
Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of research

- **Urban and regional politics and policies:** state-society relations, representation of interests and collective action, local development policies, regional development and cohesion policies
- **Politics of development:** cities and globalization, political sociology of development, sociology of experts and circulation of policy-ideas
- **Methods:** *small - n* comparison and case study, historical comparative analysis, in-depth interviews

Fieldwork experiences: France (Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris), Italy (Milan, Brindisi), Poland (Wroclaw, Wałbrzych)

Current appointment

2023- **Academic head international affairs**, Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France

2023 - **Lecturer** in political science, Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France

Previous appointments

2021-2023 **Adjunct lecturer** in political science, European School of Political and Social Sciences (ESPOL), Lille Catholic University, France

2019-2021 **Marie Skłodowska- Curie research fellow**, University of Florence, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Italy (Covid-break between April and September 2020).

2017-2018 **Post-doctoral researcher** Franche-Comté University, Faculty of Economics, Law, Management and Political Sciences, France.

2017 **Post-doctoral researcher**, *École des Ponts* - Paris Institute of Technology, LATTIS UMR 8134 research centre on technologies, territories and societies, France.

2013-2015 **Graduate teaching and research assistant** in political science, Institute of Political Science of Lyon, France.

2012 **Research assistant**, ENS Lyon and Sciences Po Lyon, Triangle UMR 5206 (Action, discourses, economic and political thought) research centre, France.

2009-2011 **PhD fellow**, Triangle UMR 5206 (Action, discourses, economic and political thought) research centre, Jean Monnet University St-Etienne, France.

Education

- 2015 **PhD in European Urban and Local Studies**, Milan Bicocca University and **Political Science**, Jean Monnet University St-Etienne. Dissertation title: *Gouverner le développement économique des territoires: entre politique et société. Une comparaison des régions de Lyon et Milan (1970-2011)*, defended in French (19th October) with honours. url: https://boa.unimib.it/retrieve/handle/10281/89237/131721/phd_unimib_725294.pdf
Supervisors: Gilles Pinson (Sciences Po Bordeaux) and Enzo Mingione (Bicocca University Milan). Jury: Luigi Burrioni, Francesca Governa, Romain Pasquier, Yves Surel.
- 2008 M.Sc. in Economics and Management (minor arts and culture), Bocconi University of Milan. Final grade: 109/110 (very good). Thesis on the concept of social exclusion under the supervision of Prof. Sandro Roventi, Department of Institutional Analysis and Public Management
- 2008 Exchange student, Sciences Po Paris, master program (6 months)
- 2005 Erasmus student, Copenhagen Business School (CBS), bachelor program (6 months)

Additional training

- 2021 ECPR *Winter School in Method and Techniques*, « Comparative historical analysis» (virtual event)
- 2019 ECPR *Summer School in methods and techniques*, « Case study research: method and practice », Central European University, Budapest
- 2016 Summer school *The Politics and the Economics*, AFSP - French Association of Political Science, Sciences Po Bordeaux, Bordeaux

Languages and IT Skills

- Italian (native), French (excellent), English (very good)
- NVivo, Tropy, SPSS.

Fellowships, scholarships and awards

- Shortlisted for the USF (Urban Studies Foundation) three years post-doctoral fellowship (2019) with the Centre for Urban Research on Austerity, De Montfort University (failed).
- MSCA-IF-2017 Marie Skłodowska-Curie two years individual fellowship, Horizon 2020, European Commission, obtained with the University of Florence (2018) 182.000 euros.
- Travel Grant for the Winter Conference of the Regional Studies Association (RSA), (2016).
- Collective research grant for the seminar series *Sciences sociales de l'urbain*, ENS (École Normale Supérieure de Lyon), (2011) 4.500 euros (with Raphael Frétygny)
- Vinci research grant, Université franco-italienne (2009) 4.500 euros
- PhD fellowship, Lyon University (2008) for three years.
- ISU Bocconi scholarship (2006) for two years

Teaching activities

Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye (2023 - ongoing)

Private actors and transnational governance (in EN), lecture, MSc, 24h

Introduction to gender studies (in EN), lecture, BA, 20h

Cities in the 21st century: North-South perspectives (in EN), international students' seminar, 22h

Institutions and challenges of the European Union (in FR), tutorials, BA, 30h

Comparative politics and institutions (in FR), tutorials, BA, 20h

Lille Catholic University (2021-2023)

Politics of development (in EN), lecture, BA, 24h

Urban policies and politics (in FR), seminar, BA, 18h

Public policy analysis (in EN), tutorials, BA, 64h

Political sociology (in EN), tutorials, BA, 64h

Supervision of Bachelor dissertations

Sciences Po Lyon (2013-2015)

Political sociology (in FR), tutorials, BA

Methodological seminars, Sciences Po program on democratizing access to higher education institutions

Academic administration activities

Academic head of international affairs at Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye: consolidation and expansion of partnerships and international agreements with HEI in Europe and beyond ; coordination of the international internships program in the humanitarian and development field ; design of curriculum and specific teaching activities for incoming students; approval of learning agreements for outgoing students ; public representation

Research activities

REGinTRAN - Advanced manufacturing and the transition of regional economies: institutions, social regulation and development in Apulia and Lower Silesia, financed by EU HORIZON 2020.

P. I. (principal investigator), University of Florence, Department of Political and Social Science. P.I. (2019 - 2021), <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/797533/reporting>

Field: international development, public policy and urban and regional studies

I was principal investigator of a research financed by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. The project compared how non-core regional economies in Europe dealt with similar economic challenges at times of globalization and liberalization and highlight the conditions of possibility for the emergence of heterodox policy ideas for local development. It developed an historical case study analysis of industrial policies in two regions (Apulia and Lower Silesia) and zoomed in the case of two urban economies (Brindisi and Wałbrzych) sharing similar economic (sunset industries with a high environmental impact) and political and institutional conditions (heritage of clientelism and state administrative dependency). Empirically, it traced over 30 years the mobilizations and strategies of policy-actors around industrial policies decisions by identifying different policy-paradigms for regional development. I carried out 50 semi-structured interviews with national and local elected officials, administrative élites, policy-experts, and representatives of business associations and trade-unions organizations in Italy and Poland. I was also responsible for the supervision of a research assistant in Poland.

Unions' collective action facing urban reconfigurations financed by the Ires (Institute of Economic and Social Research) France.

Contract researcher (2017 – 2018), project leader: Dr. Guillaume Gourgues (Franche-Comté University).

Field: public policy and urban and regional studies

I took part in a collective project focused on understanding if and how unions are changing their established repertoires of action by developing urban and place-based mobilizations, notably in collaboration with community actors, in order to increase their legitimacy and negotiation capacity. There is a growing literature on the localization of union's forms of collective action in a globalizing world. The research focused on different cases in France, which is an institutional context characterized by a strong organizational inertia of unions. I was in charge of two case studies on local conflicts around urban development projects and utilities (Bordeaux and Lyon) and carried out 30 semi-structured interviews. I also contributed to the organization of workshops with unions' activists adopting a participatory approach to research inquiry.

Internationalising Cities. Urban fabric and urban policies in a globalising world financed by PUCA (*Plan urbanisme construction architecture*), French Ministry of Ecology and Inclusive Transition and French Ministry of Territorial Cohesion and Relations with local authorities. <https://www.urbanisme-puca.gouv.fr/l-international-comme-ressource-et-contrainte-des-a766.html>

Contract researcher (2017), Project leader: Prof. Christian Lefèvre (Paris Est University).

Field: public policy and urban and regional studies

I took part in a collective project investigating the mechanisms of transnational circulation of urban policies. I studied the production and circulation of expertise for urban policies by private consultants. I've investigated their professional paths, legitimation strategies and the ways they interact within global public policy communities and epistemic networks with other experts about urban issues. I've carried out interviews with a variety of private consultants around

metropolitan development strategies and also analyzed transnational epistemic networks, such as the Metropolitan Program of the Brookings Institution.

Economic development and social integration in Europe. Urban policies in comparative prospective financed by the Milan Chamber of Commerce. Project leader: Prof. Costanzo Ranci (Milan Polytechnic).

Research assistant, member of the French team directed by G. Pinson (2012).

Field: public policy and urban and regional studies

I took part in a collective research project (with six EU universities) working on European cities' political responses to the economic and financial crisis of 2008. The main aim of the project was to analyze processes of policy-change or stasis in the domains of housing and employment. I carried out a case study on employment policies with semi-structured interviews with local civil servants, elected officials and representatives of socio-economic associations in the French case.

Institutional Capacity for Territorial Development financed by the ESPON network. Project leader: Prof. Bruno Dente (Milan Polytechnic) in collaboration with DATAR and Italian Ministry of Territorial Cohesion. <https://www.espon.eu/programme/projects/espon-2013/targeted-analyses/smart-ist-smart-institutions-territorial-development>

Research assistant, member of the French team directed by G. Pinson (2011-2012).

Field: public policy and urban and regional studies

I took part in an international research project (four European universities) working on the linkages between institutional capacity and regional development in Europe. The objective of the project was to highlight mechanisms explaining changes in the institutional capacity of regions to effectively implement structural European funds. It consisted in a comparative case-study analysis (France, Italy, Poland). As part of the French team, I carried out fieldwork in two French regions based on semi-structured interviews (50) with mainly regional and national administrative élites involved in innovation and water resources regulation.

International Metropolitan Observatory (IMO), member of the research network coordinated by Jeffery Sellers (University of Southern California) and Daniel Kubler (University of Zurich) (2011-2012).

Field: public policy and territorial politics

I took part in a global network of researchers working on urban governance (Global North and Global South). The working group worked together on different projects on democracy as well as inequalities. I was notably involved in a book project on institutional regimes of spatial equality. The project aims to highlight national patterns of fiscal and welfare policies dealing with socio-spatial inequalities. I was in charge of building a database on socio-economic characteristics as well as local public finances and state transfer in 300 municipalities in France. I carried out descriptive and inferential statistical analysis.

Publications

Articles (peer-review)

- 2022 Managerialism against clientelism. A blocked process of political change in Apulia (Southern Italy) *Participation and Conflict* (PACO), July, vol. 15(2), 351-369, DOI: [10.1285/i20356609v15i2p351](https://doi.org/10.1285/i20356609v15i2p351).
- 2022 (Un)usual suspects? Le pouvoir idéationnel des experts dans la construction et diffusion du paradigme de la compétition interterritoriale dans les villes françaises, *Métropoles* 30, DOI : <https://doi.org/10.4000/metropoles.8580>.
- 2022 How local unions rethink their relationship with(in) the city: the case of a place-based mobilization in Bordeaux (with Guillaume Gourgues), *Territory, Politics and Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2022.2038256>
- 2019 Un étatismes métropolitain ? Politiques territoriales de développement économique et rééquilibrage de l'État. Le cas de la métropole lyonnaise, *Gouvernement et Action Publique*, n°3, pp. 35-53. <https://doi.org/10.3917/gap.193.0035>
- 2018 When employers get involved into the political arena. Legacies and transformations of the territorial mobilizations of business interest associations. The case of the Milan region, *Revue Française de Science Politique* n°68/1, pp. 77 -101. <https://doi.org/10.3917/rfsp.681.0077>
- 2017 Métropolisation, intercommunalité et inégalités socio-spatiales. Une approche par la fiscalité, les transferts et la dépense publique, *Sociétés Contemporaines*, special issue : "Politiques urbaines et (in)justice spatiale", n° 107, pp. 79-108 (with Gilles Pinson and Jeffrey Sellers). DOI : 10.3917/soco.107.0079.
- 2013 Des variétés de régulation de la ville compétitive. Réflexions à partir de l'agglomération lyonnaise, dossier 'Les acteurs du marché font-ils la ville ?' (editors: Charlotte Halpern and Julie Pollard), *Espace temps.net*, <https://www.espace temps.net/articles/des-variantes-de-regulation-de-la-ville-competitive/>.

Book and book chapters

- 2022 Urban policies in France: strong metropolitan governments and steering state, In: Gelli, F., Basso, M. (Dir.) *Identifying Models of National Urban Agendas. A view to the global transition*, Palgrave MacMillan, "Comparative Studies of Political Agendas" (with Gilles Pinson), p. 33-56. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031083907>.
- 2021 Les enquêtes par entretiens à l'épreuve de la distanciation, coll Les virus de la recherche, PUG, Grenoble.
- 2020 Local state-society relations in France, In: F. Teles, A. Gendzwill, C. Stanus, H. Heinelt. (Dir.) *Close Ties in European Local Governance – Linking Local State and Society*, Palgrave MacMillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-44794-6_10.
- 2019 Consultants et villes à l'heure de la mondialisation. Expertises et jeux d'échelles, *Les Cahiers du PUCA*, Coll: 'Réflexions en partage', Paris, ISBN: 9978-2-11-138169-8. http://www.urbanisme-puca.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/consultants_imp_web.pdf
- 2017 Place equality regime(s) in French City Regions, In: Sellers, J., Arretche M., Kubler D., Razin, E. (eds.) *Inequality and Governance in the Metropolis. Place Equality Regimes and Fiscal Choices in Eleven Countries*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, "Comparative Territorial Politics", pp. 203-220 (with Gilles Pinson) https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-137-57378-0_10.
- 2016 Lyon: Unbreakable boundaries between economic development and social integration policies. In: C. Ranci and R. Cucca (eds.) *Unequal Cities: the Challenge of Post-Industrial Transition in Times of Austerity*. London: Routledge, pp. 155-175 (with Rémi Dormois and Gilles Pinson). <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315687865>.

Book reviews in peer-review journals

- 2022 Samy Cohen, *Le goût de l'entretien. 40 ans d'enquêtes au sommet de l'État*, Le Bord de l'eau, Lormont, *Revue française de science politique*, n°72/5, pp. 862-863.
- 2020 Carola Fricke, *European Dimension of Metropolitan Policies. Policy Learning and Reframing of Metropolitan Regions* (Springer Geography, 2020), *Urban Research & Practice*, vol. 13 (5).
- 2016 Romain Pasquier, *Regional Governance and Power in France. The Dynamics of Political Space*. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, vol. 4 (3).
- 2013 Carlo Trigilia, *Non c'è Nord senza Sud* (Il Mulino, 2012), *Métropoles*, 12|2013.

Work-in-progress

- The diffusion of the place-based approach for regional development: a mechanism for the reproduction of the anti-politics machine? A connected comparative analysis of the Italian and Polish policy-communities
- Dealing with historical marginality in old and new European peripheries
- Sociologie de l'Italie méridionale (with G. Pinson and A. Salento)

Participation to international conferences (selection, since 2016)

- 2023 Consultants and urban policies in France: depoliticization from within, 6ème congrès *ICPP (International Conference Public Policy)*, Panel Interest groups, business networks and governance, 26-28 juin, Toronto.
- 2022 On (causal) narratives and mechanisms. Reflections from a case-study within the comparative historical approach, *AFSP (Association Française de Science Politique)* 16th congress, Panel Alternatives to process-tracing, Lille, 5-7 July.
- 2021 What has been lost in the policy-debate about local development and investments? A critical re-appraisal of policy-ideas and practices in Europe, Congress of the *Italian Association of Economic Sociology*, Panel: Territorial Development between market, institutions and society, 9-12 June (on-line event)
- 2021 Dealing with marginality in European old and new peripheries: constrained but actually existing political strategies for alternatives to municipal neo-liberalism, *RSA (Regional Studies Association) annual conference. Regions in Recovery. Building Sustainable Futures*, 5 June (on-line event)
- 2021 The politics of industrial upgrading in European Peripheries, *ISA (International Sociological Association) World Congress*, RC09, Social Transformation and Sociology of Development, 23-27 February (on-line event)
- 2020 Neoliberalism and its alternatives in Europe's peripheries, Panel: Comparative Issues on Global Urban Politics, Division Urban and Local Politics, *APSA General Conference*, San Francisco, 8-13 September (withdrawal due to health issues)
- 2020 With Whom Do We Govern the Region? Political Strategies and Interest Representation in Apulia, *ECPR General Conference*, Section 18, Continuity and Change in Southern European Politics, Panel Quality of Democracy in Southern Europe, 26-28 August (on-line event)
- 2019 Between the firm and the community: how French unions rethink and yet do not change their mobilizations strategies, 49th *Urban Affairs Association (UAA)*

- ‘*Claiming Rights to the City: Community, Capital, and the State*’, Session “Non-profits as agents of change in communities”, April 24-27, Los Angeles.
- 2016 The power of metropolis in France: institutional foundations and new pressures. Insights from Lyon case study (1995-2015), winter conference of *Regional Study Association*, ‘*New pressures on Cities and Regions*’, Session ‘City and Region Building: Governance and Institutions’, November 24-26, London.
- 2016 State rescaling in question: analysing local state capacity to govern development, *23rd International Conference of Europeanists - ‘Resilient Europe ?*, April 14-16 Philadelphia.

Organization of panels and workshops

- 2024 ‘Conducting a literature review in political science: methodological and software innovations, professional and epistemological issues’, Panel organizer and chair (with Vincent Caby, Sciences Po Grenoble), *AFSP (French Association of Political Science)* congress, Grenoble, June.
- 2022 ‘Temporalities of crisis and action in European Cities’, Panel organizer and chair (with Marc Pradel, University of Barcelona), *RC21 (Urban and Regional Development) ISA-International Sociological Association* congress, Ordinary Cities in Exceptional Times, Athens, 24-26 August.
- 2015 ‘Challenges and practices of the French-Italian comparison’, workshop, ENS de Lyon, Lyon, 24 April (with Josua Grabener, PACTE Grenoble, Julien O’Miel, CERPAS Lille, Francesca Quercia, Centre Max Weber-Lyon)

Expertise and reviewing

- Evaluation expert for the European Research Executive Agency
- Referee for *Comparative European Politics*

Outreach activities

Participation to workshops and trainings organized by:

- ANCI (Associazione nazionale comuni italiani)
- Confédération Générale du Travail (CGT)
- CNFPT (Centre National Fonction Publique Territoriale)
- Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli