

Carraro Alessandra (she/her)alessandra.carraro@phd.unibocconi.it**Current Position**

PhD Student in Social and Political Science, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

Research Interests

Populism; Political Psychology; Emotions & Politics; Experiments; Political Behaviour; Multidisciplinary research.

Education

2023 – current

Bocconi University – Milan, Italy

PhD in Social and Political Science

2020-2021

Université libre de Bruxelles – Bruxelles, Belgium

MA in International Relations

Average: 18.04; ECTS grade: A; Mention: *La plus grande distinction*

2019-2021

Luiss University – Rome, Italy

MA in Public Policies

Final grade 110/110 cum laude, special mention.

Thesis: “Brexit: historical reasons and constitutional consequences. How British history influenced the outcome of the 2016 Brexit referendum”. Accessible at: <http://tesi.luiss.it/30391/>

2016-2019

Luiss University – Rome, Italy

BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Final grade 110/110 cum laude.

Thesis: “Populism and the press: how populism threatens liberal democracy”. Accessible at:

<http://tesi.luiss.it/24346/>**Awards and Scholarships**

2023-2027: PhD Scholarship in Social and Political Science, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

2022: Master’s Thesis awarded “*Tesi d’eccellenza*” (Dissertation of Excellence) by Luiss University.Accessible at: https://luissuniversitypress.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Tesi_di_eccellenza_CARRARO.pdf2021: Award of Merit provided by EY Foundation and *Il Talento all'Opera* for the Seasonal School “EU crises and Post-Brexit integration (Crossroads)”, organised by Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy**Professional Service**

July 2025 - current

Reviewer for the following academic journals: PLOS One; Frontiers in Psychology.

Sept. 2023 – current

Bocconi University

Co-Organizer, Politics & Institutions (P&I) Clinic

Schools and Conferences

July 2025

Designing Survey Experiments

MethodsNET course | Christopher Wratil
Central European University (CEU) – Vienna, Austria

July 2025

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

2025 ISPP Academy and Annual Meeting
Blitz Presenter in the panel “Conspiracy Thinking, Populism, and Political Violence”
University of Economics – Prague, Czech Republic

September 2024

German Political Psychology Network

24 Hours of Political Psychology - 5th Annual Meeting
Paper presenter in the panel “Populist voting and party support”
University of Vienna – Austria

July 2024

European Center for Populism Studies (ECPS)

Academy Summer School ‘Populism and Foreign Policy: How Does Populist Politics Influence Foreign Affairs?’

June 2024

ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU)

12th Biennial Conference
Paper presenter in the panel “Populism, Science, and Emotions”
NOVA University – Lisbon, Portugal

April 2021

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies – Pisa, Italy

Seasonal School "EU Crises and Post-Brexit Integration (Crossroads)"

Work Experience

May 2025 – August 2025

University of Oxford, Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR)

Research Assistant to Dr. Scott Williamson on the DEVAL (Democratic Values and Authoritarian Legitimacy) project

- Conducting interviews and Focus Group on perceptions of democracy;
- Synthesising qualitative data into summary reports;
- Outlining emerging themes and future research opportunities.

Sept. 2024 – January 2025

Bocconi University, Department of Social and Political Sciences (SPS) – Milan, Italy

Teaching Assistant, 30317: Political Science and Comparative Politics, taught by Dr. Giovanna Invernizzi and Dr. Umberto Platini.

July 2023 – current

Journal of European Integration

Editorial Manager

- Overseeing the submission, production, and publication processes of submitted manuscripts;
- Liaising with authors, editors, publisher, and Advisory Board members.

Feb. 2023 – Sept. 2023

Luiss University, Department of Political Science (DiSP) – Rome, Italy

Teaching Assistant for the Master's courses:

- "EU Law and Regulation" taught by Prof. Marie Louise Cremona and Dr. Marta Simoncini;

- "Policy evaluation and implementation" taught by Proff. Jonathan Hopkin, Christoph Knill, and Dr. Tiziano Zgaga.

Sept. 2022 – August 2023

Luiss University, Department of Political Science (DiSP) – Rome, Italy

PhD Tutor

- Planning the lecture calendar according to the indications of the PhD Coordinator and the 'PhD & Education Funding' Office;
- Update of the Luiss website page dedicated to the PhD Programme in Politics;
- Collection of students' grades at the end of each course and preparation of reports;
- Administration of the teaching and student evaluation questionnaire;
- Participation to and collaboration with events organised by the PhD Coordinator and by the 'PhD & Education Funding' Office pertaining to the Tutorship functions;
- Support to the Office for monitoring administrative deadlines.

Sept. 2022 – July 2023

Luiss University, Department of Political Science (DiSP) – Rome, Italy

Administrative Assistant for the Department of Political Science

- Assistance of the 'Lectures & Seminars' Office of the Department in the organization of Departmental seminars and seminars organized by the Clusters of Research Excellence.

Sept. 2021 – July 2023

Luiss University, Department of Political Science (DiSP) – Rome, Italy

Research Assistant for Prof. Dr. Thomas Christiansen

- Scientific research;
- Literature searches, fact-checking, compilation of bibliographies;
- Editorial work on manuscripts.

Sept. 2021 – July 2023

Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU) of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Administrative Assistant

- Assistance of the Chair and the members of the Steering Committee of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU) in administrative tasks (<https://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/sgeu/>);
- Update of the website and social media pages;
- Work on-site for the organization of the 11th Pan-European Conference of the SGEU (<https://ecpr.eu/Events/182>) at Luiss University, Rome;
- Support with logistic arrangements and selection of papers, panels and workshop proposals.

Sept. 2021 – August 2022

ENGAGE.EU – <https://www.engageuniversity.eu/>

Project Assistant

- Facilitation of regular meetings of the team and with external partners, manage communications and liaison as required;
- Notes and debriefs after team meetings;
- Support with the logistical operations related to the first edition of the ENGAGE.EU Summer School (students enrollment, visiting professors' local support, students' social activities, etc);
- Assistance in the financial planning related to the Task (expenses, reporting, etc).

Language Skills

Italian (native), English (advanced), French (conversational), Greek (basic)

IT Skills

R, Stata, Python, WordPress.

Other Activities

Journalist registered at the Regional Order of Journalists (Veneto, Italy)