

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2017 – 2021	PhD in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute (EUI) Title of thesis: ' <i>The Populist Radical Right in Local Power: Understanding different forms of local government leadership by populist radical right parties in Western Europe</i> ' Committee: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi (supervisor, EUI), Prof. Sarah De Lange (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Daniele Albertazzi (University of Surrey), Prof. Ellen Immergut (EUI).
2015 – 2017	MSc in Urban Studies (Summa Cum Laude), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Libre de Bruxelles, University of Copenhagen, University of Vienna, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
2007 – 2010	BA in History, King's College London

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Fred Paxton. 2023. '*Restrained Radicals: Populist Radical Right Parties in Local Government*', Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

Timothy Peace and Fred Paxton. 2023. 'Populist pragmatism: the nationalisation of local government strategies by the Rassemblement National'. *Acta Politica*. Online First.

Sophia Hunger and Fred Paxton. 2022. 'What's in a Buzzword? A Systematic Review of the State of Populism Research in Political Science'. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 10:3, 617-633.

Fred Paxton. 2022. 'With a Little Help from Their Friends: The Consequences of Populists in National Government for Policymaking in Local Government'. *Government & Opposition*, 57:4, 630-655.

Fred Paxton. 2021. 'Varieties of Inclusionary and Exclusionary Populism in the Italian Regional Elections 2018-20'. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 13:4, 402-422.

Fred Paxton and Timothy Peace. 2021. 'Window Dressing? The Mainstreaming Strategy of the Rassemblement National in Power at the Local Level of Government'. *Government & Opposition*, 56:3, 545-562.

Andrea Pettrachin and Fred Paxton. 2021. 'The Populist Decision-Making Processes of the Five Star Movement and the Lega in Local Government during the Refugee Crisis'. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 14:1, 24-48.

Fred Paxton. 2020. 'Towards a Populist Local Democracy? The Consequences of Populist Radical Right Local Government Leadership in Western Europe', *Representation*, 56:3, 411-430.

Book chapters

Fred Paxton. 2024 (forthcoming). The Impact of Populist Parties in Government (chapter for inclusion in volume: Huber, Robert A. Huber and Michael Jankowski (eds.) *Populism: An Introduction*, SAGE) [in progress].

Lorenzo Mosca and Fred Paxton. 2024 (forthcoming). The Rise of Movement Parties and their Implications for Progressive Politics (chapter for inclusion in volume: Alice Mattoni (ed.) *Handbook on Progressive Politics*, Edward Elgar) [accepted, awaiting publication].

Fred Paxton. 2019. 'The populist performance of urban crisis: The policy influence of radical right populist parties in leadership of local government in Austria and Italy'. In: Benjamin Biard, Laurent Bernhard and Hans-Georg Betz (eds.) *Do they make a difference?: the policy influence of radical right populist parties in Western Europe*, London: ECPR Press, pp. 123-145.

Edited special issues

Endre Borbáth and Fred Paxton. 2024 (forthcoming). Special Issue: 'Movement Parties: their rise, variety, and consequences'. *Acta Politica*.

Manuscripts under review

Fred Paxton. 'Right up their street? How the news media respond to the movementization of far-right parties'. (Under Review).

Working papers

Fred Paxton, Felipe G. Santos and Dan Mercea. 'The multi-dimensional character and appeal of anti-establishment politics: an experimental approach'.

Lorenzo Mosca and Fred Paxton. 'Parties Between Parliament and Protest: A Definition and Typology of Movement Parties'.

Media articles and blogs

Fred Paxton and Andrea Pettrachin. 2022. 'How do populists make their decisions?' *The Loop: ECPR's Political Science Blog*

Quoted in Kevin Hagen, Timo Lehmann, Ann-Katrin Müller, Jonas Schaible und Sebastian Spallek, 2020. 'Der Tabubruch: Wo Parteien mit der AfD kooperieren', *Der Spiegel*.

Fred Paxton and Timothy Peace. 2020. 'How the Rassemblement National is using local government to "mainstream". *LSE European Politics and Policy*.

Fred Paxton. 2017. Meet the Populist Right-Wing Mayors of Europe'. *Bloomberg CityLab*.

Fred Paxton. 2017. "'The Manchester miracle': how did a city in decline become the poster child for urban regeneration?'. *City Metric*.

GRANTS & FUNDING

2020

Funding for COVID-19 project, funds used to employ research assistants (€4,060)

2017

Fully funded PhD scholarship (€70,308 grant, €48,000 fees)

PUBLIC EVENTS & CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANISED

September 2023, Conference Panel: 'Survey experiments in political and social scientific research', SISP Annual Conference, University of Genoa.

September 2023, Conference Panel: 'Social Status, Social norms, Public Opinion and Political Behaviour', SISP Annual Conference, University of Genoa.

April 2022, Workshop: 'Movement Parties: their rise, variety, and consequences', ECPR Joint Sessions, University of Edinburgh.

September 2021, Conference Panel: 'The Influence of Movement Parties on Democratic Quality', ECPR General Conference, Online.

September 2020 (postponed due to COVID), PhD Workshop: 'The Mainstreaming of the Ideas of the Far-Right: Ethnonationalism, White Supremacy, Racism', Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris.

April 2020 (postponed due to COVID), Panel debate: 'The 2020 French Municipal Elections', Institut français d'Écosse, Edinburgh.

September 2018, Conference Panel: 'The Politics of Local Government', SISP Annual Conference, University of Turin.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

2017-20

EUI PhD Programme

Courses on Quantitative Text Analysis, Qualitative Data Analysis with NVivo and MaxQDA, Web Scraping and Text Mining, Path Dependency and Process Tracing.

September - December 2020

Central European University course on Qualitative Comparative Analysis

February 2020

ECPR Winter School

Courses on Web Scraping and Quantitative Text Analysis.

April 2019

PhD workshop on qualitative research on the far-right

Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris, CUNP

June 2018

Summer School on Concepts and Methods for Research on Far-Right Politics

The ECPR Standing Group on Extremism & Democracy, the Centre for Research on Extremism (C-REX), and the Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS)

July 2017

EUROLOC PhD Training School on studying contemporary European local government, University of Florence and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

Panel discussion: Studying Radical Right Populist Parties: Promise and Pitfalls (with Tarik Abou-Chadi and Filip Kostelka)

April 2022, European University Institute

Research presentation: The Nationalisation of Local Government Strategies of Rassemblement National Mayors in the North and South of France

November 2021, University of Lille

Research presentation: The populist performance of urban crisis: The policy influence of radical right populist parties in leadership of local government.

Methods class: Interviewing.

March 2020, University of Padua

Invited to be discussant

Research presentation Piccole patrie. La populist radical right alla prova del governo locale

Paper by Elisa Bellé, Centre d'études européennes et de politique comparée de Sciences Po. May 2023, University of Milan.

Panel: Youth and Local Level Populism and Radicalism.

August 2020, ECPR Annual Conference.

Conference presentations

The multi-dimensional character and appeal of anti-establishment politics: an experimental approach

September 2023, SISP Annual Conference

"Not the way we do things around here": explaining the limits on (radical) party politics in local government

April 2023, ECPR Joint Sessions

Right up their street? How the news media respond to the movementization of far-right parties

April 2022, ECPR Joint Sessions

The Evolving Conflict between Movement Parties and the Traditional Media

October 2021, WZB Workshop: 'Contentious Interactions: Frontiers in Protest Research'

With a Little Help from Their Friends: The Consequences of Populists in National Government for Policymaking in Local Government

March 2021, Scuola Normale Superiore Conference: 'Populism in power and socio-economic policies'

August 2020, ECPR Annual Conference

Populist Pragmatism: the Governing Strategies of Rassemblement National Mayors in the North and South of France

April 2022, PSA Annual Conference

August 2020, ECPR Annual Conference

The Populist Decision-Making Processes of the Five Star Movement and the Lega in Local Government during the Refugee Crisis

April 2019, PSA Annual Conference

Window Dressing? The Mainstreaming Strategy of the Rassemblement National in Power at the Local Level of Government

April 2019, PSA Annual Conference

The populist performance of urban crisis: The policy influence of radical right populist parties in leadership of local government

March 2018, European Graduate Network Conference

November 2017, LSE 'Populism: Left, Right and Centre' Conference

June 2017, IMISCOE Annual Conference

June 2017, Regional Studies Association Annual Conference

April 2017, ECPR Joint Sessions

TEACHING

May 2023 tutor on masters level course 'Datafied Society', University of Milan (20 hours)

January – April 2023, lecturer on undergraduate level course 'Global Political Issues & Advocacy: the Italian way', James Madison University (33 hours)

September – December 2022, lecturer on masters level course 'The Political Institutions of the European Union', James Madison University (33 hours)

May 2022, tutor on masters level course 'Datafied Society', University of Milan (20 hours)

May 2021, lecturer on masters level seminar: 'Populists in power: the study of populist parties in government', University of Lucerne (21 hours)

October 2018, Certificate: Teaching in Higher Education

July 2015, Certificate: Teaching English as a Foreign Language

LANGUAGES

English (native), Italian (upper intermediate), German (intermediate), French (beginner)

SOFTWARE

Programming: R, STATA, Python

Markup: HTML, Markdown

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research

2022 - 2023	Adjunct Professor James Madison University
2021 - present	Postdoctoral Research Fellow ProDem Volkswagen-Stiftung funded research project, University of Milan
2020	Research Assistant SOLID ERC research project, European University Institute
2018 - 2019	Research Assistant POLCON ERC research project, European University Institute
2017 - 2018	Research Assistant REScEU ERC research project, University of Milan

Educational management

2014 – 2015	Project Manager The Future Leaders Trust, London
Managed a £14 million government funded initiative to improve educational outcomes in areas of socio-economic deprivation and rising support for extremist politics.	
2012 – 2014	Online Development Officer The Future Leaders Trust, London

Led the development of online initiatives and content for senior educators.

Other

2011	Senior Content Editor Groupon UK and Ireland, London Managed changes to the website at the final stage of the editorial process.
2010 –2011	Market analyst DealReporter, London

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2023 – present, Reviewer: European Political Science Review; European Journal of Political Research; Government and Opposition; Governance; Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy; Urban Affairs Review. Invited to participate in 2023 Populism and Political Parties Expert Survey (POPPA) as Italy country expert; Article Editor: Sage Open.

2022 – present, Reviewer: Social Movement Studies; Annual Conference of *Associazione Italiana di Comunicazione Politica*; Fulbright Senior Award 2023/24; Political Studies; Mobilization

2021 – present, Reviewer: The International Journal of Press/Politics; Sage Open; Italian Journal of Electoral Studies; Contemporary Italian Politics; Policy Studies

2020 – present, Managing Editor: E-Extreme (newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy)

2020 – present, Reviewer: Politics and Governance

2019 – present, Reviewer: Politics of the Low Countries

2019 – present, PSA member

2018 – present, SISP member

2017 – present, ECPR member

REFERENCES

References available upon request