

NICCOLO' TOMMASO DONATI

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019-2023

**Post-doc**, University of Milan (supervisor: Maurizio Ferrera)

**Adjunct Professor** (professore a contratto), University of Genoa (Amministrazione Pubblica, SP05)

**Senior Researcher**, Fondazione Feltrinelli

**Senior Policy Analyst and Content Manager**, EuVisions (Euvisions.eu)

2018

**Junior Research Fellow**, REScEU Project (ERC), University of Milan and Centro Einaudi

2017

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Chair of Political Science (Professor Francesco Battezzorre), University of Pavia

RESEARCH AREAS

*Theoretical* State-building theory • Dependency theory • Effective governance designs • Policy paradigms

*Field* Regional Policy • Infrastructural Policy • European Integration • Social Policy

*Methods* Qualitative Comparative Methods • Frame analysis • Fuzzy sets methodology

EDUCATION

2014-2018

**Ph.D. Student in Political Studies**, Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, Italy  
Thesis Title: Cohesion policy: the ideational dimension. Explaining the change in cohesion policy instruments across the 1988, 1993 and 2013 reform processes. PhD Supervisor: Professor Maurizio Ferrera

2010-2012

## Curriculum vitae et studiorum

**MA in Political Sciences** (110/110 with Distinction), Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, Italy

Thesis Title: The environmental politics of the Italian regions: a QCA analysis

2005-2010

**B.A. in Political Sciences**, Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, Italy.

Thesis Title: The territorialisation of the state in the early modern age: the case of Tuscany.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

2011

**Summer School in Public Policy** on “Methods and Policies: the Qualitative Comparative Analysis” of the “Standing group on Political Science and Public Policy” of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP), University of Milan

2013

**Summer School in Public Policy** on “Research Strategies in Policy Studies”, Turin, June 5-7 and Milan, June 17-19, a NASP-WEST project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo

2014

**Summer School in Methods and Techniques** of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held at the University of Ljubljana, July 24 – August 9

2015

**Winter School in Methods and Techniques**, course in “Multi-method research” of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) University of Bamberg, February 25-21

**Summer School “Understanding Crisis and Transformation in the European Union”** of the “Standing Group on European Union” of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held at the Università degli Studi di Trento, May 18-29

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2015

**International Conference on Public Policies (ICPP)**, Panel T08P04 “Mechanism for the Policy Sciences”, University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, July 1-4

## Curriculum vitae et studiorum

### 2016

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) Conference**, Panel 12.2 “A New Intergovernmental Union”, Università degli Studi di Cosenza, September 15-17

**European Consortium on Political Research (ECPR) Standing Group on European Union (SGEU) conference 2016**, Panel P104 “The Cohesion Dimension of the EU: Solidarity, Democracy and Competition”, Università degli Studi di Trento, June 15-18

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) Conference 2016**, Panel 12.2 “Explaining intra- and inter-institutional change in the European Union”, Università degli Studi di Milano, September 15-17

### 2019

**ESPAnet Italia Conference 2019**, “The ‘new politics’ of multi-level social policy governance”, Università degli Studi di Urbino, September 19-21

### 2020

**ESPAnet Italia Conference 2020**, “The social crisis of the EU”, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, September 17-18

### 2022

**SGEU Conference 2022**, LUISS University Rome, June 8-10.

## HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECTS

### 2014

**Organization of the Summer School “Research Strategies in Policy Studies” (ReSPoS)**, on “Detecting Causality”, June 16-20, Santa Margherita Ligure (GE): A NASP-WEST project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.

### 2015

**Organization of the Summer School “Research Strategies in Policy Studies” (ReSPoS)**, on “Validity across Methods”, July 6-10, Genoa. A NASP-WEST project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### 2014-2017

## Curriculum vitae et studiorum

**Researcher at the RESC-EU Project** (Reconciling Economic and Social Europe: Values, Ideas and Politics).  
Funded by the European Research Council (ERC). Coordinator: Professor Maurizio Ferrera

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Academic articles*

Donati, N. (2018) The Evolution of Cohesion Policy from an Inter-Territorial Solidarity Perspective: An Empirical Analysis, *Politiche Sociali / Social Policies*, (2), 299-316.

Donati, N. (2019) Competing narratives of EU inter-territorial solidarity and the emergence of Macroeconomic Conditionality in the EU Cohesion policy. (*Journal of European Integration*, resubmitted).

Donati, N. (2022) Energy transition and alternative fuels. How public policy can sell you a new car? (*Italian political science*, submitted)

### *Book Chapters*

Donati, N. (Co-author: De Tria, R.) (2020), *La Governance sanitaria di Veneto e Lombardia nella crisi COVID*, in Pajno, A., Violante, L. (eds.), *Biopolitica, Pandemia e Democrazia*, Il Mulino, Bologna.

Donati, N. (Co-author: Burelli, C.) (2021), *The Solidarity Deficit of the EU: a missing functional value*, ECPR press (forthcoming)

### *Working papers*

Donati, N., Ferrera, M., Ganderson, J., Kyriazi, A., Truchlewski, Z. (2022) Relaxing closure to preserve the polity? Article 50 and the building of the European Union. (Presented at the SGEU Conference in Rome)

### *Newspaper and online articles*

La fine della storia, o la storia della fine della liberal-democrazia: il dibattito corrente. *Fondazione Feltrinelli*. 13/12/2019

Parliamo del "coniglio": le politiche sociali europee negli anni della crisi, e quelle per l'Europa che verrà. *Fondazione Feltrinelli*. 27/11/2019

Politica di coesione 2021-2027, meno risorse per l'Est Europa ma guadagni limitati per il Sud. *Corriere Economia e Finanza*. 05/06/2019

The illiberal trend in Europe. *Euvisions*. 08/02/2019

## Curriculum vitae et studiorum

MFF 2021-2027: Winners and Losers Across the EU from a Social Policy Perspective. *Euvisions*. 21/01/2019

Chi vince (il Sud) e chi perde con la cassa di Bruxelles. *Corriere Economia e Finanza*. 30/07/2018

MFF: Proposal for A Stronger Europe? *Euvisions*. 15/06/2018

The Road to EU's Multiannual Financial Framework Amidst Brexit and National Tensions *EUVisions*. 23/04/2018

Cohesion Policy: Political Conditionality Saga *EUVisions*. 02/10/2017

The 7th Cohesion Forum: a Battle of Ideas on the future of Cohesion Policy *EUVisions*. 21/07/2017

Austerity: The Great Failure, book review. *EUVisions*. 26/05/2017

The Emergence of Territorial Solidarity in the US during the Great Depression. What can the EU learn from it? *EUVisions*. 12/05/2017

The European Court of Auditors annual report: handling precautions. *EUVisions*. 01/02/2016

## EUROPEAN PROJECTS

H2020 - AUDEM (PI: University of Coimbra), co-author, submitted in 2020

H2020 - INCOMIN (PI: University of Amsterdam), co-author

H2020 - PHOENIX (PI: University of Coimbra, co-author, awarded in 2021

Europe For Citizens - EU-MED (Lead: Fondazione Feltrinelli), co-author, awarded in 2020

AMIF - RECIPROCITY (Lead: University of Maastricht), co-author, submitted in 2020 (evaluation: 78, minimum threshold: 62)

## OUTREACH

2014-2019

**Collaborator at the online observatory EuVisions** (Tracking the ideas, discourse and politics of social Europe), [www.euvisions.eu](http://www.euvisions.eu)

**Collaborator at the online magazine La Nostra Città Futura** (Fondazione Feltrinelli), <http://fondazionefeltrinelli.it/piazze/>

## Curriculum vitae et studiorum

### LANGUAGES

Italian: Mother tongue

English: Advanced level

### COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Wordpress

Statistical software: SPSS, Stata, Excel

Qualitative analysis software: Fs/QCA (QCA), Tosmana (QCA), MAXQDA (Frame analysis)