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About

I am Research and Postgraduate lead for Italian studies. Main research interests and areas of PG supervision: Italian politics, European populism and neo-nationalism in comparative perspective, and political communication.

Qualifications

- MA
- PhD
- PCLT(HE)

Biography

Having graduated from the University of Bologna, I completed my doctoral research in political communication at London Metropolitan University and my Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching (Higher Education) at Canterbury Christ Church University. I taught at both these universities before moving to Birmingham in 2004.

Teaching

I supervise PhD students and contribute to the teaching of the Department of Modern Languages in the following areas: Italian and European history and politics, European media, and research methods.

Postgraduate supervision

I am interested in supervising PhD theses on Italian politics, European populism and neo-nationalism in comparative perspective, and political communication.

Research

The major strand of my work has been about populism in Western Europe. I have also published on Italian politics, Swiss politics, and the communication strategies, styles of propaganda and mass media use of political parties in contemporary Europe. My monograph ***Populists in Power*** **(http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415600972)**, co-written with Duncan McDonnell, has been published by Routledge in February 2015. In the same period, my work on Italian politics has led to the publication of a special issue of *Modern Italy* entitled: **'Berlusconi's Impact and Legacy' (http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cmit20/current#.VTeFlWRVikp)**, which I have co-edited with James Newell.

I have also co-edited ***Twenty-first Century Populism: The Spectre of Western European Democracy*** **(http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/TwentyFirst-Century-Populism/?K=9780230013490)**, ***Resisting the Tide Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06) (http://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/resisting-the-tide-9781441176134/)*** and ***The Media, An Introduction - Third edition (http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781405840361)***.

Research grants

- 19 March 2007. Large grant (£84,891). Awarding body: British Academy (submitted with Charlotte Ross and Clodagh Brook). Title: 'Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition During the Berlusconi Years'.
- 18 July 2007. Extension of research leave (£29,063). Awarding body: AHRC. Title: 'Populists in Power: Rhetoric and Communication Strategies'.
- 26 June 2008. Research grant (£62,478). Awarding body: The Leverhulme Trust (submitted with Duncan McDonnell). Title: 'Regionalist vs. Nationalist Populists in Power: Actions and Reactions'.

Other activities

I am a member of the UK management committee of the European Concerted Research Action 'Populist Political Communication in Europe: Comprehending the Challenge of Mediated Political Populism for Democratic Politics', and the co-convenor of the Italian Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association. I have acted as a reviewer for government bodies, such as the Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca (Italy); publishers (for instance, Palgrave and Pearsons); academic journals, such as *European Journal of Political Research*, *Government and Opposition*, *Party Politics*, and *West European Politics*; and funding institutions (for instance, The Leverhulme Trust and the Arts and Humanities Research Council).

Publications

Monographs

- *Populists in Power* (with D. McDonnell). Routledge, 2015. Funded by The Leverhulme Trust.

Edited Books

- *The Media: an Introduction* (with P. Cobley). Pearson, 2009.
- *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06)* (co-edited with C. Brook, C. Ross and N. Rothenberg). Continuum, 2009.
- *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy* (co-edited with D. McDonnell), Palgrave, 2008.

Edited special issues of Journals

- 'Italy after the 2013 elections' (with A. Giovannini), special issue of *Journal of Modern Italian Studies,* forthcoming 2015.
- **'Berlusconi's Impact and Legacy' (http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cmit20/current#.VTeFlWRVikp)** (with J. Newell), special issue of *Modern Italy*, (20) 1, 2015.
- **'Italy under Berlusconi' (http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cmit20/10/1#.VTePPWRViko)** (with D. McDonnell), special issue of *Modern Italy*, (10) 1, 2005.

Peer-Reviewed International Journal Articles

- 'Surviving the perfect storm: Italy after the 2013 elections' (with A. Giovannini), *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*. Forthcoming 2015.
- 'Introduction: A mountain giving birth to a mouse? On the impact and legacy of Silvio Berlusconi in Italy' (with J. Newell), *Modern Italy*, (20) 1, 2015, pp. 3-10.
- 'Populism and Liberal Democracy: Populists in Government in Austria, Italy, Poland and Switzerland' (with Sean Müller), *Government and Opposition*, (48) 3, 2013, pp. 343-371.
- '*Amici fragili*: the alliance between the Lega Nord and the Popolo della Libertà as seen by their representatives and members', *Modern Italy*, (18) 1, 2013, pp. 1-18.
- 'La sfida del populismo alla democrazia liberale', *La Rivista delle Politiche Sociali* (*Italian Journal of Social Policy*), no. 1, 2012, pp. 191-212.
- '*Di lotta e di governo*: the Lega Nord and Rifondazione Comunista in Office' (with J. Newell and D. McDonnell), *Party Politics*, (17) 4, July 2011, pp. 471-487.
- 'The Lega Nord Back in Government' (with D. McDonnell), *West European Politics*, (33) 6, November 2010, pp. 1318-1350.
- 'Reconciling "Voice" and "Exit": Swiss and Italian Populists in Power', *Politics*, (29) 1, February 2009, pp. 1-10.
- 'Addressing "the People" - A Comparative Study of the Lega Nord's and Lega dei Ticinesi's Political Rhetoric and Styles of Propaganda', *Modern Italy*, (12) 3, November 2007, pp. 327–347.
- 'The Lega dei Ticinesi: The Embodiment of Populism', *Politics*, (26) 2, May 2006, pp. 133-139.
- '"Back to Our Roots" or Self-Confessed Manipulation? The Uses of the Past in the Lega Nord's Positing of *Padania*', *National Identities,* (8) 1, March 2006, pp. 21-39.
- 'The Lega Nord in the Second Berlusconi Government: in a League of its Own' (with D. McDonnell), *West European Politics,* (28) 5, November 2005, pp. 952-972.
- 'Enough Vaccine? The Berlusconi Years' (with D. McDonnell), *Modern Italy*, (10) 1, May 2005, pp. 3-8.
- 'Discursive Strategies around "Community" in Political Propaganda - the case of the Lega Nord' (with I. Fremeaux), *National Identities*, (4) 2, 2 July 2002, pp. 145-160.

Chapters in Edited Books

- 'Introduction' (with P. Cobley), in Albertazzi, D. and Cobley, P. (eds.) *The Media: an Introduction*. London: Pearson, 2009, pp. 1-11.
- 'The Parties of the Centre Right: Many Oppositions, One Leader' (with D. McDonnell), in Newell, J. (ed.) *The Italian General Election of 2008 – Berlusconi Strikes Back*. London: Palgrave, 2009, pp. 102-117.
- 'Introduction: This Tide is not for Turning' (with N. Rothenberg), in *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06)*, pp. 1-16.
- 'In Bed with the Enemy: Infighting Among Governing Parties and the Return of the Centre' in *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06)*, pp. 59-70.
- 'Introduction: The Sceptre and the Spectre' (with D. McDonnell), in *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy*, pp. 1-11.
- 'Switzerland: Yet Another Populist Paradise', in *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy*, pp.100-118.
- 'Conclusions: Populism and Twenty-first Century Western European Democracy' (with D. McDonnell), in *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy*, pp. 217-223.

Interviews/Dissemination in Media (Selection)

- 27 January 2015 - Quoted in the Editorial, *Aftonbladet*. Title: 'Europas sossar har sig själva att skylla' ('Europe's Social Democrats have themselves to blame').
- 17 May 2014 - Interview for deutschlandfunk.de, on European elections 2014.
- 18 March 2014 - Interview for *Bundeszentrale for politische Bildung*. Title: 'Populisten - Starker Druck von rechts'.
- 2 August 2013 - Interview for Radio France Internationale (English Service), on Berlusconi's conviction for tax fraud.
- 31 March 2013 - Quoted in the Editorial, *The Observer*. Title: 'Political rhetoric ignores immigration facts'.
- 21 March 2013 - Interview for *The Civic Institute*. Title: 'Populizm ery tabletów' (Populism of the tablet era)
- 26 February 2013 - Interview for *BBC* Radio Hereford and Worcester on the outcome of the Italian election 2013.
- 26 February 2013 - Interview for *Channel NewsAsia* on the outcome of the Italian election 2013.
- 25 February 2013 - Interview for *Channel NewsAsia* on the outcome of the Italian election 2013.
- 24 February 2013 - Interview for *ABC Radio National* (Australia). Name of programme: Rear Vision (radio current affairs programme) on Italian election 2013.
- 26 November 2011 - Interview for RAI Radio 2 (Italy) on 'populism in Europe and the USA'.
- 22 November 2011 - Interview for RAI Radio 3 (Italy) on 'the populist right in Europe'.
- 17 November 2011 - Interview for *Sanlian Life Weekly Magazine*. Title: "Italy: a Political Problem".
- 14 March 2011 - Interview for *Vremya Zavishennih Trebovaniy*. Title: "The Times of Steep Expectations". Also published in English as a Special Edition of the Russian Institute.
- 20 November 2010 - Interview for *Sanlian Life Weekly Magazine*. Title: 'Berlusconi's Battle to Defend His Position'.
- 16 September 2010 - Interview for *De Groene Amsterdammer*. Title: 'Eigenaren van de immigratie'.
- 17 June 2010 - Interview for *De Groene Amsterdammer*. Title: 'De opkomst der populisten'.
- 8 April 2010 - Interview for *Liberazione*. Title: 'Si è rotto il bipolarismo perfetto ma i partiti guardano al centro'.
- 28 March 2010 - Interview for *O Estado de S. Paulo*. Title: 'Desorganização ameaça partido de premiê'.
- 8 March 2010 - Interview for *La Stampa*. Title: 'Nella Riserva degli Operai Bianchi. Londra con la destra xenofoba a far campagna tra i resti della classe lavoratrice'.
- 29 November 2009 - Interview for *O Estado de S. Paulo*. Title: 'Berlusconi cria lei para fugir da Justica'.

Expertise

Italian politics, Populism and Nationalism in Western Europe, and The Extreme Right in Western Europe.

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