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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Oct 2022—2025 **Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow – University of Oxford, Nuffield College.**
- Visiting Posts :
- > External Postdoctoral Researcher – UChicago Political Science Department (Mar–Jul 2024).
 - > Ox|Ber Visiting Scholar – DYNAMICS, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Sep–Oct 2024).

EDUCATION

- 2019—2022 **DPHil (PhD) in Politics – University of Oxford, Mansfield College**
- > Thesis : *Essays on Electoral Institutions*. Supervisor : Benjamin W. Ansell. 
 - > Pass without corrections in November 2022. Examiners : Simon Hix, Tarik Abou-Chadi.
- 2017—2019 **MPhil in Politics (European Politics and Society) – University of Oxford, St. Antony’s College**
- > Thesis : *Do Campaign Rallies Matter? Evidence from the Five Star Movement’s ‘Tsunami Tour’ in the 2013 Italian Parliamentary Election*. Supervisor : Andrew C. Eggers.
 - > Graduated with *distinction* (first class honours), obtaining firsts in all components.
- 2014—2017 **BSocSc (Bachelor’s Degree) in Politics and International Relations – University of Manchester**
- > Thesis : *Who Are the Left Behind? The Status Stratification of UKIP Support*. Supervisor : Colin Talbot.
 - > Graduated with *first class honours*, top of cohort.
- 2012 **Maturità Classica (high-school diploma) – Liceo Classico Sperimentale Bertrand Russell**
- > Graduated with 100/100 *e lode*.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 **DPIR DPhil Thesis Prize in Government** – awarded for best thesis in the academic year 2022–2023.
- 2024 **Ox|Ber Research Mobility Fund** – awarded by the University of Oxford and Berlin University Alliance to spend 4–8 weeks at Humboldt University in Autumn 2024.
- 2024 **Warden’s Special Research Grant** – awarded by Nuffield College to carry out digitisation of archival data on historical election returns in Italy.
- 2023 **BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant** – awarded for the project ‘Intra-Party Sources of Electoral Reform in the PR Wave’, principal investigator.
- 2017—2021 **‘Grand Union’ DTP Studentship** – four-year scholarship awarded by the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council.
- 2020—2021 **‘Admeto Pettinari e Paolo Andreini’ Bursary** – awarded by the Bank of Italy.
- 2019 **Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods Bursary** – awarded by the University of Oxford’s DPIR and the Grand Union DTP scheme.
- 2017 **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** – awarded by the University of Manchester to the top final-year undergraduates (~ 0.5%) across all Faculties.
- 2017 **University of Manchester Q-Step Dissertation prize** – awarded for best quantitative undergraduate dissertation in the school of social sciences.
- 2017 **Simon Prize** – awarded for highest grade average across politics modules.
- 2017 **Ralph Young Prize** – awarded for top final-year performance in BSocSc (Hons) Politics and IR.
- 2012 **Premio Maturità ‘Programma Annuale per la Valorizzazione delle Eccellenze’** – awarded by the Italian Ministry of Education for obtaining 100 *e lode* in secondary school final examinations.

- Journal Articles**
- > Carella, L. (2024) 'Who Runs for Higher Office? Electoral Institutions and Level-Hopping Attempts in Germany's State Legislatures'. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 
 - > Carella, L. and Eggers, A. C. (2024) 'Electoral Systems and Geographic Representation', *British Journal of Political Science*, 54(1):40-68. 
 - > Carella, L. and Ford, R. (2020) 'The Status Stratification of Radical Right Support : Reconsidering the Occupational Profile of UKIP Voters', *Electoral Studies*, 67(2020). 
- Working Papers**
- > From Context to Congruence : Immigration Salience and Voter Socialisation (with F. Raffaelli). *R&R at the European Journal of Political Research*. 
 - > Do Open Lists Increase Turnout? Probably Not : Evidence from the Replication of a Study on Spanish Local Elections. *Under Review* 
 - > Predicting Candidate Preference Shares in Preferential-List PR Systems. 
 - > The 'Anti-Cooptational' Coalition : Explaining the Switch from Two-Round Systems to PR in early 20th Century Europe (with K. Wegschaider).
 - > Electoral Systems' Effects on Participation beyond Turnout : Evidence from Italy and Poland.
- Work in Progress**
- > Intra-Party Sources of Electoral Reform in the 'PR wave' (with K. Wegschaider). 
 - > Class-Based Anti-Immigration Narratives : Effects on Economic Identities and Attitudes in the UK (with F. Raffaelli).
 - > Gendered Effects of PR Rules : Evidence from Italian Municipal Election Reforms (1956-1970).
 - > Subnational Electoral Institutions and Public Goods Distribution in a Multi-Level Polity : Evidence from Public Works Investments in the Italian South (1971-1984).
 - > Baby Boomers at the Ballot Box : Cohort Size and Representation across Electoral Systems.
- Other Publications**
- > Carella, L. and Kelly, E. 'Social Values' (2024) in *The State of Public Opinion 2023*, UK in a Changing Europe [*think tank research report*]. 
 - > Carella, L. (2022) 'The British Elections of 2019', *Political Quarterly*. [*book review*] 
 - > Raikes, L., Cox, E. and Carella, L. (2016) 'State of the North 2016 : Building Northern Resilience in an Era of Global Uncertainty', *IPPR North*. [*think tank research report*] 
- Media**
- > Six Points pour Comprendre l'Élection Présidentielle Italienne, *Le Grand Continent*. 
 - > The Pro-Independence Majority in the Scottish Parliament, *Aspenia Online*. 
 - > Britain's New Relationship with the EU : Politics of Resentment, *Aspenia Online*. 
 - > Status, not Class, Linked to Support for Right-Wing Populism, *US Blog* (with R. Ford). 
 - > El Asalto al Capitolio También Podría Ocurred en Europa, *El Confidencial*. 
 - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
 - > Britain Negotiates a Precarious New Normal amid Daunting Policy Challenges, *Aspenia Online*. 
 - > Veepstakes 2020 : chi è in corsa per il posto di vice di Biden, *YouTrend*. 
 - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
 - > Italy's 'Election Day' : A Preview, *LSE Blog*. 
 - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
 - > Covid-19 : What went Wrong in Britain, *Aspenia Online*. 
 - > Italy's Regional Elections : The End of the Road for the Five-Star Movement? , *PSA Blog*. 
 - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
 - > What Impact Would Election Alliances Have on the Election Results? , *UK in a Changing Europe* (with B. Ansell). 
 - > Comment le Racisme Favorise les Fusillades de Masse aux États-Unis, *Le Grand Continent* 
 - > My research, commentary and tweets have also been featured in ITV's *Peston*, TGCom24's *Dentro i fatti*, LBC's *Shelagh Fogarty*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *El Confidencial*, *Business Insider*, *Open Democracy*, *Huffington Post (DE)*, *Edinburgh News*, *Observador*, *Atlantic Sentinel*, *Compass*, *Left Foot Forward*.

TEACHING

- Graduate**
- Lecturer, INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS**, Michaelmas Term 2023, 2024.
DPIR, University of Oxford — co-taught with Rachel Bernhard.
[Syllabus](#) [Slides](#) [Lab Material](#)
- Lecturer, POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UK**, Hilary Term 2023, 2024.
DPIR, University of Oxford — co-taught with Nicholas Dickinson.
[Syllabus](#)
- Instructor, INTRODUCTION TO R**, Hilary Term 2022.
Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, University of Oxford.
[Lab Material](#)
- Teaching Assistant, INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS**, Michaelmas Term 2021.
DPIR, University of Oxford — Instructors : Tarik Abou-Chadi and Vicente Valentim.
[Lab Material](#)

- Undergraduate**
- Lecturer, COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT**, Hilary Term 2023, 2024, 2025.
DPIR, University of Oxford — course taught collectively by Oxford faculty.
[Syllabus](#) [Slides](#)
- Teaching Assistant, INTRODUCTORY QUANTITATIVE METHODS**, Hilary Term 2022.
DPIR, University of Oxford — Instructor : Spyros Kosmidis.
[Lab Material](#)
- Tutor, PRACTICE OF POLITICS**, Hilary Term 2022.
Lincoln College, University of Oxford.
[Syllabus](#)
- Tutor, POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**, Michaelmas Term 2021 and Hilary Term 2022.
St. Hugh's College and Queen's College, University of Oxford.
[Syllabus](#)
- Tutor, COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT**, Trinity Term 2021.
Various colleges, University of Oxford.

SUPERVISION, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MENTORING

- 2022— Thesis supervisor : B. Matthews (MPhil European Politics, 2022–2024).
- 2020— Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies* (×3), *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (×2), *Government & Opposition*, *European Journal of Political Research* (×4), *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Electoral Studies* (×3).
- 2024 Organiser of the 'British Politics Election Year Seminar Series' (Nuffield Politics Research Centre).
- 2023—2024 Admissions (MSc, DPhil) and thesis marking (MSc, MPhil, PPE) – DPIR, University of Oxford.
- 2022—2024 Country expert coder for party positions in Italy (×2) and UK (×1).
- 2020—2021 Private tutor in 'Politics of Central and Eastern Europe'.
- 2020—2021 Freelance tutor for current and prospective postgraduate students.
- 2020—2021 Tutor for Prospective University Applicants – Mentoring for Success (volunteer position).
- 2015—2016 Peer Mentor – University of Manchester, Politics and International Relations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019—2022 **Research Assistant, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**, DPIR and Nuffield College
- For Spyros Kosmidis, on a review of teaching material for Introductory Quantitative Methods.
 - For Ezequiel Gonzalez-Ocantos, on a research project about political polarisation in Latin America.
 - For David Rueda and Philipp Rehm, on a research project about social/occupational status.
 - For Jane Gingrich, as part of the SCHOOLPOL project on the comparative politics of education.

- June—Aug 2016 **Data Analyst, IPPR NORTH**, Q-Step Internship Programme
 - > Contributed to the think tank's flagship *State of the North* report.
- Jun—Aug 2015 **Intern, SCIENCE OFFICE**, Italian Embassy in the UK, London
 - > Created a database of Italian scientists working in the UK.
 - > Contributed to the drafting of diplomatic messages on UK science and innovation policy.

🗨️ CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- Jan 2025 Network for the Historical Study of States and Regimes Research Lab (presenter), online.
- Oct 2024 Politics and IR Seminar (invited speaker), Royal Holloway University, London.
- Jul 2024 EPSA 2024 Conference (chair, presenter), Cologne.
- Apr 2024 MPSA 2024 Conference (presenter, chair, discussant), Chicago.
- Jan 2024 Departmental Research Seminar (invited speaker), UCL Department of Politics, London.
- Nov 2023 Comparative Political Economy Workshop (presenter), Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
- Sep 2023 Race and Electoral Systems Reform Conference (invited speaker), Harvard University, Cambridge (MA).
- Sep 2023 EPOP Conference (presenter, chair), University of Southampton.
- Jun 2023 EPSA Conference (discussant), University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
- Dec 2022 DPIR Research in Progress (discussant), University of Oxford.
- Apr 2022 DPIR Politics Colloquium (discussant), University of Oxford.
- Sep 2021 Democracy, Elections and Comparative Politics PGR Conference (presenter), University of Manchester.
- Feb 2020 European Wednesdays | Italy and Its Discontents (invited speaker), St John's College, University of Oxford.
- Nov 2019 Comparative Research on Political Elites Conference (presenter), Hertie School of Government, Berlin.

+ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2023 IPCSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods – University of Michigan.
- 2019 Oxford Spring School of Advanced Research Methods.
- 2016—2018 Polish language study – Private Tuition (B2), Instytut Kształcenia Obcokrajowców, Warsaw (A2 and B1), University of Manchester LEAP Centre (A1).
- 2016—2017 President – University of Manchester Italian Society.
- 2016 DataFest Summer School – Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield.
- 2014—2015 Student Representative – Politics and International Relations (First Year).
- 2014 English tutor and activities organizer – Up! Summer Camp, Ningxia (China).
- 2013 Summer School – London School of Journalism, London.
- 2010 Summer School – Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa.

🗨️ LANGUAGES

Italian	● ● ● ● ●
English	● ● ● ● ●
Spanish	● ● ● ○ ○
French	● ● ● ○ ○
Polish	● ● ○ ○ ○

</> SOFTWARE

- > Proficient : R (RMarkdown, tidyverse, RStan, quanteda, sf), MS Office, SPSS, **L^AT_EX**.
- > Knowledgeable : Git, Qualtrics, Stata, QGIS, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Zotero, SQL.

“ REFERENCES

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