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## **[Andrea Cassani]** **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **INFORMAZIONI PERSONALI (NON INSERIRE INDIRIZZO PRIVATO E TELEFONO FISSO O CELLULARE)**

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### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

Post-Doc Research Fellow at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the Università degli Studi di Milano. (since Feb. 2018)

Adjunct Professor at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the Università degli Studi di Milano. (a.y. 2018/2019)

### **PAST POSITIONS**

Adjunct Professor at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the Università degli Studi di Milano. (a.y.2017/2018)

Post-Doc Research Fellow at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the Università degli Studi di Milano. (May 2014/Apr. 2017)

### **TITLES and AWARDS**

2018 Post-doc Scholarship, Università degli Studi di Milano.

2017 Carlo Maria Santoro Award for best conference paper presented at the Annual Congress of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP).

2014 Post-doc Scholarship, funded by a Starting Grant of the European Research Council (Research Project "The economic, social and political consequences of democratic reforms." Principal Investigator Prof Giovanni Carbone).

2014 Doctoral Degree (PhD) in Political Studies

2010 Master Degree (MA) in International Relations (cum laude)

## EDUCATION

- 2010-2014 Ph.D. Programme in Political Studies, NASP Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences (Milan, Italy) - Dissertation: "Citizens' wellbeing in competitive authoritarian regimes".
- 2007-2010 Master (Laurea Magistrale) in International Relations, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (Italy) - Dissertation: "The International Promotion of Democracy: Models and Strategies"
- 2003-2006 Bachelor (Laurea Triennale) in Political Science, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (Italy) - Dissertation: "Exporting democracy."

## OTHER COURSES ATTENDED

- 2017 NASP Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences (Milan, Italy, 1 day) - "Introduction to Structural Equation Models"
- 2014 ReSPoS Summer School (Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy, 1 day) - "Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis"
- 2012 Summer School in Comparative Politics (Oslo, Norway, 1 week) - "Elections and Democracy"
- 2012 ICPSR Summer Program (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, 4 weeks) - "Maximum Likelihood Estimation"; "Regression Analysis"; "Mathematics for Social Sciences"
- 2011 ECSR Summer School in Data Analysis (Colchester, UK, 2 weeks) - "Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis"
- 2011 ECPR Summer School in Methods (Ljubljana, Slovenia, 1 week) - "Process Tracing"
- 2010 ISPI Winter School (Milan, Italy, 2 days) - "Democracy in Developing Countries"

## OTHER SKILLS

Language: English (fluent); French (good); Italian (native).

Software: Office; STATA; SPSS

## OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCE

Entry-tests Manager, Università degli Studi di Milano (Milan, Italy), 2011-2014.

Tutor, Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences (Milan, Italy), 2011-2013.

Trainee, Institut de Haute Formation aux Politiques Communautaires (Brussels, Belgium), 2007.

Trainee, Amnesty International (Milan, Italy), 2006.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Democracy; democratization; authoritarianism; regime change; developing countries, human development; social welfare; quantitative analysis; mixed-method research;

## RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Founder and Chair of the Standing Group “Cambiamenti di Regime Politico” at the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP). (since January 2019)

Member of the scientific committee, Conference “The Autocratic Challenge”, Centre d’Etude de la Vie Politique (CEVIPOL) of the Université Libre de Bruxelles. (April/June 2017)

Visiting Researcher at the Centre d’Etude de la Vie Politique (CEVIPOL) of the Université Libre de Bruxelles. (November/December 2017)

Member of the research unit “The economic, social and political consequences of democratic reforms. A quantitative and qualitative comparative analysis” (ERC Starting Grant, PI Giovanni Carbone). (2012-2016)

Member of the research unit “Gli effetti della democratizzazione sul social welfare: un’analisi comparata delle nuove democrazie” (PRIN Grant, Italian Ministry of Research, PI Giovanni Carbone). (2010-2011)

Reviewer: International Political Science Review; European Political Science; Italian Political Science Review; Politikon (South African Journal of Political Studies); Political Research Quarterly; Government and Opposition; European Journal of Political Research.

## TEACHING

2018/2019      Lecturer: “Politics, Institutions and Development” (BA level, 20hours, Italian), CdL Scienze Sociali per la Globalizzazione, Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano.

Lecturer: “How to write a final dissertation” (BA level, 8hours, Italian), CdL Scienze Politiche, Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano.

Teaching Assistant: “Comparative Politics” (BA level), CdL Scienze Politiche, Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano. (exams, occasional lectures)

2017/2018      Lecturer: “Politics, Institutions and Development” (BA level, 20hours, Italian), CdL Scienze Sociali per la Globalizzazione, Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano.

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Teaching Assistant: “Comparative Politics” (BA level), CdL Scienze Politiche, Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano. (exams, occasional lectures)

2013-2017      Teaching Assistant: “Politics, Institutions and Development” (BA level), CdL Scienze Sociali per la Globalizzazione, Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano. (exams, occasional lectures)

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

2019. (with Luca Tomini) *Autocratization in Post-Cold War Political Regimes*. Palgrave Macmillan. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-03125-1 / ISBN: 978-3-030-03124-4.

### Research articles (peer-reviewed journals)

2019. (main author, with Luca Tomini) "Post-Cold War autocratization. Trends and patterns of regime change opposite to democratization." *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica* (accepted for publication, forthcoming).

2018. (main author, with Luca Tomini) "Reversing regimes and concepts: from democratization to autocratization." *European Political Science*. DOI: 10.1057/s41304-018-0168-5

2017. "Social services to claim legitimacy: comparing autocracies' performance." *Contemporary Politics* 23(3): 348-368. DOI: 10.1080/13569775.2017.1304321

2017. "Do all bad things go together? Electoral authoritarianism and the consequences of political change short of democratization." *Politikon - South African Journal of Political Studies* vol.44, no.3: 351-369. DOI: 10.1080/02589346.2016.1248605.

2016. (with Giovanni Carbone) "Nigeria and democratic progress by elections in Africa." *Africa Spectrum* 51(3): 33-59.

2016. (main author, with Francesca Luppi and Gabriele Natalizia) "Pathways of democratization to human development in post-communist countries." *European Journal of Political Research*, 55(3): 512-530. DOI: 10.1111/1475-6765.12140.

2016. "Was it worth the trouble? Limited competition and citizen wellbeing under authoritarian rule." *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 46(1): 93-113. DOI: 10.1017/ipo.2015.27.

2016. (main author, with Giovanni Carbone) "Citizen wellbeing in African competitive authoritarian regimes." *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft/Comparative Governance and Politics*, 10(1): 191-214. DOI: 10.1007/s12286-015-0256-7.

2014. "Hybrid what? Partial consensus and persistent divergences in the analysis of hybrid regimes." *International Political Science Review*, 35(5): 542-558. DOI: 10.1177/0192512113495756.

### Other publications

2019. (with Luca Tomini) "Il Trend Illiberale che sta contagiando l'Occidente." Reset DOC - Trend Illiberale. (Online article)

2019. "A Rigged, Contentious, Landmark Election in the Democratic Republic of the Congo." ISPI Commentary (Institute for International Political Studies). (Online article)

2018. "Organizing Democracy: How International Organizations Assist New Democracies, by P.Poast and J. Urpelainen." *Journal of Development Studies*, 55(4): 743-744. DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2018.1553126. (Book review)

2018. "Social services to claim legitimacy: comparing autocracies' performance." in A. Dukalskis and J. Gerschewski (Eds.) *Justifying Dictatorship Studies in Autocratic Legitimation*. Routledge. (Peer-reviewed article re-published as book chapter)

2017. "Dopo le elezioni in Gambia nuove prospettive di democrazia in Africa." Book chapter, in *Il Libro dell'Anno*, Treccani.

2017. "Democratic promises: Is democracy good for development in Africa?" *A-id Agenda for International Development*.

2017. "Africa, elezioni e democrazia." *Il Mulino*.
2017. "Elections and democratisation in Africa. A mixed record in 2016, what prospects for 2017." *ISPI Commentary* (Institute for International Political Studies).
2017. "La pratica elettorale si consolida ma l'alternanza resta un'eccezione." *Africa e Affari*.
2016. "School and healthcare in some post-soviet hybrid democracies have improved. How?" *Democratic Audit*.
2016. "La tenacia democratica: Il caso del Burkina Faso." *Nigrizia*.
2016. "L'eterna tentazione di restare al potere: La sindrome da terzo mandato." *Nigrizia*.
2015. "The 2015 presidential election in Burkina Faso: A revenge of term-limit politics in Africa?" *ISPI Commentary* (Institute for International Political Studies).

## SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

### Invited talks

- 15 - 16 Nov. 2018 Conference "The Autocratic Challenge. Assessing Autocratization Processes in Contemporary Times." Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium.
- 14 Dec. 2017 Lecture "Autocratization in the post-Cold War period", Università La Sapienza, Rome, Italy.
- 29 Nov. 2017 Seminar "Democratization, economic liberalization and healthcare in post-communist countries", Centre d'Etude de la Vie Politique (CEVIPOL), Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium.
- 20 - 21 Oct. 2017 Conference "Zbigniew Brzezinski: Thought, Politics, Legacy." University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland.

### Panel chair/convenor

- 06 - 08 Sept. 2018 SISP Conference, Torino, Italy. Panel "Autocracy Strikes Back: Autocratization, Authoritarian Resilience and Transformation in the Post-Cold War."
- 06 - 08 Sept. 2018 SISP Conference, Torino, Italy. Panel "Economic Growth, State Capacity and Social Welfare in Contemporary Non-democratic Regimes."
- 27 April 2018 Workshop "Autocracy strikes back: Authoritarian resurgence in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century". Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy.
- 26 April 2018 SPS Seminar "Why democracies collapse?" (Speaker: Luca Tomini), Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy.
- 12 Dec. 2017 SPS Seminar "Legitimacy in autocracy: Oxymoron or essential feature?" (Speaker: Johannes Gerschewski), Dept. Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy.
- 14 - 16 Sept. 2017 XXXI SISP Conference, Urbino, Italy. Panel "An authoritarian resurgence? De-democratization and authoritarian resilience in the contemporary world."
- 15 - 17 Sept. 2016 XXX SISP Conference, Milan, Italy. Panel "Recent Democratization Trajectories in Comparative Perspective: Progress, Stalemate, Reversal."
- 07 - 10 Sept. 2016 ECPR General Conference, Prague, Czech Republic. Panel "Highs and Lows in Recent Democratization Trajectories."
- 23 - 28 Jul. 2016 IPSA World Congress, Poznan, Poland. Panel "The Other Way Around: Investigating the Reverse Wave of De-democratization Hypothesis."

10 - 12 Sept. 2015 XXIX SISP Conference, Cosenza, Italy. Panel "The Other Way Around: Investigating the Reverse Wave Hypothesis."

#### **Discussant**

17-18 May 2018 European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy. Workshop "On authoritarian power-sharing".

12 June 2017 Dept. Social and Political Science, University of Milan, Italy. Seminar "The Fundamental Determinants of Anti-Authoritarianism" (Speaker: Davide Cantoni).

3 Nov. 2016 NASP Graduate School, Milan, Italy. Seminar "Democracy in Africa: Elections, Term Limits and Political Change" (Speaker: Nic Cheeseman).

03 May 2016 NASP Graduate School, Milan, Italy. Project Colloquium for PhD candidates.

25 May 2015 NASP Graduate School, Milan, Italy. Project Colloquium for PhD candidates.

10 Feb. 2015 Dept. Social and Political Science, University of Milan, Italy. Seminar "Why Measuring Human Rights? Opportunities and Problems of a Quantitative Approach."

#### **Paper giver**

06 - 08 Sept. 2018 SISP Conference, Torino, Italy. Paper "Modes of autocratization: a cross-regional Qualitative Comparative Analysis."

23-25 Aug. 2018 ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, Germany. Paper "Modes of autocratization: a cross-regional Qualitative Comparative Analysis."

14 - 16 Sept. 2017 XXXI SISP Conference, Urbino, Italy. Paper "A third reverse wave of autocratization? Some evidence and a few preliminary conclusions on prevailing patterns."

17 Feb. 2017 Dept. Social and Political Science, University of Milan, Italy. Labour & Welfare Lunch Seminar. Paper: "Democratization, economic reform, and health in post-communist countries. A synergy between seemingly contrasting processes."

15 - 17 Sept. 2016 XXX SISP Conference, Milan, Italy. Paper: "The Other Way Around. Conceptual Challenges in the Shift from Democratization to Autocratization Studies."

07 - 10 Sept. 2016 ECPR General Conference, Prague, Czech Republic. Paper: "Nigeria and Democratic Progress by Elections in Africa."

23 - 28 Jul. 2016 IPSA World Congress, Poznan, Poland. Paper: "Investigating the Reverse Wave of De-democratization Hypothesis."

23 - 25 Jun. 2016 EPSA Conference, Brussels, Belgium. Paper: "Democratization, economic reforms, and health services in post-communist countries. A positive synergy between contrasting processes?"

24 - 28 Apr. 2016 ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, Pisa, Italy. Workshop "Legitimation in Non-Democracies: Concepts, Theories and Empirical Evidence across Regime Subtypes." Paper: "Re-examining the Electoral Authoritarianism Advantage Hypothesis."

10 - 12 Sept. 2015 XXIX SISP Conference, Cosenza, Italy. Paper: "Investigating the Reverse Wave Hypothesis."

11 - 13 Sept. 2014 XXVIII SISP Conference, Perugia, Italy. Paper: "Democracy and Human Development in Post-Soviet Countries. Assessing the Impact of Disaggregated Democratic Dimensions Using QCA."

28 - 31 Jul. 2014 IPSA World Congress, Montreal, Canada. Paper: "Citizens' Wellbeing in African Competitive Authoritarian Regimes."

- 07 - 08 Nov. 2013 Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany. Workshop “Competitive Authoritarianism and Democratization in Africa.” Paper: “Citizen wellbeing and competitive authoritarianism in Africa.”
- 12 - 14 Sept. 2013 XXVII SISP Conference, Florence, Italy. Paper: “Does It Make a Difference? Hybrid Regimes and their Consequences on Citizens’ Wellbeing.”
- 13 - 15 Sept. 2012 XXVI SISP Conference, Rome, Italy. Paper: “The Contemporary Debate on Hybrid Regimes and the Identity Question.”

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