

Valentina Mele

Current position

- Associate Professor, Department of Social and Political Science, Bocconi University

Cursus Studiorum

- PhD in Management, London School of Economics.
- Master in Public Policy & Administration, Columbia University.
- Bachelor in Economics and management of government and international institutions (Laurea quadriennale CLAPI) Bocconi University

Articles in refereed journals

- Roberts, A., Resh, W., Basu, R., Onyango, G., Sullivan, H., Peci, A., & Mele, V. (Forthcoming). "Roundtable: How do We Connect Public Administration and Human Rights?" *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*.
- Mele, V., Belardinelli, P., & Bellé, N. (2023). "Telework in public organizations: a systematic review and research agenda." *Public Administration Review*, 83(6), 1649-1666.
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- Bertelli, T., V. Mele and A. Whitford. 2020. "When New Public Management Fails: Infrastructure Partnerships and Political Constraints in Developing and Transitional Economies." *Governance*, 33(3), 477-493.
- Mele, V., M. Esteve, S. Lee, G. Bel, G. Cappellaro, N. Petrovsky, and S. Ospina. 2020. "Enhancing Methodological Reporting in Public Administration: The Functional Equivalents Framework." *The American Review of Public Administration*, 50(8), 811-824.
- Bertelli, T., V. Mele and E. Woodhouse. 2020. "Corruption, democracy and privately financed infrastructure". *Administration and Society*
- Osborne, S, V. Mele, T. Brandsen, J. Nemeč, M. van Genugten and S. Flemig. 2020 "Risking Innovation. Understanding risk and public service innovation - evidence from a four-nation study". *Public Money & Management* 40(1): 52-62.
- Mele V. and P. Belardinelli. 2019. "Mixed methods in public administration research: Selecting, sequencing, and connecting." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 29(2): 334-347.
- Mele, V. and G. Cappellaro. 2018. "Cross-level coordination among international organizations: Dilemmas and practices." *Public Administration* 96:4(736-752).
- Bellé, N., P. Belardinelli, P. Cantarelli and V. Mele. 2018. "On iron cages and suboptimal choices: An experimental test of the micro-foundations of isomorphism in the public sector". *International Public Management Journal*.1-42.
- Mele, V., S. Anderfuhren-Biget and F. Varone. 2016. "Exploring conflict of interest in International Organizations". *Public Administration*, 94(2): 490-508.
- Compagni, A., V. Mele and D. Ravasi. 2015. "How early implementations influence later adoptions of innovation: social positioning and skill reproduction in the diffusion of robotic surgery". *Academy of Management Journal*, 58(1): 242-278.

- Mele, V., A. Compagni and M. Cavazza. 2014. "Governing through Evidence. A Study of Technological Innovation in Healthcare." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 24(4): 843-877. (A+)
- Mele, V. and E. Ongaro. 2014. "Public Management Reform in a Context of Political Instability: Italy 1992-2007." *International Public Management Journal*. 17(1):1-31
- Mele, V. and D. Schepers. 2013. "E Pluribus Unum? Legitimacy Issues and Multi-Stakeholder Codes of Conduct". *Journal of Business Ethics*. 118(3): 561-576
- Baccaro, L. and V. Mele. 2012 "Pathologies of Path Dependency? The International Labour Organization and the Challenges of New Governance". *Industrial and Labour Relations Review*. 65(2).
- Baccaro, L. and V. Mele. 2011 "For Lack of Anything Better. International Organizations and Global Corporate Codes". *Public Administration*. 89(2).
- Mele, V. 2010. "Government Innovation Policy in Italy (1993-2002). Understanding the Invention and Persistence of a Public Management Reform". *Governance* 23(2).
- Mele, V. and A. Compagni. 2010 "Explaining the Unexpected Success of the Smoking Ban in Italy: Political Strategy and Transition to Practice". *Public Administration* 88(3)
- Mele, V. 2008. "Explaining Programmes for Change. The Policy Cycle of Electronic Government in Italy (1993-2002). *Public Management Review*. Vol. 1

Book chapters

- Mele, V. Forthcoming "Policy Evaluation and International Organizations". In Bundi, P., Jacob, S. and F. Varone (Eds.) *Handbook on Public Policy Evaluation*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Mele, V. Forthcoming. "International Organizations". In Schedler, K. (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Public Management*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Belardinelli, P. and V. Mele. 2020. "Mixed methods in public administration: advantages and challenges." In Vigoda-Gadot, E. and D. Vashdi (Eds) *Handbook of Research Methods in Public Administration, Management and Policy*. Edward Elgar Publishing (pp.28-41).
- Asquer, A. and V. Mele "Policy making and public management". 2018. In S. van Thiel and E. Ongaro (Eds.) *Public administration and public management in Europe*. Palgrave MacMillan.
- Mele, V. "Analyzing policies for government innovation in practice: electronic government policy in Italy, 1993–2003". In S. Osborne and L. Brown (Eds.) *Innovation in Public Service*. Routledge. 2014.
- Mele, V. "Streamlining Volunteer Management through ICTs: the case of Sidelines". In M. Liao-Troth (Ed). *Challenges for Volunteer Management*. Idea Publishing. 2008
- Mele, V. "Paradigm and practice. The Innovative Organization to deal with E-Government". In E. Koshro Pour (Ed). *E-Government, a Global Perspective*. OECD and Information Age Publishing. 2005
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- Mele, V. and Forghieri, C. "The Modena E-Network for Strengthening Local Governance and Citizen Participation". Chapter VII. *Developing Local Governance Networks in Europe*. In T. Bovaird, E. Löffler, S. Parrado-Díez (Eds). Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft. 2002

Research grants and fellowships

From 2022, Senior Fellow at the ESADE Center for public governance.

From 2022. Research associate. *REPGOV - Representative Government through Democratic Governance*. ERC Prof. Tony Bertelli.

2021-2024, Team member, I+D+I project. Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation. Enhancing the Quality of Our Public Services: Assessing the Effects of Organisational Forms in Public Service's Quality. PID2020-116103GB.

July 2022. Visiting Scholar at Wagner School of Public Service, NYU

9/2021-6/2022. Visiting Research Fellow. Global Governance Center. Graduate Institute, Geneva.

2019-2021. PI of the Research Project: "*Attraction and retention of young talents in the public sector.*" National School of Public Administration.

2013-2016

PI, Research project "Exploring Change and Collaboration Mechanisms in International Organizations. A Study of the UN Delivering as One" funded by OCAP - SDA Bocconi School of Management.

01/2013-08/2013

Visiting scholar at the University of Geneva.

9/2012-12/2015

Member of Work Package 4 (ICT-driven innovation) & Work Package 5 (Risk assessment in social innovation) of the EU FP7 project LIPSE - Learning from innovation in the public sector environment.

9/2009-3/2011

Member of the Research project on the "Diffusion of Technological Innovation in Healthcare Organizations," funded by AGENAS – The Agency for Innovation of the Italian Healthcare Ministry.

1/2010-12/2010

Adjunct Research Scientist, Columbia University (Fulbright scholarship).

3/2008-3/2010

Member of the EU Multipart project (Multi-stakeholder partnerships). WP2.

10/2004-6/2008

Member of the comparative research project (Barcelona Autonomous University, London School of Economics, Bocconi University) "Public Management Reform in Italy, France and Spain: the Southern Way." Funded by the Spanish Ministry for Scientific Research.

09/2003-08/2005

Research Fellow at CARR (Center for the analysis of risk and regulation), LSE

3/2003-12/2003

PI of the research project on "Central-Local Relationship in the 15 EU Member States" funded by the Ministry for Innovation and Technology under the EU Italian Presidency.

Invited Lectures

2022, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University;
2023 and 2022, Wagner School of Public Service, NYU;
2022, Rutgers University;
2022 SOAS (London);
2019 Università di Padova
2016 Swiss Network in International Studies, Geneva.
2014, ESADE (Barcelona);
2013, Geneva University, Department of political sciences and international relations
2012, United Nations Global Compact, New York
OECD (Public Governance Group)

Editorial membership

From 2022 *Journal of Public Policy* (Cambridge University Press), Senior Executive Editor
2016-2021 *Journal of Public Policy* (Cambridge University Press), Field Editor
From 2021 *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Member of the Editorial Board
From 2019 *Public Administration Review*, Member of the Editorial Board
From 2019 *Governance*, Member of the Editorial Board

Ad hoc referee for:

Academy of Management Journal, Public Administration, Organization Studies, Public Management Review, Public Policy & Administration, Journal of Business Ethics, Business and Society; European Journal of Political Research, European Management Journal, European Management Review, Journal of Health Policy, Politics and Law.

Current Scientific Committee memberships

- Public Management Research Association (PMRA)
- European Group on Organization Studies (EGOS)

Institutional roles and service

- From 2023, Member of the University Evaluation Unit, Bocconi University.
- Supervisor and President of four PhD Committees and member of two PhD Committees, Bocconi University
- 2024, Invited PhD Committee Member. *Fundação Getulio Vargas.*
- 2019-2021 Member of EU Project CIVICA (WP4: Graduate Education).
- 2017-2019, Member of the SPS Department Committee.
- 2014-2019, Director, MSc in Economics & Management of Government and International Organizations.
- 2014-2019 Member of the Selection Committee, PhD in Public Administration and Policy.
- 2017-2018, Member of four Junior Job Market Committee.

Awards, recognitions, and personal grants

- 2021 “Highly cited articles from recent years in JPART,” Oxford University Press.
- 2021, 2019, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 Bocconi University Award for Excellence in Research.
- 2016 Academy of Management, OMT Division, Best published paper
- 2016 International Geneva Award, Swiss Network for International Studies
- 2011 International Geneva Award, Swiss Network for International Studies
- 2010 Fulbright Scholarship Grant (Columbia University, Earth Institute).
- 2002 Grant from the CNR – the Italian National Research Council - social sciences sector to conduct my post-graduate studies at LSE on ‘Public sector reform in Southern European Countries’.
- 2001 Fulbright Studentship, Master in Public Policy and Public Administration at Columbia University.
- 1999 Short-Term Mobility Programme Grant, funded by CNR. Visiting researcher at the Centre for Research on ICT and Organizations - University of California Irvine.

Academic service

- Member of the Roster of External Evaluators, US-Italy Fulbright Commission.
- Reviewer: Dutch Research Council (NOW), Swiss National Science Foundation.
- Evaluator: Italian research projects of national interest.