

## NICOLO' CONTI

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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Unitelma Sapienza University  
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### PRESENT POSITION

Associate professor (tenure track) of Political Science at Unitelma Sapienza, Rome

Adjunct professor at New York University of Florence

National Scientific Habilitation as Full professor in Political Science (obtained in 2017)

### QUALIFICATIONS

2004 PHD in Comparative and European Politics

CIRCaP, University of Siena

Dissertation title: "Party Attitudes to European Integration: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Italian Case"

2000 Masters of Arts in Politics in Europe: Interactions between Domestic and Supranational Arenas (with distinction)

CIRCaP, University of Siena

Dissertation title: "The European Elections in Italy: a Content Analysis of Party Manifestos"

1997 First class honours degree in Political Sciences (110/110 cum laude, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Siena

Thesis title: "Domestic Parties and European Issue: a Comparative Study of European Elections in France and Italy"

1990 Italian A level

## HONOURS AND PRIZES

- Marie Curie Fellowship of the European Commission, Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex (U.K), October 2002 - April 2003
- Fondazione Monte dei Paschi fellowship for young researchers, 2000-2002
- University of Westminster (London) scholarship for exchange students, 1993
- Erasmus scholarship for undergraduate students, University of Poitiers (France), 1992

## CAREER

2015- Co-Director of the Masters Programme “Fare Politica”, Unitelma Sapienza University, Rome

2014- Associate professor of Political Science (tenure track) at Unitelma Sapienza University, Rome

2012- Lecturer of Comparative Politics and Western European Politics at New York University Florence

2010-2014 Assistant professor of Political Science (*ricercatore*, tenure track) at Unitelma Sapienza University, Rome

2009 Lecturer of Political Science, University of Siena

Lecturer of Italian Politics, Georgetown University, Florence Centre

2005-09: Post-doctoral fellow (*assegnista di ricerca*)

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Siena

2005-07: Project Manager of Integrated and United: a Quest for European Citizenship, an Integrated Project funded by the European Commission within the VI Framework Programme and coordinated by the University of Siena

1999-09: Instructor of Political Science, Methodology for the Social Sciences, Comparative Politics – BA in Political Sciences Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Siena

1999-09: Lecturer of Italian Political System and the Process of European Integration - Programme for exchange students of Delaware University (U.S.A.), University of Siena

2007- Lecturer of Nationalism and Regionalism in Contemporary Italian Politics, IES, Siena

2004-2008: Lecturer of Party Politics and European Integration -

MA in Politics in Europe: Interactions between Domestic and Supranational Arenas and Phd in Comparative and European Politics

University of Siena

2004-07: Lecturer of World Affairs and in Contemporary Western Europe - The Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York, , Florence campus

2005: Lecturer of European Union Politics - Institute of Fine and Liberal Arts Palazzo Rucellai, Florence, Italy

2005: Trainer in EU Affairs - Course for Civil Servants of the Romanian Public Administration, Phare Project, European Institute of Bucharest, Romania

2004: Lecturer of The Political System of the European Union - Integrazia – Programme for students and civil servants from Kaliningrad (Russia) sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Bologna at Forlì, Italy

## **TEACHING PORTFOLIO**

- EU politics and policy-making
- Western political systems
- Comparative politics
- Italian politics
- Party politics
- Methodology for the social sciences

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Party politics
- Coalition governments
- Elite studies
- Euroscepticism

## ***PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS***

2017-2019: *Politics e Policy in Europa in tempo di crisi: Cause e Conseguenze*  
Funded by the Italian Ministry of Education (PRIN 2015).  
Team leader of partner institution

2016-2017: *Populismo di governo? La leadership politica e la sfida per il consenso.*  
Funded by Unitelma Sapienza University, Rome.  
Principal investigator

2015-2017: *Bridging the gap between public opinion and European leadership: Engaging a dialogue on the future path of Europe* (EUENGAGE). Horizon 2020.  
Team leader of partner institution

2014-2015: *La costruzione dell'agenda politica nell'Europa del Sud in tempo di crisi.* Funded by Unitelma Sapienza University, Rome.  
Principal investigator

2013-2014: *L'Europa e l'Italia, segnali di crisi?* Funded by Unitelma Sapienza University, Rome.  
Principal investigator

2011-2013: *National interests and solidarity among Europeans. Representation in the supranational polity and the challenge of the economic crisis*. Funded by the Italian Ministry of Education (PRIN 2009).

Participant

2010-2013: *Political parties and Democratic Accountability*. Funded by Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, Lisbon.

Participant

2008-2011: *Providing an Infrastructure for Research on Electoral Democracy in the European Union* (PIREDEU). Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union.

National expert

2008-2010: *The variable geometries of a compound polity: actors and representation in an integrated Europe*. Funded by the Italian Ministry of Education (PRIN 2007).

Participant

2005-2009: *Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe* (INTUNE). Sixth Framework Programme of the European Union.

Participant with the coordinating institution

Ongoing project: *Euromanifestos Project*. Various funding bodies.

National expert

Ongoing project: *Comparative Manifestos Project*, renamed *Manifesto Research on Political Representation* (MARPOR) since 2009. Various funding bodies.

National expert

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Languages: Italian (native speaker), English (fluent spoken and written), French (fluent spoken and written)
- Referee for the European Journal of Political Research, West European Politics, Party Politics, South European Society and Politics, Government and Opposition, Contemporary Politics, Italian Political Science Review, Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée, Contemporary Italian Politics, and for Routledge Publisher.
- Member of the board of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP, since September 2016).
- Member of the the ECPR Standing Groups on Parties, Elites and Southern European Politics.
- Co-convenor of the Standing Group on the European Union of the Italian Political Science Association.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Volumes

1. Conti, N., Hutter, S. and Nanou, K. (eds.) (forthcoming), *Party Competition and Political Representation in Crisis: A comparative perspective*. Special issue of *Party Politics*
2. Conti, N., Goncz, B. and Real Dato, J. (eds.) (forthcoming), *European integration and the Eurozone crisis: the view of national political elites*, London, Routledge
3. Conti, N. and Memoli, V. (2016), *Citizens, Europe and the Media - Have New Media made Citizens more Eurosceptical?*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan
4. Conti, N. and F. Marangoni (eds.) (2015), *The Challenge of Coalition Government. The Italian Case*, London, Routledge
5. Conti, N. (ed.) (2014), *Party Attitudes Towards the EU in the Member States*, London, Routledge
6. Bellucci, P. and N. Conti (eds.) (2012), *Gli Italiani e l'Europa*, Rome, Carocci
7. Conti, N., M. Cotta and P. T. de Almeida (eds.) (2011), *Perspectives of National Elites on European Citizenship. A South European View*, London, Routledge
8. Conti, N., M. Cotta and P. T. de Almeida (ed.) (2010), *Citizenship, the EU and Domestic Elites*, special issue of *South European Society and Politics*, 15:1
9. Conti, N. (ed.) (2010), *Which Europe do Parties Want? A View from France, Italy, Portugal and Spain*, special issue of *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 11:20
10. Conti, N., *L'Europa vista dai Partiti. Paesi dell'UE e Italia a Confronto* (2009), Pisa University Press
11. Conti, N., F. Tronconi and C. Roux (ed.) (2009), *Parties and Voters in Italy: The Challenges of Multi-level Competition*, special issue of *Modern Italy*, 14:2

### Articles with peer review

1. Charalambous, G., Conti, N. and Pedrazzani, A. (forthcoming), *The political contestation of European integration in southern Europe: A story of friction among and within parties*, in *Party Politics*, accepted for publication on May 26 2017
2. Conti, N., Hutter, S. and Nanou, K. (forthcoming), *Party Competition and Political Representation in Crisis: An Introductory Note*, in *Party Politics*, accepted for publication on October 12 2017
3. Conti, N. and Tronconi, F. (2016), *Le Mouvement Cinq Étoiles. Organisation, idéologie et performances électorales d'un nouveau protagoniste de la politique italienne*, in *Pôle Sud*, 2016/2
1. Conti, N., Cotta, M. and Verzichelli, L. (2016), *The Economic Crisis and its Effects on the Attitudes of Italian Political Elites Towards the EU*, in *Historical Social Research*, 41:4
2. Conti, N. (2016), *The Italian political elites and Europe: Big move, small change?*, in *International Political Science Review*, advance online publication, doi: 10.1177/0192512116641803

3. Conti, N. and Memoli, V. (2016), *Media, cittadini, euroscetticismo: l'influenza dei mezzi di comunicazione nell'orientare gli atteggiamenti verso l'Ue*, in *Comunicazione Politica*, 2016/1
4. Conti, N. and Memoli, V. (2015), *Show the money first! Changing public attitudes toward the EU in Italy*, in *Italian Political Science Review*, 45:2
5. Conti, N. e Memoli, V. (2015), *The emergence of a new party in the Italian party system: rise and fortunes of the Five Star Movement*, in *West European Politics*, 39:3
6. Conti, N. (2014), *New Parties and the Transformation of the Italian Political Space*, in *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 6:3
7. Caiani, M. and N. Conti (2014), *In the Name of the People: the Euroscepticism of the Italian Radical Right*, in *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 15:2
8. Conti, N. and V. Memoli (2013), *Dalle Parole ai Fatti: L'Attuazione del Programma di Governo*, in *Polis*, 27:3
9. Conti, N. and V. Memoli (2012), *The Multi-faceted Nature of Party-based Euroscepticism*, in *Acta Politica*, 47:1
10. Conti, N. and E. De Giorgi (2011), *L'Euroscetticismo a Parole: Lega Nord e Rifondazione Comunista, tra Retorica e Comportamento Istituzionale*, in *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 41:2
11. Conti, N. (2011), *The Radical Right in Europe, Between Slogans and Voting Behaviour*, in *Análise Social*, 46:201
12. Conti, N. and V. Memoli (2010), *Le Posizioni Programmatiche dei Partiti Italiani in Occasione delle Elezioni Europee*, in *Polis*, 24:3
13. Conti, N. (2010), *European Citizenship in Party Euromanifestos: Southern Europe in Comparative Perspective (1994-2004)*, in *South European Society and Politics*, 15:1
14. Conti, N., M. Cotta and P. T. de Almeida (2010), *European Citizenship and the National Elites of Southern Europe*, in *South European Society and Politics*, 15:1
15. Conti, N., M. Cotta and P. T. de Almeida (2010), *Southern Europe: A Distinctive and More Pro-European Region in the EU?*, in *South European Society and Politics*, 15:1
16. Conti, N. (2010), *Introduction*, in *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 11:2
17. Conti, N. and V. Memoli (2010), *Italian Parties and Europe: Problems of Identity, Representation and Scope of Governance in the Euromanifestos (1989-2004)*, in *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 11:2
18. Conti, N. (2009), *Tied hands? Italian Political Parties and Europe*, in *Modern Italy*, 14:2
19. Conti, N. and A. R. Manca (2008), *L'Europa nel Discorso Politico degli Stati Membri: Un'Analisi degli Euromanifesti*, in *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 38:2
20. Conti, N. (2008), *On the political 'fragmentation': Stay in or stay out? The role of small parties in the Italian Centre-Left*, in *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 13:3
21. Conti, N. (2008), *The Italian Parties and their Programmatic Platforms: How Alternative?*, in *Modern Italy*, 13:4
22. Conti, N. (2007), *Domestic Parties and European Integration: The Problem of Party Attitudes to the EU and the Europeanisation of Parties*, in *European Political Science*, 6:2

23. Conti, N. (2006) *Party Conflict Over European Integration in Italy: A New Dimension of Party Competition?*(2006), in *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans*, 8:2

#### Chapters in edited books

1. Conti, N. (2017), *How the Media Make European Citizens More Eurosceptical*, in M. Caiani and S. Guerra (eds.), *Euroscepticism, Democracy and the Media*, Basingstoke, Palgrave
2. Conti, N. (2016), *Euroscettici a Parole, Europeisti nei Fatti: Partiti e Classe Politica*, in D. Pasquinucci and L. Verzichelli (eds.), *Contro l'Europa? I Diversi Scetticismi verso l'Integrazione Europea*, Bologna, Il Mulino
3. Conti N. (2015), *Socialists, Republicans and Radicals*, in Jones, E. and Pasquino, G. (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Italian Politics*, Oxford University Press
4. Conti, N. (2015), *Italy meets Europe: Elites, Citizens and Institutions*, in A. Mammone, E. Parini and G. Veltri (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Italy*, London, Routledge
5. Conti, N. (2015), *From Words to Facts: the Implementation of the Government Agreement*, in Conti, N. and F. Marangoni (eds.), *The Challenge of Coalition Government. The Italian Case*, London, Routledge
6. Conti, N. and F. Marangoni (2015), *Introduction*, in Conti, N. and F. Marangoni (eds.), *The Challenge of Coalition Government. The Italian Case*, London, Routledge
7. Conti, N. and F. Marangoni (2015), *Conclusions*, in Conti, N. and F. Marangoni (eds.), *The Challenge of Coalition Government. The Italian Case*, London, Routledge
8. Conti, N. (2014), *Introduction*, in N. Conti (ed.), *Party Attitudes Towards the EU in the Member States*, London, Routledge
9. Conti, N. and V. Memoli (2014), *Italy*, in N. Conti (ed.), *Party Attitudes Towards the EU in the Member States*, London, Routledge
10. Blondel, J. and N. Conti (2012), *Italy*, in J. Blondel and T. Inoguchi (eds.) *Political Parties and Democracy Contemporary Western Europe and Asia*, Basingstoke, Palgrave MacMillan
11. Conti, N. and L. Verzichelli (2012), *Italy*, in E. Kulahci (ed.) *Europeanisation and Party Politics*, Essex, ECPR PRESS
12. Conti, N. and V. Memoli (2012), *L'Europa secondo i partiti: vincolo, scelta o opportunità?*, in P. Bellucci and N. Conti (eds.) *Gli Italiani e l'Europa. Opinione pubblica, élite politiche e media*, Rome, Carocci
13. Conti, N. (2011), *The EU in the Programmatic Statements of Domestic Parties*, in H. Best, G. Lengyel and L. Verzichelli (eds.), *The Europe of Elites. A Study into the Europeanness of Europe's Economic and Political Elites*, Oxford, Oxford University Press
14. Conti, N. (2010), *The Programmatic Convergence of Parties and their Weakness in Policy Making*, in A. Mammone e G. A. Veltri (eds.), *Italy Today: The Sick Man of Europe*, London, Routledge.
15. Conti, N., M. Cotta e F. Tronconi (2008), *La thèse du Parti de Cartel en Question: Le Cas Italien*, in Y. Aucante e A. Dézé (eds.), *Les Transformations des Systèmes de Partis dans les Démocraties Occidentales. La thèse du Parti de Cartel en Question*, Parigi, Presse de Science Po.
16. Conti, N. e L. Verzichelli (2005), *La Dimensione Europea del Discorso Politico: Un'Analisi Diacronica del Caso Italiano (1950-2001)*, in M. Cotta, P. Isernia e L. Verzichelli (eds.), *L'Europa in Italia*, Bologna, Il Mulino

## Working Papers

1. Conti, N. (2011), *The Radical Right in Europe, Between Slogans and Voting Behavior*, Institute for Advanced Studies, Political Science Series 123, Vienna
2. Conti, N. (2009), *The European Parliament Election in Italy, 6-7 June 2009*, European Parliament Election Paper 45, University of Sussex, Brighton
3. Conti, N. (2007), *The Italian Parties and Their Programmatic Platforms: How Alternative?*, CIRCaP Occasional Paper 19, University of Siena
4. Conti, N. (2004), *The European Parliament Election in Italy, 12-23 June 2004*, European Parliament Election Paper 20, University of Sussex, Brighton
5. Conti, N. e L. Verzichelli (2003), *The European Dimension of the Political Discourse in Italy: a Longitudinal Analysis (1950-2002)*, CIRCaP Occasional Paper 12, University of Siena
6. Conti, N. (2003), *Party Attitudes to European Integration: a Longitudinal Analysis of the Italian Case (1994-2002)*, SEI WP 70 e EPERN WP 13, University of Sussex, Brighton