFCMIUR\_001, Department of Excellence 2018-2022. PI: Pierangelo Isernia, University of Siena.

*2017-2020*

Research co-director. “Online political participation and deliberation in a democracies in crisis: a new methodological approach” funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness: State Agency for Investigation (AEI) and European Regional Fund for Development (FEDER), code: CSO2016-79772-P. PI: Mariano Torcal Loriente, Pompeu Fabra University.

*2013-2016*

Research member. “Crisis and challenges in Spain: Attitudes and political behavior during the economic and the political representation crisis (CIUPANEL)” funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, code: CSO2013-47071-R. PI: Mariano Torcal Loriente, Pompeu Fabra University.

*2012-2013*

Research collaborator. “Design and Implementation of the sixth round of the European Social Survey in Spain” funded by the National program for internationalization of the Spanish Ministry



of Economy and Competitiveness, code: AIC10-A-2011-0672 (2011-2013). PI: Mariano Torcal Loriente, Pompeu Fabra University.

*2012*

Research collaborator. “European citizenship in Spain: Electoral behavior and political attitudes towards the European integration process” funded by the Ministry of Science and Innovation, National plan I+D+I, code: CSO2009-14434 (2010-2012). PI: Mariano Torcal Loriente, Pompeu Fabra University.

*2011-2012*

Research collaborator. “Design and Implementation of the fifth round of the European Social Survey in Spain” funded by Implementation program for the international scientific infrastructures of the Ministry of Science and Innovation (mode A), code: AIC10-A-000399 (2010-2012). PI: Mariano Torcal Loriente, Pompeu Fabra University.

*2011-2012*

Research collaborator. “Research group on Public opinion, voting and survey methodology” funded by the Agency for University and Research Grants, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain, code: 2009SGR1368 (2009-2013). PI: Mariano Torcal Loriente.

*2011*

Research collaborator. “Comparing Climate Change Policy Networks-Irish COMPON Project”, Geary Institute, Dynamics Lab, University College Dublin, Ireland. International research team led by Jeffrey Broadbent, University of Minnesota; Supervisor: Diane Payne, University College Dublin.

## **TEACHING AND OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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M.A. Course: Global Comparative Politics (40 hrs in English) University of Siena, Italy	<i>2024-</i>
PhD Course: Experimental Methods (3 hrs in English) University of Siena, Italy	<i>2022-</i>
Adjunct Professor, B.A. course: Political Science (60 hrs in Italian) University of Siena, Italy	<i>2019-2023</i>
M.A. course: Global Politics and International Relations (4 hrs in English) University of Siena, Italy	<i>2018</i>
M.A. course Democracy in the EU (6 hrs in English) University of Siena, Italy	<i>2018</i>
B.A. course “Political Parties and Interest Groups” (in Spanish) Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain	<i>2014-2016</i>

Short Seminar on “Social research methods” (6 hrs in Italian)  
Department of Economy, Society, Politics, University of Urbino, Italy

*May 2013*

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale Professore di Seconda Fascia 14/A2 - SPS/04 - Scienza Politica - Associato (Accreditation for Associate Professor by the Italian Ministry of Research and University) *since June 2020*  
Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca

Research Grant Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Science, “Fondo giovani ricercatori” (covering data collection) *2021*

Research Grant Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Science, “Fondo giovani ricercatori” (covering participation to APSA conference) *2019*

Research Grant Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Science *June-November 2018*  
University of Siena, Italy

GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Science Grant *June 2018*  
EUROLAB and Monitoring Society and Social Change, Germany

Best PhD paper award for *Trust across political conflicts* *2017*  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

Grants for publishing in prestigious academic journals *2016*  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

FI-DGR Pre-doctoral grant *2013-2016*  
Agency for University and Research Grants, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain

EBES - Funding for short stays in other university departments *2012, 2013, 2014*  
Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain

Erasmus Student Grant *2008*  
University of Florence, Italy

## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Research Assistant *October 2011 - January 2013*  
Research and Expertise Center for Survey Methodology  
Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain

Research Intern *June - July 2011*

Geary Institute, Dynamics Lab  
University College Dublin, Ireland

Research Intern  
Sociolab and Department of Political and Social Sciences  
University of Florence, Italy

*February - April 2009*

Research Intern  
Department of Political and Social Sciences  
University of Florence, Italy

*October - December 2006*

## **ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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American Political Science Association (2019-2020)  
European Consortium for Political Research (institutional)  
Italian Association of Political Science (2013-)  
Spanish Association of Political and Administration Sciences (2013-2020)  
World Association for Public Opinion Research (2017-2018)

## **REVIEWER**

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Comunicazione Politica, British Journal of Political Science; European Union Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Political Studies, Political Behavior, South European Society and Politics

## **LINGUISTIC PROFICIENCIES**

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Italian: mother tongue  
English: fluent  
Spanish: fluent

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Data Analysis  
*Advanced:* SPSS, STATA, *Intermediate:* R-package  
Economic experiments  
*Basic:* Z-tree  
Operative System  
Microsoft Windows, Apple Macintosh OS X  
Typesetting  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Office utilities  
Word, Excel, Power Point

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Public opinion formation, Electoral behavior, Trust and social capital, Political parties in Europe, Political support, Political participation and media exposure, Political psychology, Populism, Mixed methods, Survey and experimental methods, Behavioral game theory, Quantitative data analysis.

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February 14th, 2024

Sergio Martini