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Current position

2015 - *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Chair of Comparative Politics, University of Zurich
Research Agenda: Political trust and distrust, challenges to democracy, technocratic and populist politics.

Education

2011 - 2016 *PhD* in Government, London School of Economics
Thesis Title: Citizen Attitudes of Political Distrust: Examining Distrust through Technical, Ethical and Interest-Based Evaluations.
Supervisor: Prof. Michael Bruter.
Thesis Examination Committee: Prof. Simon Hix (London School of Economics), Prof. Eva Anduiza (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

2013 - 2015 *PGCertHE* Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, London School of Economics. Fellow at the Higher Education Academy (HEA)

2007 - 2008 *MSc* in Political Communication, London School of Economics

2004 - 2007 *BA* in Philosophy and Literature, University of Warwick

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2017 Bertso, Eri and Giulia Pastorella (2017), "Technocratic Attitudes: A Citizens' Perspective of Expert Decision-Making", *West European Politics*, 40(2): 430-58
doi:10.1080/01402382.2016.1242046

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2014 Eri Bertso (2014), "The 2014 EP Elections: A Victory for European Democracy?", *LEQS Paper No. 78*

Working Papers

"Measuring Technocratic Attitudes across European Voters: A Novel Measure and Evidence from Nine European Democracies" (with Daniele Caramani), MPSA, April 6-9 2017, Chicago, USA.

"Technocratic Interludes: The Impact of Technocracy on Political Trust and Democratic Support", CES, July 13-15 2017, Glasgow Scotland.

"Useless, Crooks, Out-of-Touch or All of the Above? Testing a new measure for political distrust"(with Michael Bruter and Sara Harrison), EPSA, June 22-24 2017, Milan, Italy.

"Between Direct Democracy and Representation: the Case of Brexit" (with Daniele Caramani), Jean Monnet Fellowship Programme @25, European University Institute, Florence, June 22-23 2017.

"Rethinking Political Distrust", manuscript prepared for submission.

"Neither Dissatisfied Nor Disinterested: Changing Modes of Partisanship and Implications for Political Behaviour" APSA, September 1-3 2016, Philadelphia, USA.

"Efficacy, Media Use and Political Participation: Revisiting Gamson's mobilization hypothesis" (with Bruno Wueest), EPSA, June 21-23 2016, Brussels, Belgium.

Invited Talks & Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 Measuring Technocratic Attitudes Among Citizens in Nine European Democracies. Talk at the Centre for Political Science Research, KU Leuven, May 23, 2017.
- 2015 What Aspects of Political Distrust Matter? Workshop in Electoral Psychology, London School of Economics, November 24, 2015.
- 2015 Political Distrust from the Citizens' Perspective. Invited Talk at the Centre for Political Science Research, KU Leuven, November 3, 2015.

CONFERENCES

- 2017 MPSA, EPSA, ISPP, CES
- 2016 APSA, EPSA
- 2015 MPSA, APSA, EPSA, ECPR
- 2014 MPSA, UACES

Research

- 2016 - Coordinating Research Project on 'The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy' at the University of Zurich. Organising a Research Workshop 5-6 October 2017 in Zurich. Director of follow-up workshop at ECPR Joint Sessions 2018 in Nicosia. Funding application in preparation.
- 2012 - 2015 Research Assistant at ECREP Research Initiative in Electoral Psychology, London School of Economics.
- 2013 - 2014 Assistant Editor, European Politics and Policy Blog, Public Policy Group, London School of Economics.
- 2011 - 2012 Research Assistant, EACEA Youth Participation in Democratic Life 2011-2012 European Commission.

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

2016 - 2017 *Political Culture*, Course convener, Department of Political Science

UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, POSTGRADUATE COURSES

2016 - 2017 *Political Representation in Comparative Perspective*, Research seminar co-convener,
Department of Political Science

2015 - 2016 Masters Dissertation Supervision, Department of Political Science

LSE, UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

2013 - 2015 *Politics and Institutions in Europe*, GTA, Department of Political Science

LSE, POSTGRADUATE COURSES

2014 - 2015 *Introduction to Quantitative Analysis*, GTA, Department of Methodology

TEACHING AWARDS

2015 Awarded Class Teacher Award, Department of Government, LSE

2014 Nominated for Class Teacher Award, Department of Government, LSE

Grants, Honors & Awards

2016 Grant for Survey Research into Technocratic Attitudes, Department of Political
Science, University of Zurich (€40,000)

2012 - 2015 Research Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit
Foundation (£28,000)

2014 Baroness Birk Scholarship, LSE 2014 Departmental Award for Doctoral Candidates
(£1,000)

2011 Research Scholarship towards MPhil/PhD in Government, Leventis Foundation
Scholarship (£5,000)

Contributions to the Media

2016 "Attitudes in established democracies show there is still a place for independent
experts in politics", *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, December 2016

2016 "Le attitudini dei cittadini mostrano che esperti indipendenti hanno ancora un ruolo
da giocare nelle democrazie europee", *DeFacto*, Zurich University's Academic Blog,
December 2016

2016 "Italian Referendum on Constitutional Reform: What Does the 'No' Vote Mean for
Italy and Europe", *The Global Observatory*, December 2016

2015 "Experts React: The Greek Referendum", *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, July
2015

- 2015 Interview on the 2015 Greek Elections, *HotSeat* Government Department, London School of Economics, January 2015
- 2015 "Greek parliamentary elections 2015: A final look at the parties and the polling", *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, January 2015
- 2014 "With Greek MPs set to vote on the country's new president, the stakes couldn't be higher for Greece and the Eurozone", *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, December 2014
- 2014 "Fragmentation Is Here to Stay" First Thoughts on the 18 & 25 May 2014 Elections in Greece, *GPSG*, May 2014

Service, Membership & Skills

SERVICE: Workshop Director at ECPR Joint Sessions 2018 (proposal accepted)

REVIEWER: *European Journal of Political Research*, *Political Studies*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Swiss Political Science Review*

MEMBERSHIP: APSA, APSA Sections 'EPOVB' and 'Political Psychology', MPSA, EPSA, ECPR, ISPP, CES, ISA

SOCIAL IMPACT: Mentor, LSE Widening Participation Mentoring Scheme (2013), Teaching Consultant, NGO Care and Share India (2012)

LANGUAGES: English (Fluent), Greek (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), French (Advanced), German (Beginner).

COMPUTER SKILLS: Stata, R, SPSS, LaTeX, Wordpress