

Sofia Verza

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Education

PhD candidate in Politics, Public policies and globalization, Political Science Department, University of Perugia	2017-present
BA and MA in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Trento	2010-2016
Research student at:	
Bilgi University, Communication Department, Istanbul	04/2019- 08/2019
University of Antwerp, Media, Movements and Politics (M2P) research group, Antwerp	03/2019
Columbia University, Law School, New York City	03/2016-06/2016
Bilgi University, Cyber-Law Department, Istanbul	10/2015- 02/2016
Erasmus student at Yeditepe University, Istanbul	09/2013-05/2014

Research Experience

Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa (OBCT)/ European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), Trento	2017-present
Global Freedom of Expression, Columbia University, New York City	2016- present
European Journalism Observatory (EJO), Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano	01/2020- present
Journalistic Role Performance (JRP) project, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile	09/2019- present
Biblioteca del Senato della Repubblica "Giovanni Spadolini", newspaper library, Rome	2018- present
Beyazit newspaper library, Istanbul	04/2019- 08/2019
Open Society Foundation, "Social media and data driven targeting in election campaigns" project	12/2017- 05/2018
Economic Development Foundation (IKV), Istanbul	01/2014-05/2014

Administrative Working Experience

Assistant of the Regional Ombudsman for Detained People of Lazio and Umbria	02/2020- present
Legal intern at Nazif Koray Kirca's legal office, Istanbul	10/2015- 02/2016
Vicepresident, events' coordinator and journalist for MAIA Onlus, Italy and West Bank	2012-2017

Teaching Experience

Penitentiary Law Clinic, Law Faculty, University of Perugia	02/2020- present
Seminar "The journalistic profession in Turkey", class of Lobbying and Public Relations, Political Science Faculty, University of Perugia	10/2019
Seminar "Human rights in the New Turkey", class of Philosophy of Law, Law Faculty and class of Political Sociology, Political Science Faculty, University of Perugia	10/2019-11/2019
Seminar "The comparative methodology in social sciences", class of Political Systems and Communication Techniques, Political Science Faculty, University of Perugia	
Doctoral training, "Media systems and radical politics: Italy and Turkey in the 1970's", Bilgi University, Istanbul	06/2019
Teaching assistant, class of Mass Communication Theory, Social Studies Department, University of Perugia	09/2019-01/2020

Conferences and Events

ECPMF Press Freedom Police Codex launch, Brussels Press Club, Brussels	4/12/2019
Seminar "What do you know about Wikipedia?", class of Introduction to the Italian Media System, Political Science Department, University of Perugia (as <i>organiser</i>)	24/11/2019
European Sociological Association (ESA) Annual Conference, "Europe and beyond: Boundaries, barriers and belongings", Manchester	20-23/8/2019
5th Prague Populism Conference, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Charles University, Goethe Institute, Prague	27-28/5/2019
"The legacy of Comparing Media Systems. Three Models of Media and Politics" workshop, University of Perugia (as <i>organiser</i>)	13/4/2019
Annual conference of the Italian Association of Political Communication (COMPOL), Perugia (as <i>organiser</i>)	13-15/12/2018
Course of Digital Self-defence, Centre for International Cooperation CCI, Trento	1/12/2018
ECREA Workshop on Activist Research: Opportunities and Challenges, USI University, Lugano	31/10- 1/11/2018
Critical Terrorism Studies (CTS) Annual Conference, British International Studies Association (BISA), University of Leeds	5-6/09/2018
"Social Media and Data Driven Targeting in Election Campaigns" workshop, Open Society Foundation and University of Perugia, Perugia (as <i>speaker and organiser</i>)	17/2/2018
"Political and regional elections 2017-2018", Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) and Italian National Election Studies (ITANES) conference	10-11/5/2018
Spring School "Media Systems: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives. Focus on South America", Perugia (as <i>organiser</i>)	9-12/4/2018
International Journalism Festival 2018, Perugia (as <i>chair</i>)	04/2018

Publications

Marini R., Bonerba B, Gerli M., Verza S. (2020), *L'irruzione dell'evento. Il caso Macerata nella campagna elettorale italiana del 2018*, Sociologia e ricerca sociale, Franco Angeli, v.121: 49-72.

Marini R., Bonerba B, Gerli M., Verza S (2019), *L'omicidio e la sparatoria. Le logiche mediali nel "caso Macerata"* in Bentivegna S., Boccia Artieri G. (a cura di), *Niente di nuovo sul fronte mediale. Agenda pubblica e campagna elettorale*, Franco Angeli.

Verza S. (2018), *Policy brief: An overview of Italian online and offline political communication*, Working paper, Open Society Foundation.

Verza S. (2017), *Opinion crimes in Italy and Turkey: balancing the right to freedom of expression with the defence of national security and public order*, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa.

Awards and achievements

Paolo Grego Prize issued by *Ossigeno per l'informazione* for the best master thesis on freedom of the press and freedom of expression

10/2017

Merit-based scholarship, University of Trento

12/2017

Additional Skills - Languages

Italian (Native); English (IELTS 7.5); Turkish (DILMER B2).