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ABOUT ME

I am a PhD candidate in Political Studies and in the Doctoral Programme in Democracy in the 21st Century, where I research collaborative institutions that connect citizens and public administrations across the entire policy cycle. Since 2024, I have been involved in the activities of the Open Government Partnership in both Italy and Portugal, contributing to initiatives aimed at institutionalising meaningful citizen participation. Since 2023, I have been working on public policy analysis and evaluation, including the design of toolkits to assess collaborative policies between citizens and public institutions ex ante, in itinere, and ex post through mixed-methods approaches.

EXPERIENCE

01 Oct 2025 – 31 Dec 2025

Lisbon (PT)

Researcher

**Agência para a Reforma Tecnológica do Estado,
Open Government Partnership Portugal**

Conducted comparative research on open government and public participation policies in Portugal and Italy, focusing on the role of hard and soft law in the institutionalisation of participation and the strengthening of civil society engagement in policy-making. Contributed to the analysis of the Portuguese OGP process by examining the institutional, legal and operational framework of participatory practices from a multilevel governance perspective.

10 Feb 2025 – 30 May 2025

Rome (IT)

Policy Consultant

**Formez PA - Department of Public Administration,
Open Government Partnership Italy**

Provided support to the Forum for Open Government and the National Point of Contact in the delivery of activities. Contributed to the design and development of initiatives related to the OG Local Plan and Open Government Week 2025. Carried out documentary analysis to support the drafting of the Guidelines on Participation, including the integration and revision of Chapter 3. Contributed to the drafting, review and editing of a response to a query in the context of a European Commission country visit.

22 Apr 2024 – 22 Oct 2024

Rome (IT)

Researcher

**Department of Public Administration,
Open Government Partnership Italy**

Conducted research and provided policy support within the Italian Open Government Partnership process, contributing to the co-creation of the 6th National Action Plan. Facilitated dialogue with key OGP stakeholders; supported the revision of the principles of the Charter of Participation promoted by AIP2; prepared public consultations on the ParteciPA platform; and analysed European Union and OECD documentation on public participation.

05 Sep 2022 – 16 Dec 2022

Rome (IT)

Trainee

Prefecture - Territorial Office of the Government of Rome
Area IV ter - Protection of Civil Rights, Citizenship and Immigration

02 May 2022

Grosseto (IT)

Guest Lecturer

Istituti Benedetto Croce

Mar 2022 – Nov 2023

Torino (IT)

Junior driving forces analyst

Forwardto - Studies and Skills for Future Scenarios

Apr 2019 – Sep 2020

Rome (IT)

Library Assistant

(Scholarship holder)

Political Science Library at Sapienza University of Rome

EDUCATION

01 Nov 2023 – Present

Rome (IT)

Coimbra (PT)

PhD Candidate

PhD Candidate in Political Studies (Sapienza University of Rome) and in Democracy in the 21st Century (University of Coimbra, Centre for Social Studies - CES)

Research project: Synergy between Citizens and Public Administration: Concepts and Tools for Co-Policymaking

PhD research project examining the theoretical, legal and institutional foundations of co-policymaking, with a focus on the relationship between citizens and public administration in participatory and collaborative governance. The project combines conceptual analysis, regulatory mapping and comparative case-study research on open government policies within the framework of the Open Government Partnership in Italy and Portugal.

Sep 2020 – 12 Jul 2023

Rome (IT)

Brussels (BE)

Master's Degree in Political Science

Systems of Government and Representative Institutions (Sapienza University of Rome)

Thesis: Co-design and participatory processes in the Tuscany Region: mapping and a toolkit for analysis and evaluation

Subject: Public Policy Analysis; Supervisor Prof. Giovanni Moro; Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

Erasmus+ Scholarship 2021/2022 (Feb 2022 – Jul 2022)

Host institution: Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Mar 2023 – 19 Sep 2023

Rome (IT)

School of Public Policy 2023

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Final paper: Synergy between citizens and Public Administration: participatory and collaborative practices in implementing the NRRP

02 Nov 2022 – 15 Nov 2022

Rome (IT)

Online Intensive Course

"The WPS Agenda for Sustainable Women's Empowerment: Strengthening the Gender Perspective in Post-Conflict Situations"

(Sapienza University of Rome, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation)

2021

Online (IT)

School of Political Mobilisation

Ti Candido Committee. The Power of Democracy

Sep 2017 – 06 Oct 2020

Rome (IT)

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology

(Sapienza University of Rome)

Thesis: Anti-politics since Tangentopoli: the transformation of traditional parties during the crisis of the Italian political system

Subject: History of Political Systems, Parties and Movements; Supervisor: Prof. Alessandra Tarquini; Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

2012 – 2017

Grosseto (IT)

Classical High School Diploma

(Liceo Classico Carducci-Ricasoli)

Final grade: 100/100

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Laino, V. (2025). *Al di là del tavolo. Processi partecipativi e co-progettazione: modelli e strumenti* (Beyond the Table: Participatory Processes and Co-Design: Models and Tools). Sapienza Università Editrice.

Book Chapters

Laino, V. & Allegretti, G. (2026). Innovación social como regeneración administrativa participativa: los pactos de colaboración en Italia (Social Innovation as Participatory Administrative Regeneration: Collaboration Pacts in Italy). In J. M. Mayor Balsas & A. González Salcedo (Eds.), *Innovación y gobernanza para la inclusión social*. Tirant Lo Blanch. (in press).

Laino, V. & Allegretti, G. (2026). Game Changers in Participation: When Authoritativeness Requires Agency to Effectively Transform Places. In A. Tavares, F. Teles, N. da Cruz, & L. de Sousa (Eds.), *The Elgar companion to quality of local governance: Concepts, methods and techniques*. Edward Elgar Publishing. (in press).

Laino, Vittoria (2025). Democrazia partecipativa e Amministrazione condivisa: istituti di collaborazione tra cittadinanza e Pubblica Amministrazione nei processi di definizione delle politiche pubbliche (Participatory Democracy and Shared Administration: Institutions of Collaboration between Citizens and Public Administration in Public Policy-Making Processes). In M. Varini, C. Pagliuca, S. Poli, E. Noia, N. Costalunga, C. Cornaggia, P. Brescia, A. Acconcia, C. Ferrari, A. Facchetti, G. Truscillo, T. Nupieri, M. Pezzolo, & M. Visioli (Eds.), *Nexus complexus: Sguardi sulla complessità* (Vol. 1, pp. 323–334). IPS Edizioni.

Book Reviews

Laino, V. (2024). Review of *Guida pratica alla co-programmazione e co-progettazione. Strategie e strumenti per costruire agende collaborative* (Practical Guide to Co-Programming and Co-Design: Strategies and Tools for Building Collaborative Agendas), by C. Borzaga, L. Fazzi, & A. Rosignoli (2023). *Studi Politici*.

Conference Proceedings

Laino, V., Melis, B. & Travascio, I. (2021). Un ritaglio di luce (A Slice of Light). In S. Giusti & F. Batini (Eds.), *Immaginare il futuro che cambia: Quaderno di lavoro VIII convegno biennale sull'orientamento narrativo* (pp. 64–68). Pensa Multimedia.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINARS

19 Feb 2026

Conference: Conflitti e forme della partecipazione politica nelle democrazie contemporanee (Conflicts and Forms of Political Participation in Contemporary Democracies)

Political Sociology Section of AIS (SNS/COSMOS), Scuola Normale Superiore (Firenze, Italy)

Presentation title: *The Local as a Laboratory of Institutionalised Conflict: Collaborating in Invited Spaces*

13 Nov 2025 – 14 Nov 2025

Workshop: Pensare l'Europa. Percorsi critici sull'integrazione europea (Thinking Europe. Critical Pathways on European Integration) Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

Presentation title: *Soft Law as a Nudge: Processes of Institutionalisation of Participatory Governance in the European Framework*

25 Sep 2025 – 27 Sep 2025

Conference: AIS National Conference of Political Sociology University of Perugia (Perugia, Italy)

Presentation title: *Democratic Invited Spaces: Institutionalising Conflict in Public Policy-Making*

01 Jul 2025

Conference: Governare con le persone. Il 6NAP e il futuro della partecipazione pubblica (Governing with People. The 6th NAP and the Future of Public Participation)

Online

Presentation title: *Origins, Aims and Potential Impact of Open Government*

03 Jun 2025 – 05 Jun 2025

Workshop: Marginalità, potere e terzietà (Marginality, Power and Thirdness)

Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

General organisation and moderation of the panel “Marginality, Public Policies and Soft Law”

27 May 2025

Conference: *Votare per decidere. Referendum 8-9 giugno* (Voting to Decide. Referendum of 8-9 June)

Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

General organisation and moderation

05 May 2025

Book presentation: *Partecipazione democratica. Dialogando di sogni e realtà* (Democratic Participation. Discussing Dreams and Reality)

(Follonica, Italy)

24 Mar 2025 – 29 Mar 2025

Conference: Dialoghi sull'Europa 2025 (Dialogues on Europe 2025)

Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

Presentation title: *Pathways of Formalisation and Institutionalisation of Participatory and Collaborative Tools between Citizens and Institutions at the European Level: The Role of Soft Law as a Nudge for National Policies*

28 Nov 2024 – 30 Nov 2024

Conference: Conferenza Nazionale delle Dottorande e dei Dottorandi in Scienze Sociali - NEXUS COMPLEXUS. Sguardi sulla complessità: intrecci e interscambi nelle scienze sociali (National Conference of PhD Candidates in Social Sciences)

University of Cremona (Cremona, Italy)

Presentation title: *Participatory Democracy and Shared Administration: Institutions of Collaboration between Citizens and Public Administration in Public Policy-Making Processes*

13 Sep 2024 – 15 Sep 2024

Conference: Connessioni: il potere della democrazia partecipativa. Pratiche di governo aperto: dalla nuova Carta della Partecipazione Pubblica 2024 verso le Linee guida nazionali (Connections: The Power of Participatory Democracy. Open Government Practices: From the New 2024 Charter of Public Participation towards National Guidelines)

(Bologna, Italy)

Comment on the principle of Transparency within the Festival of Participation

25 Jun 2024

Workshop: Metodi, Tecniche e prospettive per un dottorato in Studi Politici (Methods, Techniques and Perspectives for a PhD in Political Studies)

Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

May 2025 – Present

Representative on the Department Council of Political Science, Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

Feb 2025 – Present

Representative on the PhD Board in Political Studies, Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

Sep 2024 – May 2025

Member of the Quality Assurance Management Committee (CGAQ), Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

Jan 2021 – Present

Member of the Fáros group (Follonica, Italy)

Social, political and cultural activism at the local level

12 May 2025

Speaker (Follonica, Italy)

Talk on the referendum question concerning citizenship (8-9 June 2025)

16 Nov 2023

Speaker (Follonica, Italy)

Talk delivered during the presentation of the participatory process for the urban regeneration of the Ex-Ilva area (Next ILVA)

2021

Collaborator at Biblioteca Comunale della Ghisa (Follonica, Italy)

Selection of titles and reorganisation of interior spaces

Dec 2021

Collaborator in the *Temporary Urban Lab* (Follonica, Italy)

Co-organisation of two of the four working groups aimed at promoting citizen participation in the urban regeneration process of the Ex-Ilva area in Follonica

18 Oct 2021

Panelist at *Siete Presente* (Pisa, Italy)

Participatory process aimed at developing cultural policies in the Tuscany Region, organised and coordinated by Giovanisi (Tuscany Region) and Forwardto - Studies and Skills for Future Scenarios

01 Oct 2021 – 02 Oct 2021

Speaker (Follonica, Italy)

Talk delivered at the biennial conference on narrative guidance *Le Storie Siamo Noi, 8a Edizione - Immaginare il futuro che cambia*

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

Languages: Italian (native), English (C1)

Digital skills: Windows, macOS, Android, iOS, web browsers, social media, Adobe Lightroom, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace

Mar 2024 – Mar 2024

General Occupational Health and Safety Training for Workers and Equivalent Personnel

Jul 2021 – Jul 2021

Workplace Health and Safety Training Course

Jun 2021 – Jun 2021

HACCP Certification

2020

24 CFUs for Teaching Certification