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EDUCATION

01/2022 – 07/2022 Visiting PhD Student

Institution: Advanced School for Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam (UVA).

- Activities:
- Supported MA students with group assignments.
 - Participation to the activities of research groups within the Digital Methods Initiative.
 - Attendance to the 2022 DMI Winter School.
 - Development of a project for the 2022 DMI Summer School.

2019 – Ongoing PhD Student – Department of Legality, Political Cultures and Democracy

Awarding institution: University of Perugia – Perugia, Italy.

Project: The Visual Self-Presentation of Italian Populist Leaders on Instagram: Negotiating the tension between ordinariness and extraordinariness.

Supervisor: Prof. Enrico Caniglia.

- Research fields:
- Political communication.
 - Social media studies.
 - Visual analyses.
 - Populism studies.
 - Italian politics.
 - Digital Methods.

2017 – 2018 Master of Science – Cultural Anthropology: Sustainable Citizenship

Awarding institution: Utrecht Universiteit – Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Degree classification: With honours.

Thesis Title: On Bitcoin Usage, Techno-optimism and Participation - An anthropological perspective on Rovereto's Bitcoin Valley Users – *Nominated for the Nieboer Prize.*

Supervisor: Prof. Diederick Raven.

- Acquired skills:
- Development of hypotheses for field research, based on the analysis of theoretical notions.
 - Field data collection through administration of semi-structured interviews.
 - Analysis of qualitative data.
 - Interpretation of data in relation to the relevant literature.

2013 – 2016 Bachelor of Arts – Political Sciences and International Relations

Awarding institution: LUISS Guido Carli – Rome, Italy.

Degree classification: 108/110

Thesis Title: The role of value-action gap in shaping pro-environmental behaviours: a theoretical review and implications for policymaking.

Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Di Paola.

- Acquired skills:
- Analysis of quantitative data related to policy analysis.
 - Literature review.
 - Public speaking and presentation of academic research findings.

PUBLICATIONS

Published in 12/2022 **Article:** *“Place Branding in the Gastro-populist Age. Navigating through Giorgia Meloni and Matteo Salvini’s exploitation of the symbolic nature of food”*

Journal: Fuori Luogo. Journal on Sociology, Territory, Tourism, Technology.

Author: Giovanni Daniele Starita.

Published in 7/2022 **Research Report:** *“Image Circulation of Russian State-Controlled and Independent Media on Google.com and Yandex.ru”*

Institution: Digital Methods Initiative Summer School.

Available at: <https://bit.ly/DMIPProjectGDS>

Published in 1/2022 **Research Report:** *“What is a meme, technically speaking?”*

Institution: Digital Methods Initiative Winter School.

Available at: <https://wiki.digitalmethods.net/Dmi/WinterSchool2022WhatIsAMeme>

Published in 11/2021 **Article:** *““Happy Monday Friends! Coffee?” Matteo Salvini, Good Morning Selfies, and the Influencer Politician”*

Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23248823.2021.2005339>

Journal: Contemporary Italian Politics.

Authors: Giovanni Daniele Starita & Dr. Tommaso Trillò.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

1 – 6/11/2022 **Association of Internet Researchers Conference: “Decolonising the Internet”**

Institutions: Technological University Dublin, Maynooth University, University College Dublin, Dublin City University.

Activity: Presented the work-in-progress paper: *Follow me through Instagram: Front-stage, back-stage, and intimate-stage in Giorgia Meloni’s and Matteo Renzi’s performances of celebrity politics.*

2022 **Reviewer for International Journal of Communication**

4 – 15/07/2022 **Digital Methods Summer School and Data Sprint: “Vision methodologies: New visual analysis online”**

Institution: University of Amsterdam (UvA).

Activities:

- Project design: development of the research questions, aims and methodologies.
- Support for attendees participating to the project.
- Development of data visualizations and presentation of the project.
- Participation to an interview for POLITICO to introduce the project to the public (available at: <https://www.politico.eu/newsletter/digital-bridge/trade-and-tech-council-2-0-google-vs-yandex-crypto-warning/>).

5 – 7/04/2022 **Nationalism and Media Conference**

Institutions: University of Antwerp. Ghent University. Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism. National movements and Intermediary Structures in Europe.

Activity: Presented the work-in-progress paper: *Italian Nationalist Symbols on Visual Social Media.*

30/08 – 3/09/2021 **ECPR General Conference**

Institution: European Consortium for Political Research.

Activity: Presented the article: *“Happy Monday Friends! Coffee?” Matteo Salvini, Good Morning Selfies, and the Influencer Politician.*

2 – 6/08/2021 Virtual ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques - Python Programming for Social Scientists

Institution: European Consortium for Political Research.

- Activities:
- Introduction to Python and HTML.
 - Data scraping from HTML pages.
 - Data scraping from social media platforms using APIs.

11 – 13/07/2021 **Conference:** “Celebrity and crisis, celebrity in crisis”

Institution: University of Bologna.

Activity: **Presented the article:** “*Happy Monday Friends! Coffee?*” Matteo Salvini, *Good Morning Selfies*, and the *Influencer Politician*.

21 – 24/07/2020 EASA biennial conference: "New anthropological horizons in and beyond Europe"

Institution: University of Lisbon (online), European Association of Social Anthropologists.

Activity: **Presented the MA thesis:** On Bitcoin Usage, Techno-optimism and Participation - An anthropological perspective on Rovereto's Bitcoin Valley Users.

UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCES

2015 – 2016 **Student project manager**

- Project title: Discovering International Organizations (LUISS Guido Carli student project).
 Project theme: Modern Conflicts in International Cooperation.
 Acquired skills:
- Design of a project focused on a scientifically relevant theme.
 - Organisation of academic conferences within the university campus and in Belgrade, Serbia (study-trip destination).
 - Social media management related to the publicizing of the project and its events.

2014 – 2015 **Study-trip manager**

- Project title: Discovering International Organizations (LUISS Guido Carli student project).
 Project theme: The refugee status in International Law.
 Acquired skills:
- Design and organisation of academic projects and study trips.
 - Leader of a study-trip group.
 - Study-trip budget management.
 - Team management for task-based projects.
 - Management of budget resources.

2014 – 2015 **International Relations Manager**

- Organisation: Political Sciences Association (ASP) (LUISS Guido Carli Student Organisation).
 Acquired skills:
- Representing a student organisation at the International Association for Political Sciences Students (IAPSS) conferences and councils.
 - Participating to the democratic processes of decision making in the context of the IAPSS General Conference.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCES

Feb – May 2017 Advocate for sustainable waste management practices and agricultural techniques in the rural areas of the Kathmandu Valley and of the Okhaldunga region, Nepal. Volunteering project with Volunteers Initiative Nepal.

Nov 2015 Delegate and volunteer for the “15th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates – Barcelona”.

Apr 2015 Delegate and volunteer for the “14th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates - Rome. In honour of Nelson Mandela”.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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- Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint.
- Adobe Photoshop & Lightroom.
- Basic knowledge of HTML and CSS.
- Python for web scraping.
- Use of Python-based, open-source tools for data analysis and visualization (in particular PixPlot, Instaloder, Zeeschuimer, OpenCV).

Languages

- Italian (native speaker).
- English (advanced C1).
- Spanish (A2/B1).