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- CURRENT POSITION    Post-doctoral Researcher, SNF Project '*Inequality in the Mind*', Principal investigator: prof. Nathalie Giger, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva.
- RESEARCH INTERESTS    Legislative studies, party politics, electoral behaviour, elite surveys, comparative and quantitative methods
- EDUCATION    **European University Institute**
- Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences, obtained on 03.05.2019.
    - Dissertation: *The politics of turning coat. A Comparative and Historical Analysis of Party Switching in Western Europe (1945-2015)*. Supervisor: Prof. Stefano Bartolini.
  - Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences, obtained on 25.06.2015.
- University of Florence, Italy**
- M.A. in Political Sciences and Decision-Making Processes, awarded with honours (110/110 cum laude) and obtained on 22.10.2012.
  - B.Sc. in Political Sciences, awarded with honours (110/110 cum laude) and obtained on 21.02.2011.
- PUBLICATIONS    Volpi, Elisa. (2019). "Ideology and party switching: A comparison of 12 West European countries". In *Parliamentary Affairs*, Volume 72, Issue 1, January 2019, Pages 1–20, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pa/gsx079>. Article selected as Editor's Choice for the issue.
- Ceron, Andrea and Elisa Volpi (forthcoming). "Parliamentary defections and perceived proximity between politicians and their party". In: *Party Politics*.

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- WORKING PAPERS
- Ceron, Andrea and Elisa Volpi. "Defections as valence loss. Electoral strategies after party switching". *Submitted*.
- Volpi, Elisa, Felix-Christopher von Nostitz and François Briatte. "Searching for the Cartel Party: Inter-party Collusion and Legislative Activity". *Conference paper*.
- Volpi, Elisa and Pirmin Bundi, "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing? Policy Preferences and Legislative Party Switching". *Conference paper*.
- Volpi, Elisa. "Mass transformation or lone defectors? Parties' representational style and party switching". *Conference paper*.
- TEACHING EXPERIENCE
- Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf* (Germany): Instructor for a block seminar on comparative electoral systems (24 hours of class). November 2018.
- University of Lucerne* (Switzerland): Instructor for a block seminar on comparative electoral systems (21 hours of class). Spring term 2018.
- University of Florence* (Italy): Instructor for an undergraduate seminar (ten-hours) on Italian party system, under the supervision of prof. Alessandro Chiamonte. (Students' evaluations available upon request.) March-April 2017.
- PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
- Teaching Assistant* at the University of Milan, Undergraduate Seminar on Political Science led by prof. Andrea Ceron, April-September 2019.
- Coder* for the Euandi 2019 project, a Voting Advice Application for the 2019 European Elections: <https://euandi2019.eu/survey/default/EN>.
- Visiting researcher*, Université Libre de Bruxelles, September-December 2017, Mentor: Prof. Emilie van Haute.
- Coder* for the project 'Societyly', a Voting Advice Application for the 2016 American Presidential and Congressional Candidates: [www.societyly.com/us2016congress/default/en](http://www.societyly.com/us2016congress/default/en).
- Coder* for the POLCON Project led by prof. Hanspeter Kriesi, European University Institute.
- Research Assistant* at New York University, Florence Campus, La Pietra Dialogues program.
- Intern* at the Centro Italiano di Studi Elettorali, under the supervision of prof. Alessandro Chiamonte.

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CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS "Mass transformation or lone defectors? Legislators' goals and party switching strategies in Western Europe". Presentations at the *5th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments*, Leiden, The Netherlands, 27-29 June 2019; at the *Annual Workshop of the Party Congress Research Group*, Glasgow, United Kingdom, 24-25 June 2019 and at the *8th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Belfast, United Kingdom, 20-22 June 2019.

"Defections as valence loss. Electoral strategies after party switching". Presentation at the *The Manifesto Project User Conference*, Berlin, Germany, 7-8 March 2019 and at the *Italian Political Science Association Conference*, Turin, Italy, 6-8 September 2018.

"Searching for the Cartel Party: Inter-party Collusion and Legislative Activity". Presentation at the *8th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Vienna, Austria, 21-23 June 2018.

"The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing? Policy Preferences and Legislative Party Switching". Presentation at the *ECPR Joint Session of Workshops*, Nicosia, Cyprus, 10-14 April 2018.

"Breakups hurt: The effect of party splits on the perceived proximity between MPs and their party". Presentation at the *25th International Conference of Europeanists (CES)* in Chicago, Illinois, United States, 28-30 March 2018.

"The politics of turning coat". Presentation within the working group on *Parties, Elections and Representation*, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, 26 October 2017.

"It is all about values: On the relationship between ideology and party switching". Presentation at the *ECRP General Conference*, Oslo, Norway, 6-9 September 2017.

"Party-level characteristics and party switching: Evidence from Twelve Western European countries (1988-2015)". Presentation at the *4th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments*, Basel, Switzerland, 29 June – 1 July 2017.

"The opportunity for turning coat. Party-level characteristics and party switching in Western Europe (1945-2015)". Presentation at the workshop *Perspectives on Intra-Party Politics: theoretical approaches and practical applications* organized by the Party Congress Research Group, Milan, Italy, 26-27 June 2017.

"Party-level characteristics and party switching: Evidence from Twelve Western European countries (1988-2015)". Presentations at the *7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Milan, Italy 22-24 June 2017 and at the *ECPR Joint Session of Workshops*, Nottingham, United Kingdom, 25-30 April 2017.

"An analysis of party switching in the Italian Chamber of Deputies (1948-2013)". Presentation at the *24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Poznań, Poland, 23-28 July 2016.

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EXTRA TRAINING	<p>EUI Teacher Training, January 2017.</p> <p>25th ECPR Summer School on 'Political Parties and Democracy'. University of Leuphana. September 2015, Lünenburg, Germany.</p> <p>ECPR Summer School on 'Multilevel Modelling', July-August 2015. Ljubljana, Slovenia.</p> <p>Selected workshops attended at European University Institute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets, May 2016 (Claudius Wagemann)</li> <li>• Advanced Research Design, October-December 2015 (Fabrizio Bernardi &amp; Diego Gambetta)</li> <li>• Causal Inference, June 2015 (Elias Dinas)</li> <li>• Introduction to Panel Data Analysis, May 2015 (Martin Ehlert)</li> <li>• Structural Equation Models, April 2015 (Tenko Raykov)</li> <li>• The Logic of Comparative Methods, January - March 2015 (Stefano Bartolini)</li> <li>• Categorical Data Analysis, January - March 2015 (Hannes Kröger)</li> </ul>				
OTHER SKILLS	<p><i>Languages:</i> Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), German (basic)</p> <p><i>Computer Software:</i> Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office, Mac OS X</p>				
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REFERENCES	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Prof. Stefano Bartolini Department of Political and Social Sciences European University Institute Stefano.Bartolini@eui.eu,+39 055 4685 372/469</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Prof. Emilie van Haute Département de Science politique Université Libre de Bruxelles evhaute@ulb.ac.be,+32(0)265048 82</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Prof. Nathalie Giger Département de science politique et relations internationales Université de Genève Nathalie.Giger@unige.ch,+41 223798344</p> </td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<p>Prof. Stefano Bartolini Department of Political and Social Sciences European University Institute Stefano.Bartolini@eui.eu,+39 055 4685 372/469</p>	<p>Prof. Emilie van Haute Département de Science politique Université Libre de Bruxelles evhaute@ulb.ac.be,+32(0)265048 82</p>	<p>Prof. Nathalie Giger Département de science politique et relations internationales Université de Genève Nathalie.Giger@unige.ch,+41 223798344</p>	
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