

Curriculum Vitae

Marta Ponzo

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CURRENT POSITION

2022 – present

PhD Candidate in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Perugia
Supervisor prof. Silvia Bolgherini - University of Perugia, co-supervisor prof. Nicholas Charron University of Gothenburg

2022 – present

Subject expert fellow (cultrice della materia) for Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Perugia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

May – Jul 2022

Intern - Erasmus for traineeship program, TraineeLand, Warsaw

Sept 2019 – Apr 2022

Master's degree in International and Diplomatic Science – University of Siena

Final grade: 110 cum laude. Thesis in Political Science: “(Dis)parità di genere e politica: un’indagine sulla rappresentanza femminile nelle istituzioni rappresentative italiane”, Supervisor prof. Paolo Bellucci

Sept – Dec 2021

Intern, Italian Embassy in Sofia

Sept 2018

Intern, Consorzio Solidalia - Centro SPRAR Marsala Vita

Sep 2016 - Sep 2019

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations – University of Siena. Final grade: 110 cum laude. Thesis in International Human Rights Protection: “L’evoluzione del non refoulement nel diritto internazionale contemporaneo”, Supervisor prof. Federico Lenzerini

Jul 2016

Secondary school diploma at the Liceo Scientifico G. Ferro in Alcamo

Final grade: 100

SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS

Aug 5-9, 2024: Gesis Summer school in Survey Methodology, Cologne

Jul 2-5, 2024: Euroloc Summer school on local government and politics, Barcelona

Sept 13-14, 2023: Text-as-Data Analysis for the Social Sciences. A Gentle Introduction, Genoa

Aug 7-11 2023: European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Summer School in Research Methods and Techniques: Applied regression analysis

Jul 24-28 2023: European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Summer School in Research Methods and Techniques: Introduction to inferential statistics

Jan – Feb 2023 NetCourse 151: Introduction to STATA programming, STATA corp

Febr 22-24 2023: Introduction to R, Matthias Roth (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences) Lukas Birkenmaier (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Researcher

2025-2028

Member of the **European research network on Mayors** (Italian team member)

2025-2028

Member of the **European research network on Municipal Chief Officers** (Italian team member)

2025-2026

Member of the research team project **PRIN 2022 - UNVEIL** UNDERstanding Vulnerability to Expand Insight on Local units, Italian Ministry-funded project

2022 –2025

Member of the **European research network on Local Councilors and Local Government** (Italian team member)

2023

Data collection and creation of the dataset on members of the Italian SPS/04 scientific community, Italian Political Science Association (SISP)

Research assistant

2022

Department of social, political and cognitive science, University of Siena

2021

EnTrust project – **Enlightened Trust in Governance Project, H2020** SC6 GOVERNANCE-01-2019: Trust in Governance, Grant Agreement No:870572, Center for the study of political change (CIRCaP), University of Siena

2020 – 2021

Mega Elite Survey (MES) project on the Italian Political Class, Excellence Project, Center for the study of political change (CIRCaP)-Department of Social, Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena

DialogUe project on deliberative democracy, Excellence Project, Department of Social, Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena

Intern

Dec 2019 – Jan 2020

Data collection for the **Mega Elite Survey (MES) project**, Center for the study of political change (CIRCaP)-Department of Social, Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Teaching tutor

B.A course in International Relations and M.A. course in International Relations and Global Politics,
Department of Political Science, University of Perugia

Academic years 2022-2023; 2023-2024; 2024-2025; 2025-2026

Tutoring activity to support the coordination of the Master's degree program in International Relations,
Department of Political Science, University of Perugia

Academic years 2023-2024; 2024-2025

VISITING PERIOD ABROAD

Feb 2025 – Mar 2025 (2 months): University of Ghent - Department of Political Science – Centre for Local Politics

Sept 2023 – Mar 2024 (6 months): University of Gothenburg – Quality of Government Institute

MEMBERSHIP

2023- present: Member of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)

2023-present: Member of the European Consortium on Political Research (ECPR) (institutional)

2023: Member of the Italian Association of Electoral Studies (SISE)

2023-present: Member of the Standing Groups of the Italian Association of Political Science (SISP):

- Candidate and Leader Selection
- Genere e Politica (Gender and Politics)
- Studi regionali e politiche locali (Regional Studies and Local Policies)

2023- present: Member of the Standing Groups of the European Consortium on Political Research (ECPR):

- Federalism and Regionalism
- Gender and Politics
- Local Government and Politics
- Southern European Politics
- Elites and Political Leadership

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue: Italian

Very good knowledge (spoken, written): English

Basic knowledge: Spanish

RESEARCH SKILLS

Data collection and data management: experience in creating and managing datasets for quantitative research

Quantitative data analysis: very good knowledge of SPSS and STATA; basic knowledge of R

Qualitative research: experience in conducting interviews and analyzing qualitative data, good knowledge of NVivo

Good knowledge of ID Survey and Qualtrics

Very good knowledge of MS Office

PARTICIPATION TO CONFERENCES AS PAPER GIVER:

Sept 25–26 2025: CEE-Loc Conference (Local Government Studies in Central and Eastern Europe) Budapest
Sept 18-19 2025: Annual Conference of Central European Political Science Association Warsaw
Sept 4-6 2025: Annual Conference SISP Naples
Aug 26-29 2025: ECPR General Conference Thessaloniki
June 6 2025: DEMSCORE Conference 2025 Gothenburg
Sept 12-14 2024: Annual Conference SISP Trieste
Aug 12-15 2024: ECPR General Conference Dublin
Jan 29-31 2024: Quality of Government Institute (QoG) Conference Oslo
Sept 10-12 2023: Annual Conference SISP Genoa
Sept 4-8 2023: ECPR General Conference Prague
May 26-27 2023: SISE International Conference Urbino
Jan 11-14 2023: Southern Political Science Association Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL

Panel chair:

Aug 26-29 2025: ECPR General Conference Thessaloniki

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Ponzo, M., Schwenk, J. 2025, *Underneath the Surface: Unpacking Gendered Dynamics in Legislative Oversight in Italian Municipalities*. Legislative Studies Quarterly. DOI: 10.1111/lsq.70021

Ponzo, M. 2024. *Municipal Political Elites: Sociodemographic Profiles and Career Paths in Umbria. Regional Studies and Local Development*. DOI: 10.14658/pupj-RSLD-2024-1-5

Book chapters

Bolgherini, S., Kalberer, S., and Ponzo, M. *Corruption in European Municipalities: The View of Local Councillors*. In Egner B., Heinelt H., Lysek J., and Verhelst V. (Eds.), *Municipal Councillors in Europe, Volume II: Citizens and Government*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2026. ISBN: 978-3-032-15559-7.

Bolgherini S., Gnaldi M., Ponzo M., *Tra corruzione e istituzioni: qualità della democrazia e vulnerabilità istituzionale in trent'anni di seconda Repubblica* in Curti S. (Eds) *Da Milano a Genova, Corrotti e Corruttori da Tangentopoli a oggi*, Il Mulino 2024

Ponzo M., Verzichelli L., *Prediletti, veterani e rieletti Vecchi e nuovi parlamentari*, pp. 109-125 in Vassallo S. e Verzichelli L. (Eds) *Il bipolarismo asimmetrico. L'Italia al voto dopo il decennio populista*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2023. DOI: 10.1401/9788815374868/c7

Ponzo M., Marangoni F., Verzichelli L., *Sociologia della classe politica italiana in tempi di crisi* in Martini S., Isernia P., Verzichelli L. (Eds) *La classe politica italiana: struttura, atteggiamenti, sfide*. Bologna, Il Mulino, 2023.

Datasets

Verhelst T., Lysek, J., Heinelt H., Egner B., Abolina I., Baranauskienė V., Bene M., Berdufi D., Bolgherini S., Bučaitė-Vilkė J., Bucek J., Bursać D., Cepo D., Copus C., De Ceuninck K., Diaz A., Dobos G., Dryžaitė I., Eythórsson G., Feltenius D., Foucault M., Gendzwill A., Ginesta V., Henriksson L., Hlepas N., Hlynisdóttir E. M., Jurlina Alibegović D., Kalberer S., Kasum D., Kerrouche E., Klobučník M., Kopriv I., Krasniqi A., Kübler D., Kukovič S., Lahtinen V., Lazauskiene A., Lidström A., Manojlović Toman R., Medir Tejado L., Navarro C., Oliver

T., Pano E., Petersohn B., Plesivcak M., Ponzo M., Razin E., Reinholde I., Roşioru R., Russell P., Ryšavý D., Silva P., Skoog L., Slijepcevic S., Stamenković V., Stănuş C., Steyvers K., Strazdiņa M., Sweeting D., Swianiewicz P., Szmigiel-Rawska K., Teles F., Vera Luis L. A., Vucicevic D., Walenta-Bergmann C., Wide J., *Local Councillors in Europe II Dataset and Appendices*, <https://doi.org/10.48328/tudatalib-1946>

Bosco A., Marino B., Bolgherini S., Ponzo M., Verzichelli L., Zucchini F., *Archivio SISP Organico Accademico della Scienza Politica Italiana*, 2024.

Research reports

Ponzo M., *Un'indagine sui consiglieri comunali in Umbria: classe politica e democrazia locale*, quaderno AUR 2024. [UN'INDAGINE SUI CONSIGLIERI COMUNALI IN UMBRIA: CLASSE POLITICA E DEMOCRAZIA LOCALE - Agenzia Umbria Ricerche](#)

Ponzo M., *Mappare la classe politica: profili sociodemografici e percorsi di carriera nei municipi umbri*, quaderno AUR 2024. [Mappare la classe politica: profili sociodemografici e percorsi di carriera nei municipi umbri - Agenzia Umbria Ricerche](#)

Angelucci D., Piccolino G., Ponzo M., Isernia P., Borri R., *L'opinione pubblica italiana e le sfide alla sicurezza: guerra in Ucraina, energia e cambiamento climatico*, Rapporto ASPEN-LAPS luglio 2022. [Rapporto-LAPS-ASPEN-18-luglio.pdf \(unisi.it\)](#)

Angelucci D., Martini M., Piccolino G., Ponzo M., Isernia P., Olmastroni F., Dessì A., Ezzamouri A., Goretti L., Greco E., *Gli italiani e la politica estera 2022*, Rapporto IAI-LAPS. [Gli italiani e la politica estera 2022 | IAI Istituto Affari Internazionali](#)

Perugia, 10/02/2026

