

# Elisa Volpi | CV

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## CURRENT POSITIONS

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### Post-doctoral Researcher | University of Geneva

- Since November 2018, SNF Project "*Inequality in the Mind*", Principal investigator: Prof. Nathalie Giger

### Coordinator of the doctoral program in political science for Western Switzerland | Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO)

- Since January 2021, Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Sattler

## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences | European University Institute, Italy

- *Examiners*: Stefano Bartolini (supervisor), Nathalie Giger, Hanspeter Kriesi, Richard S. Katz
- Viva (03.05.2019)

### Master of Research | European University Institute, Italy

- Obtained on 25.06.2015

### M.A. in Political Sciences and Decision-Making Processes | University of Florence, Italy

- Obtained on 22.10.2012 with honours (110/110 cum laude)

### B.Sc. in Political Sciences | University of Florence, Italy

- Obtained on 21.02.2011 with honours (110/110 cum laude)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

- Ceron, Andrea and Elisa Volpi (forthcoming). "How do parties react to defections? Electoral strategies after a valence loss". In: *European Journal of Political Research*.
- Ceron, Andrea and Elisa Volpi (2021). "Breakups hurt: Party switching and perceived proximity between politicians and their party". In: *Party Politics*, Volume 27, Issue 4, Pages 656-666. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068819880138>
- Volpi, Elisa. (2019). "Ideology and party switching: A comparison of 12 West European countries". In: *Parliamentary Affairs*, Volume 72, Issue 1, January 2019, Pages 1-20, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pa/gsx079>. Article selected as Editor's Choice for the issue.

### Book Chapters

- Volpi, Elisa, Lorenzo Cicchi and Tobias Widmann (in press). "Pandemic frames: How is the European Union narrated by Italian (populist) parties during Covid-19's first wave in Italy" in

*Populism in Contemporary Italian Politics: Actors and Processes in Times of Crisis*, Edited by: Calossi, Enrico and Paola Imperatore. Pisa University Press.

### Working papers

- Volpi, Elisa. "Dancing alone or waltzing together? On different party switching strategies in Western Europe". *Under review*.
- Volpi, Elisa and Nathalie Giger. "A Distorting Mirror: Partisan preferences and mis-perceptions of economic inequality". *Conference paper*.
- Volpi, Elisa, Nathalie Giger and Davy-Kim Lascombes. "Who owns economic inequality? How left parties compete over the issue and how it matters for their electoral support". *Conference paper*.
- Giger, Nathalie and Elisa Volpi. "Not visible enough? Politicians' explanations of economic inequality and their consequences". *Conference paper*.
- Bailer, Stefanie, Nathalie Giger and Elisa Volpi. "How does information about elites affect populist attitudes?". *Conference paper*.
- Volpi, Elisa, Felix-Christopher von Nostitz and François Briatte. "Searching for the Cartel Party: Inter-party Collusion and Legislative Activity". *Conference paper*.
- Volpi, Elisa, Laura Gatto and Pirmin Bundi, "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing? Policy Preferences and Legislative Party Switching". *Conference paper*.

### VISITING POSITIONS

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**Visiting Scholar** | Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy

- September 2021 – January 2022, Sponsor: Prof. Davide Morisi

**Visiting Researcher** | Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

- September – December 2017, Mentor: Prof. Emilie van Haute

### TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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**Quantitative Methods** | University of Geneva, Switzerland

- February – June 2020 and February – June 2021, BA level, Language: French, 4 hours per week, 6 ECTS (with Dr. Jan Rosset)

**Comparative Electoral Systems** | Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany

- November 2018, Block seminar, MA level, Language: English, 24 hours, 3 ECTS

**Comparative Electoral Systems** | University of Lucerne, Switzerland

- Spring 2018, Block seminar, BA & MA level, Language: English, 21 hours, 3 ECTS

**The evolution of the Italian party system in the legislative arena** | University of Florence, Italy

- Spring 2017, Block seminar, BA level, Language: Italian, 10 hours

### SUPERVISION

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**Supervisor** of the Master thesis of Mr. Sacha Proner | University of Geneva, Switzerland

- June – December 2021

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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**Teaching assistant** | University of Milan, Italy

- Since September 2019, Supervisor: Prof. Andrea Ceron

**Substitute professor** | University of Fribourg, Switzerland

- April – August 2021. Substitution of Prof. Alexandra Feddersen for maternity leave. *Main tasks:* MA thesis supervision and grading of final seminar papers (BA level).

**Country expert and coder** | European University Institute, Italy

- June 2020 – April 2021, Project "Narrating COVID" based at the Robert Schuman Center for Advance Studies

**Country expert and coder** | European University Institute, Italy

- February – June 2020, Project "InDivEu: Integrating Diversity in the European Union" based at the Robert Schuman Center for Advance Studies, <http://indiveu.eui.eu>
- Publication of the working paper "*The Politics of differentiated integration: what do governments want? Country report-Italy*"

**Country expert and coder** | European University Institute, Italy

- February – May 2019, Euandi 2019 project, a Voting Advice Application for the 2019 European Elections: <https://euandi2019.eu/survey/default/EN>

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**Coder** | European University Institute, Italy

- October 2016, Project 'Society', a Voting Advice Application for the 2016 American Presidential and Congressional Candidates: [www.society.com/us2016congress/default/en](http://www.society.com/us2016congress/default/en)

**Coder** | European University Institute, Italy

- October 2015 – October 2016, POLCON Project led by prof. Hanspeter Kries

**Research Assistant** | New York University, Florence campus, Italy

- August – December 2013, La Pietra Dialogues program

**Intern** | Centro Italiano di Studi Elettorali (Italian Center for Electoral Studies), Italy

- January – April 2012, I was in charge of creating a data base of Italian party switchers. Supervisor: Prof. Alessandro Chiaramonte.

#### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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**Member** of the departmental commission for equality | University of Geneva, Switzerland

- Since September 2019

**PhD student representative** in the appointment committee (Peter Mair Chair) | European University Institute, Italy

- Fall 2018

#### CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

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**American Political Science Association Conference (APSA):** 2021 (panel organiser, presenter and discussant)

**German Political Science Association Conference (DVPW):** 2021 (presenter and discussant)

**ECPR General Conference:** 2017 (presenter), 2020 (presenter), 2021 (presenter)

**EPSA Annual Conference:** 2017 (presenter), 2018 (presenter and discussant), 2019 (presenter), 2020 (presenter), 2021 (presenter)

**Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference:** 2020 (panel chair, presenter and discussant), 2021 (presenter, panel chair and discussant)

**Mini-conference on Political Elites & Experiments,** Organized by University of Southern California, Online, 2021 (presenter)

**Workshop on Perceptions and Policy Preferences,** organized by the University of Hamburg, Online, 2021 (presenter)

**Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association:** 2020 (presenter)

Conference "Advances in the Empirical and Theoretical Study of Parliaments", University of Konstanz, 2019 (presenter)

**Italian Political Science Association Conference:** 2018 (presenter), 2019 (panel chair and discussant)

**Annual Meeting of the Party Congress Research Group (PCRG):** 2017 (presenter), 2019 (presenter)

**Bi-annual Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments:** 2017 (presenter), 2019 (presenter)

**Manifesto Project User Conference:** 2019 (presenter)

**ECPR Joint Session of Workshops:** 2017 (presenter and discussant), 2018 (presenter and discussant)

**International Conference of Europeanists (CES):** 2018 (presenter and discussant)

**International Political Science Association (IPSA) Annual Conference:** 2016 (presenter)

#### INVITED TALKS

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- "A Distorting Mirror: Partisan preferences and misperception of economic inequality". Virtual Politics Lecture Series, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, June 2021
  - "Mass transformation or lone defectors? Costs and benefits of different defection strategies", University of Lucerne, Switzerland, November 2019
  - "The politics of turning coat", Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, October 2017

#### ACADEMIC SERVICES & MEMBERSHIPS

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##### Referee

*Electoral Studies, European Union Politics, Federal and Regional Studies, Government & Opposition, International Political Science Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies Review*

Publons profile: <https://publons.com/researcher/3127331/elisa-volpi/>

##### Expert Judgement

*Chapel Hill Expert Survey* (Expert)

##### Membership

*European Political Science Association* (2017-present) | *Swiss Political Science Association* (2018-present) | *Italian Political Science Association* (2019-present) | *Council for European Studies* (2018)

##### Fellowship

Fellow at *European Governance and Politics Program*, European University Institute, Italy (since 2019)

## PRIZES & AWARDS

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**ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize** for best thesis in 2020 (for more details: <https://ecpr.eu/news/news/details/615>). I am part of the jury for the same prize in 2021.

**"5 Women for Restarting"**, award by the regional government of Tuscany to "five women who distinguished themselves for their achievements and contributions to their fields and the society", 08.03.2021

## OTHER SKILLS

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- *Languages*: Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), German (basic)
- *Computer Software*: Stata, R,  $\LaTeX$ , Microsoft Office, Mac OS X