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Research Interests

(Historical, Applied) Political Economy, (Mixed) Political Methodology, Socio-economic History, and Industrial Policy.

Education

Università di Tor Vergata , Advanced 2 nd Level M.A. In: The Global Twentieth Century: Historical and Historiographical Paths	09/2025 – 06/2026 <i>Rome, Italy</i>
S.I.O.I. UNA Italy , Preparation Course Preparation Course for the Diplomatic Career Examination	09/2025 – 05/2026 <i>Rome, Italy</i>
LUISS Guido Carli , Intensive Course Intensive Preparation Course for the Diplomatic Career Examination	09/2024 – 03/2025 <i>Rome, Italy</i>
LUISS Guido Carli , M.A. in International Relations – Major: Diplomacy <i>Supervised by Prof. A. Varsori</i> Final Grade: 110 / 110 <i>cum Laude</i> and “ <i>Special Acknowledgement</i> ”	09/2023 – 07/2025 <i>Rome, Italy</i>
LUISS Guido Carli , B.A. in Political Science (Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics) <i>Supervised by Prof. R. Marchetti</i> Final Grade: 110 / 110 <i>cum Laude</i>	09/2020 – 07/2023 <i>Rome, Italy</i>
Liceo Scientifico Enrico Fermi , Highschool Diploma <i>Scientific-Linguistic Highschool</i> Final Grade: 100/100 <i>cum Laude</i>	09/2015 – 06/2020 <i>Sciacca, Italy</i>

Teaching and Research Experience

LUISS Guido Carli <i>Teaching Assistant & Subject Expert</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Course of “European Political Economy in Times of Crises” (EPETC), of Prof. Marco Simoni.Autonomously teaching, correcting exams, and helping students draft their theses.Lecturing on causes, development and consequences of the last-fifteen-year Euro-crises.	10/2025 – CURRENT <i>Rome, Italy</i>
LUISS Research Center for European Analysis and Policy (LEAP) <i>Predoctoral Fellow and Researcher</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Under the supervision of Prof. Valentina Meliciani.Drafting working papers.Managing events and conferences.	10/2025 – CURRENT <i>Rome, Italy</i>
Policy, Industry, Europe (PIE) Observatory <i>Predoctoral Researcher</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitoring European industrial policy, under the supervision of Prof. Marco Simoni.Researching on the political-economic dynamics of European industrial and trade policy.Research on state intervention in the economy.	10/2025 – CURRENT <i>Rome, Italy</i>

Newspaper Publications (06/2022-01/2026)

Art as Prophecy – *Madama Louise*

The Geo-economic Development Strategy of China and the American Response – *Madama Louise*

Frog Parties: How the (Italian) Political System Evolves – *Madama Louise*

The Path of the War; What's War? – *Madama Louise*

Leonardo Discovers God – *Madama Louise*

Why is romanticism gotten out of fashion? Interview to a prominent University Professor – *Osservatore Romano*

Technology changes (us) – *Osservatore Romano*

Futurism 2.0: anxious but capable – *Osservatore Romano*

Generation Z looks for other – *Osservatore Romano*

If we are not aware of being contemporary – *Osservatore Romano*

Femicides: a new war between (poor) groups – *Think Tank, Nazione Futura*

Victory for the government: new NRRP and 21 billion euros more for Italy – *Think Tank, Nazione Futura*

Fifth tranche of NRRP: the Government proceeds – *Think Tank, Nazione Futura*

Nicaragua, a persecuted Church – *Think Tank, Nazione Futura*

AfroItalia debuts in Rome: Mattei's plan takes shape – *Think Tank, Nazione Futura*

Young Africans: A craving for involvement – *Osservatore Romano*

Beautiful 'America' and the depressed twenty-somethings – *Osservatore Romano*

Families that resist – *Osservatore Romano*

The Fidelity of Ordinary Days – *Osservatore Romano*

Academic Publications

La Bella M. (November 2025), **The geometry of US-Italy relations from October 1943 to April 1948: The political cosmogony of a "weighty interdependent" relationship**, forthcoming.

La Bella M. (October 2025), **Toward a new spatial political-economic theory of "trade policy processes": From reviewing various models to a new conception of trade policy-making**, *Brown Journal of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, pp.: 1-53, under review.

La Bella M. (December 2024), **Towards a Just Europe: A theory of an 'Ethnodemocracy'**, pp.: 1-13, ResearchGate.

La Bella M. (December 2024), **European political economy of inequality and structures: Investigating the relation between anti-system politics and the crisis of legitimacy in the EU**, pp.: 1-16, ResearchGate.

Introcaso R., La Bella M., Tamburrini A. (September 2024), **Inquiring the differential effects of low-, medium- and high- skilled immigration on market productivity and efficiency: Evidence from 21 Italian sub-national labour markets**, pp.: 1-17, ResearchGate.

La Bella M. (October 2024), **Book-review of Michel Rolph Trouillot's 'silencing the past: Power and the production of history'**, pp.: 1-2, ResearchGate.

La Bella M. (June 2024), **The Eurocentric approach to (external) sovereignty. From 1648 Westphalia to modern Luxembourg: A contextual analysis of EU member states' independence. Focus on mixed agreements and codes of conduct**, pp.: 1-14, ResearchGate.

Working Papers and Other Papers

La Bella M., Micol N. G., **EU Industrial Policy Monitor, PIE**, Paper Series, All Editions.

La Bella M., Micol N. G. (November 2025), **Deep Market Integration, Welfare-State Model, and Strategic Autonomy: the EU Strategic Trilemma**, LEAP Working Paper, forthcoming.

Old solutions for new problems? A prospectus of German equilibria – *Think Tank Paper N°24/2024, Nazione Futura*

Research Data

Research Data (as per 10/2025, [ResearchGate](#)): **15.6** Research Interest Score | **2** Citations | **1** h-index

Work Experience

Osservatore Romano 02/2023 – CURRENT
External Editorial Contributor Rome, Italy

- Writing for the “Cantiere Giovani” rubric.
- Articles of socio-political interest.
- The official (political) journal of the Holy See.

Treenacria Innovazione e Creatività 07/2022 – CURRENT
Vice President and Founder Sciacca, Italy

- A youth-lead Sicilian not-for-profit association.
- Last project won: Small KA2 (EUR 60,000) co-funded by Erasmus+, “F-LIFE”.
- Managing and designing projects of European and national economic dependence.
- From digital art to entrepreneurial knowledge, and from creative culture to professional education.
- Website per: <https://www.treenacria.org>

U.S. Embassy 05/2023 – 05/2024
Political Specialist Intern at the Political Section (POL) Rome, Italy

- Interpreting Italian political affairs, e.g., domestic party politics forecasts and competition.
- Analysing and reporting on daily issues, e.g., EU regulations, government's activities.
- Updating the U.S. Department of State about the Italian political situation.
- Covering portfolios on (i) social policy and migration, (ii) domestic politics, (iii) foreign and military affairs.

JE Italy 11/2022 – 10/2023
Head of Public Affairs Milan and Rome, Italy

- JE Italy is the confederation of +35 Italian Junior Enterprises (JEs).
- Public engagement and relations; collaborating with institutions and public administrations.

Embassy of Pakistan 09/2022 – 12/2022
Intern at the Defence Attaché Rome, Italy

- Writing economic and political analyses.
- Condensing daily press news and making media briefs.

JELU Consulting 08/2021 – 02/2023
Head of Business Development Rome, Italy

- Working for the strategic planning and network-enhancement of SMEs and Start-ups.
- Managing a department of ca. 15 associates.
- A JE focused on strategic and corporate consulting.

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06/2022 – 11/2022

Deputy Editorial Chief

Rome, Italy

- Previously editorial contributor for ca. a year.
- Correcting articles written by a huge variety of editors on current affairs.
- Organizing the content and structure of both the digital and printed journal.

NoWFOOD, University of Chester

09/2018 – 10/2018

Intern at the Depts. of Chemistry and Nanotechnology

Chester, UK

- Researching for the chemical and nanotechnological development of gastronomic products.
- Excellent scientific results witnessed by the final valuation written by the departments' manager.

Guest Lectures, Presentations, and Invited Talks

October 2025, *Guest Lecturer* **on the quantitative methodology behind two of my research works**, Class of “Research Methods for Social Sciences”, invited by Prof. Luca Secondi, Prof. Federico Brogi, and Prof. Elisabetta Mannoni, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome.

October 2025, *Guest Lecturer* **on the quantitative methodology behind two of my research works**, Class of “Research Methods for Social Sciences”, invited by Prof. Carmine Pappalardo, Prof. Federico Brogi, and Prof. Elisabetta Mannoni, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome.

February 2025, *Speaker* at and *Organizer* of the multiplier, final, event of the “F-LIFE” project **on the role of women and older cohorts with respect to the preservation of maritime and sustainable culture and on the fight against climate change**, organized by “Treenacria Innovazione e Creatività,” Sciacca City Hall, Italy.

May 2024, *My presentation* of a Research Poster at the event “LUISS Unleash” on the paper **“Inquiring the differential effects of low-, medium- and high- skilled immigration on market productivity and efficiency: Evidence from 21 Italian sub-national labour markets”**, organized by LUISS University, Rome, Italy.

May 2024, *Speaker* at the event “EUROPA '24: LE VOCI DELL'UNIONE” **on electoral politics, the “democratic gap,” and youth involvement in questions of constitutional relevance**, organized by AISES Foundation, Office of the EU Parliament in Italy, Rome.

April 2024, *Speaker* at the event “Orizzonti d'Europa” **on the contribution of the young population to the fight against climate change**, organized by “Giovani Universitari in Parlamento (GUP),” Office of the EU Parliament in Italy, Rome.

November 2023, *Speaker* at the event “Youth Innovator Forum 2023” **on the impact of certain youth-oriented policies already adopted and under review by the EU institutions and EU Member States**, organized by “Giovani Universitari in Parlamento (GUP),” Permanent Representation of the EU Institutions to Italy, Rome.

August 2023, *Speaker* at and *Organizer* of the event “Sciacca Uncovered: Turismo tra Cultura e Patrimonio” **on the strategic and economic relevance of coast-maritime and cultural tourism in Sicily**, organized by “Treenacria Innovazione e Creatività,” Sciacca, Italy.

Scholarships and Awards

Merit-based Reduction of the fee, Advanced Master's Degree at Università di Roma Tor Vergata, dispensed by Università di Roma Tor Vergata, 2025.

Merit-based Selection of the best academic research papers, *LUISS Unleash* at LUISS University.

Skills, Projects, and Interests

Languages: Italian (Native), English (C2.1), German (C1.1), French (B2.2)

IT Skills: MS Office Package, Social Media, Social Network, Use of email and shared workspace services, Hardware and Software, Web Browsers, Advanced Applied Statistical Analysis

Programming Languages: Python

Specialized Software: R, RStudio, SPSS Package, Data visualisation (Tableau)

Certifications & Training: From Poverty to Prosperity: Understanding Economic Development (Edx, Oxford University), Making Government Work in Hard Places (Edx, Princeton University), European Project Course within the ESC 2021-2027 (ANG – National Youth Agency), Applied Ethic Course (LUISS), Goethe Institut Rom (C1.1 German language course)

Activities: Italian Red Cross, Fridays for Future, MSOI Rome Associate

Projects: EU Commission monitoring's V.O.L.U.M.E. in Manisa (Turkey), The A.R.C.T.I.C. project (Eurasian network), LUISS Unleash (best selected academic research projects to be presented in front of the LUISS rectorate), Only EU youth association to win a specific Small KA2 (EUR 60k) co-funded by Erasmus+ "F-LIFE"

Skills: Internationality, multidisciplinary and strategic thinking, methodic and technic approach, resistance to conditions of working surplus, excellent comprehension of both internal and external political issues, excellent propensity to multicultural, linguistic, political, and social mediation, ability to adapt, excellent organizational and time management abilities

Subscriptions: "Italian Review of International History" (SISI), "The International Community" (SIOI)