



## Mara Morini

Researcher

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### *Education and training*

2004

#### **Ph.D in Political Science**

Origin and organizational development of Russian political parties  
University of Pavia - Pavia - IT

1999

#### **Degree in Political Science**

The Founding elections (1993-1995) in post-communist Russia - 110/110 cum  
laude  
University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

### *Academic experience*

2011 - ONGOING

#### **Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics and Political Science**

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

2005

#### **Post-doctoral fellow**

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT  
Project on Institutions leadership and parties in the post-communist Russia

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University of Genoa - Genoa - IT  
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### *Work experience*

2018

#### **OSCE Electoral Observer**

OSCE - Russia - AT

2003

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2004 - ONGOING

## **Project Manager and Grant Holder Tempus Tacis**

EU - Commission - Genova - IT

### ***Language skills***

#### **English**

Proficient

### ***Teaching activity***

February 2008 – till now: Teaching undergraduate courses: “Political Science (10CFU), “Politics of Eastern Europe” (6CFU), “Comparative Politics” (6CFU), Comparative Politics and Democratization in Latin America (8CFU) at the Department of Political Science (DISPO), University of Genova.

- September 2006 – March 2017: Teaching undergraduate courses “Political Science (10CFU)” and “Market and Democracy in Political Science (6FU)” at the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, University of Parma (IT).

- 2006 - 2007: Teaching undergraduate course of “Public Opinion” at the Faculty of Sciences of Communication and Economics - University of Reggio Emilia (IT).

- 2006 - 2008: Teaching undergraduate course of “Local Government” at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Genoa.

### ***Research interests***

Democratizations in CEE; Political Parties (organizations, primaries, elites); Political Institutions; Leadership; Populism; Russian Political System; Russia and EU.

### ***Grants***

2017 - 2018

#### **Parma 5 years of M5S From M5S to Pizzarotti's 'Effetto Parma'**

Università di Genova FRA - IT

800 - Participant

This research tests Albertazzi and McDonnell's hypothesis on overpromising populism in power. Starting from the emergence of the FSM in the city of Parma and its local leader Pizzarotti who becomes the first Mayor of Grillo's political movement, there are some different approaches to study the development of this local party.

A qualitative approach through interviews made to local class politics and stakeholders, and a quantitative one applied to public opinion. The result was published co-edited with M.E. Lanzone in October 2018.

2015 - 2018

## **The presidentialization of parties in Russia**

University of Genoa - FRA - IT

1800 - Participant

## ***Other professional activities***

Electoral Observer for OSCE: Mission for parliamentary Duma election in December 2003 and presidential election in March 2018.