



# Andrea Pettrachin, Ph.D.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS:

**Date of birth** 09/06/1991

**Nationality** Italian

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2021 - ongoing

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** – H2020 Project “Exploring the Integration of Post-2014 Migrants in Small and Medium-Sized Towns and Rural Areas from a Whole of Community Perspective – Whole-COMM”.

**Collegio Carlo Alberto**, Torino

**Project Description.** Whole-COMM analyses migrant integration policies, their drivers and outcomes and the dynamics and causal mechanisms that shape the complex relationship between immigrant integration policy and community cohesion in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas. It does so through a cross-country (8 EU and 2 non-EU countries) and a cross-locality (40 localities) comparative approach, and a mixed-methods research design, which combines qualitative and quasi-experimental methods, a quantitative survey, and quantitative analysis on the impact of policies on social cohesion and integration trajectories.

**Tasks.** My current tasks include: supporting the scientific coordination of the project (led by Prof. Tiziana Caponio), which involves 10 country partners and 5 work package leaders; contributing to the development of the theoretical and methodological framework of the project and to the analysis of the findings; co-authoring articles for international academic journals; supporting the organization of project-related academic events.

2020 - 2021

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** – ERC Project “Processing Citizenship”.

**University of Bologna**, Department of Communication and Philosophy.

**Project Description.** The ERC-funded *Processing Citizenship Project*, awarded to Professor Annalisa Pelizza, studies how data infrastructures and practices for migration management are shaping and are shaped by institutional relationships between actors involved in the multi-level governance of migration.

**Tasks.** My tasks included: conducting research on the multi-level governance of migration in the EU and data infrastructures for migration management; developing a quantitative methodological approach to study data circulation through EU data infrastructures; conducting elite interviews and ethnographic fieldwork within the Italian Ministry of Interior and EU institutions; co-authoring with the PI two articles for international academic journals; supporting the project’s administration and organization of academic events.

2019 - 2020 **Research Associate (Post-doc)** – H2020 Project “Global Asylum Governance and The European Union’s Role – ASILE”.

**Migration Policy Centre**, European University Institute, Florence.

**Project Description.** The *ASILE Project*, funded by the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, adopts an interdisciplinary perspective to study the interactions between emerging international protection systems related to the UN Global Compact for Refugees and regional or country-specific asylum governance instruments and arrangements, with a particular focus on the European Union’s role.

**Tasks.** My tasks included: supporting the MPC Director Prof. Andrew Geddes in the development and implementation of two work packages; coordinating partners in other European and non-European universities; developing a methodology to map asylum governance networks in six case countries; contributing through research and publications to the development of the MPC’s research activities.

2017 - 2019 **Research Associate (Pre-doc)** – ERC Project “Prospects for International Migration Governance – MIGPROSP”.

**Migration Policy Centre**, European University Institute, Florence.

**Project Description.** The ERC-funded *MIGPROSP project*, awarded to Professor Andrew Geddes, analysed the drivers of migration governance processes and dynamics in different world regions.

**Tasks.** My tasks included: arranging, conducting and analysing interviews (including a survey for social network analysis) with key migration governance actors in Italian local and regional governments, national and EU institutions and international organizations (I conducted a total of 130 interviews); contributing to the organization of Project-related events; contributing to the development of the MPS’s activities.

## QUALIFICATIONS

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2016 - 2020 **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** in *Politics* – passed with no corrections (highest grade in the UK academic system). Supervisor: Prof. Andrew Geddes.

**University of Sheffield** (UK), Department of Politics.

Thesis title: “Understanding the ‘Refugee Crisis’: An Actor-Centred Analysis of the Constitution of Asylum Governance in Italy”.

2013 - 2015 **M.A.** in *Human Rights and Multi-level Governance* – final grades 110/110 with distinction (*magna cum laude*).

**University of Padova** (Italy), Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies.

2010 - 2013 **B.A.** in *Political Science and International Relations* – final grades 110/110 with distinction (*magna cum laude*).

**University of Padova** (Italy), Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies.

2005 - 2010 **High School Diploma** (*Liceo Scientifico PNI* – Science Secondary School with a concentration in Mathematics and Computer Science) – final grades 100/100 with distinction (*magna cum laude*).

**Liceo Scientifico G.B. Quadri**, Vicenza (Italy).

## ACADEMIC TRAININGS

- 2019 **EUI Teacher Training Certificate.**  
**European University Institute, Florence.**  
The certificate was awarded upon attendance of a training comprising 20 hours of class time and one teaching practice session. The training covered the following topics: teaching across higher education systems; course design; curriculum alignment; assessment; learning theories and activities; interactive lectures and questions; large group teaching: lecture planning and delivery; managing the teaching space; teaching persona; simulation of a short lecture/seminar followed by feedback from instructors and peers.
- 2019 **Certificate of Attendance, Summer School in “Computational Social Science - Research Incubators on Data-driven Modelling of Migration”.**  
**Jointly organized by: Jacobs University, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences and Volkswagen Stiftung.**  
I was selected for a scholarship through a competitive process. During the Summer School I attended trainings on migration, statistics and computational social science, and I worked with a research team led by Dr Michele Vespe (EC Joint Research Centre) on a joint publication using big migration data.
- 2018 **Certificate of Attendance, PhD Qualitative Research Methods Summer School on “Migration and Transformations”.**  
**Jointly organized by the University of Sheffield (UK) and the Centre of Migration Research at the University of Warsaw (Poland).**  
The Summer School included sessions on: qualitative data coding and analysis; survey design; survey analysis; modelling and forecasting of demographic/migratory phenomena; infographics and data visualisation; multi-sited ethnography.
- 2016 - 2017 **Certificates of Attendance, PhD Trainings.**  
**University of Sheffield (UK).**  
Courses attended (among others): Foundations of Social Science Research; Quantitative Methods; Qualitative Methods; Research Ethics and Integrity; Data analysis with NVivo; Advanced Quantitative Methods (training on Social Network Analysis); Advanced Qualitative Methods: Elite Interviewing; Advanced Qualitative Methods: Doing Fieldwork in Distant or Difficult Locations; Speaking Skills for Research Purposes.

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

- 2020 **Associate Lecturer – Seminars on “Migration, Media and Democracy” (15h).**  
**University of Padova, School (Faculty) of Human and Social Studies, Master’s Degree Programme in Communication Studies.**
- 2018 **Associate Lecturer – Seminars on “The Responses of Local Governments to the Refugee Crisis” (6h).**  
**University of Florence, School (Faculty) of Political Science, Master’s Degree in “Management of Reception Services for Migrants and Asylum-seekers”.**

- 2021 **Invited Speaker** – Lecture on “Reflections on Case Selection in Cross-country/Cross-locality Research”.
- Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies (NASP) and Collegio Carlo Alberto**, Summer School on ‘Frontiers of Methods in Social and Political Sciences’.
- 2021 **Course Facilitator (24h)**.
- University of Padova**, School (Faculty) of Political Science, Law and International Studies, Online Winter School “Times and Spaces of Globalization. Sustainable Glocal Futures: Knowledge, Democracy and Global Communications”.
- 2019 **Invited Speaker** – Lecture on “The Politicisation of Migration in Europe: Actors and Dynamics”.
- University of Padova**, School (Faculty) of Human and Social Studies, Master’s Degree Programme in Communication Studies.

#### OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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- 2021 **Workshop Co-convenor.**
- University of Bologna**
- Workshop on “*Digitizing Peoples in Uncertain Times: Interface methods for interventions on populations*” (co-convenors: Prof. Annalisa Pelizza, Dr Chiara Loschi).
- 2019 **Workshop Co-convenor.**
- Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute.**
- Workshop on “*Cities and the Global Governance of Migration: An Under-explored Link*” (co-convenors: Prof. Tiziana Caponio, Dr. Moritz Baumgärtel).
- 2019-2021 **Panel Organizer and Discussant at various international conferences**, including the Annual Conferences of the European Consortium of Political Research and of the Italian Political Science Association.
- 2019-2021 **Manuscript Reviewer for various international and Italian journals**, including: *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Local Government Studies*, *Global Affairs*, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, *Italian Political Science Review*, *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, *Politiche Pubbliche*, *Mondi Migranti*.
- 2018 **Co-organizer and Chair of a Film Series on ‘Migration, Inclusion and Diversity’.**
- Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies, European University Institute.**

#### NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2015 **Internship, 225 hours.**
- Inter Press Service North America, UN Bureau, New York (USA).**

**Description and Tasks.** IPS is a global news agency. Its main focus is the production of independent news and analysis about events and processes affecting economic, social and political development. My tasks included writing and editing articles about migration in Europe.

2015 Internship, 225 hours.

**NGO Elin**, Ceuta (Spain).

**Description and Tasks.** I have supported the NGO's core activities, including the provision of first help, reception and language services to immigrants; guidance to existing administrative procedures; and the development of awareness-raising campaigns with the local population.

## LANGUAGES

Mother tongue Italian

Other languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Spanish	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

## IT SKILLS

**Software** MS Office; software for qualitative data analysis (Nvivo, Atlas); software for quantitative data analysis (SPSS, Gephi); programming software (Python, basic knowledge).

# List of Publications

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### Published Academic Articles:

Brumat, L., Geddes, A. and Pettrachin, A. (2021), "Making Sense of the Global: A Systematic Review of Globalising and Localising Dynamics in Refugee Governance", *Journal of Refugee Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/feab092>.

Pettrachin A. (2021). 'Responding to the 'refugee crisis' or shaping the 'refugee crisis'? Subnational migration policymaking as a cause and effect of turbulence'. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2021.1983687>.

Pettrachin, A. (2021), "'Tuscans Are Different": Local Policymaking during the 'Refugee Crisis' and the Legacies of the Red Political Subculture in Tuscany', *Territory, Politics, Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2021.1976668>.

Pettrachin, A. and F. Paxton (2021), 'How do Populists Make Decisions? The Five Star Movement and the Lega in Local Government during the 'Refugee Crisis'', *Contemporary Italian Politics* [accepted and forthcoming].

Pettrachin, A. (2020), 'The Unexpected Dynamics of Politicisation: the Case of the Migration Crisis in Sicily', *Mediterranean Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13629395.2020.1741294>.

Geddes, A. and Pettrachin, A. (2020), 'Italian Migration Policy and Politics: Exacerbating Paradoxes', *Contemporary Italian Politics*. 12 (2): 227-242.

Pettrachin, A. (2020), 'Opening the "Black Box" of Asylum Governance: Decision-Making and the Politics of Asylum Policy-Making', *Italian Political Science Review (IPSR)*, 50: 191–212.

Pettrachin, A. (2019), 'When Asylum Policies Go Local: The Case of Socially Useful Works for Asylum-Seekers', *Italian Political Science*, 14 (1): 1-20.

Pettrachin, A. (2018), 'Towards a Universal Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms?', *International Communication Gazette*, 80 (4): 337-353.

### Book Chapters:

Geddes, A. and Pettrachin, A. (2020), 'I Paradossi delle Politiche Migratorie e del Dibattito Politico sull'Immigrazione in Italia'. In *Politica in Italia. I Fatti dell'Anno e le Interpretazioni. Ed. 2019*, edited by Rhodes M. and M. Moschella. Bologna: Il Mulino.

### Working Papers (peer-reviewed):

Caponio, T. and A. Pettrachin (2021), 'A Whole-of-Community Approach to Study Post-2014 Migrants' Integration in Small and Medium Sized Towns and Rural Areas. State of the art, concepts, theory and methodology'. *Whole-COMM Working Paper n.1*, <https://whole-comm.eu/category/working-papers/>.

Pettrachin, A. (2019), 'Making Sense of the Refugee Crisis: Governance and Politicisation of Asylum-Seekers' Reception in Northern Italy'. *EUI Working Paper RSCAS 2019/13*, <http://cadmus.eui.eu>.

Pettrachin, A. (2019), 'Decision-Making Processes and Dynamics of (Non-) Politicisation of Immigration in Sicily'. *EUI Working Paper RSCAS 2019/48*, <http://cadmus.eui.eu>.

## ACADEMIC BLOG POSTS

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Pettrachin, A. (2019), 'Why Are Sicilian Mayors Leading the Opposition to Salvini's Asylum Policies?', *MPC Blog - Debate Migration*: March 2019.

Pettrachin, A. (2020), 'The Politics of Regularisation of Migrant Labour in Italy', *MPC Blog - Debate Migration*: May 2020.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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Pettrachin A. and L. Hadj-Abdou (2021), 'Migration Governance 2.0. Changing Governance Players and Status Quo Perspectives'.

Paper presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), September 2021.

Pettrachin A. (2021), 'Towards a Third Generation Research Agenda on Local Integration Policies: Local immigrant integration from a whole-of-community perspective'.

Paper presented at the Postdoctoral Colloquium organized by the Jean Monnet European Network on Migrant Integration, Lampedusa, September 2021.

Pettrachin A. and A. Pelizza (2020), 'Exploring Data Circulation Through Large Scale Databases for Migration Management in the European Union and its Implications'.

Paper presented at the Seric Seminar Series, University of Bologna, March 2021.

Pettrachin A., L. Gabrielli, S. Ludwig-Dehm, S. Pötzschke and M. Vespe (2021). 'Did exposure to refugee centres affect the electoral outcome of AfD in Berlin? Evidence from the 2019 EU Elections'.

Paper presented at the IMISCOE Annual Conference, University of Luxemburg, July 2020.

Geddes, A. and A. Pettrachin (2019), 'Italy, Immigration, and the EU Framework'.

Paper presented at the Workshop "Politics in Italy. Facts and Interpretations", Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe, Bologna, November 2019.

Pettrachin A., L. Gabrielli, S. Ludwig-Dehm, S. Pötzschke and M. Vespe (2019) 'A Spatial Approach to Assess the Impact of Exposure to Refugee Reception Centres on Electoral Outcomes'.

Paper presented at the Italian National Research Council, Pisa, September 2019.

Pettrachin, A. (2019) 'The Politics of (Multi-Level) Asylum Governance in Italy: Anti-Migrant and Pro-Refugee Campaigning as a Cause and Effect of Policy-Making'.

Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the "Italian Political Science Association", Lecce, September 2019.

Pettrachin, A. (2019) 'Anti-Migrant and Pro-Refugee Campaigning and the



[Contentious Regional Politics of Asylum in Italy](#)'.

Paper presented at the Conference "The Contentious Politics of Solidarity", Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, May 2019.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2019\), 'The Drivers of Regional Asylum Governance and the Politicisation of Asylum Policy-Making in Italy](#)'.

Paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop on 'Subnational Immigration Policy-Making: Towards a Second Generation Research Agenda', Mons, April 2019.

[Pettrachin, A. and F. Paxton \(2019\) 'Populisms in Local Government: A Comparison of Local Governments Led by the 5 Star Movement and the Lega during the Migration Crisis](#)'.

Paper presented at the Annual International Conference of the Political Science Association (PSA), Nottingham, April 2019.

[Dražanová, L. and Pettrachin, A. \(2019\), 'Understanding Attitudes to Immigration in Italy Today. Public and Policymakers' Attitudes to Immigration](#)'.

Paper presented at the Seminar "The Italian Decree on Security and Immigration: how legitimate and effective is it?", European University Institute, Florence, March 2019.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2019\), 'Decision-Making Processes and Dynamics of \(Non-\) Politicisation of Migration in Sicily](#)'.

Paper presented at the EUI Migration Working Group 2018-2019, European University Institute, Florence, February 2019.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2019\), 'Opening the "Black Box" of the Politicisation Process: Decision-Making and the Political Contestation of Migration in Sicily](#)'.

Paper presented at the Annual Conference of "Medi - Mondì Migranti", Milan, February 2019.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2018\) 'Making Sense of the Refugee Crisis: how Decision-Makers' Perceptions of Public Attitudes on Immigration Drive Asylum Governance in the Veneto Region](#)'.

Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Turin, September 2018.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2018\) 'La Crisi del Sistema di Accoglienza nella Regione Veneto: come le Percezioni dei Decisori Politici Influenzano le Risposte alla Crisi Migratoria](#)'.

Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Regional Studies Association (AISRE), EURAC Centre, Bolzano, September 2018.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2018\) 'The Case of Public Utility Works for Asylum Seekers: How Decision-Makers' Perceptions of Public Attitudes on Immigration Drive Policy Responses to the Refugee Crisis](#)'.

Paper presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), Hamburg, August 2018.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2018\) 'Facing the Refugee Crisis: Framing, Sensemaking, and Drivers of Asylum Policy Change in Italy](#)'.

Paper presented at the IMISCOE Annual Conference on "Europe, Migrations and the Mediterranean", Barcelona, July 2018.

[Pettrachin, A. \(2017\) 'Understanding the European Refugee Crisis](#)'.

Paper presented at the White Rose Annual Politics and International Relations Colloquium, The University of Sheffield, May 2017.



Pettrachin, A. (2017) 'Towards an International Declaration of Internet Rights and Freedoms?'.  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the "Italian Political Science Association", Urbino, September 2017.

Pettrachin, A. (2015) 'Rights and Principles in the Normative Evolution of the Internet Governance'.  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the "Italian Association of Political Communication", Salerno, December 2015.

## COMMENT PIECES IN MEDIA

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Pettrachin, A. (2015), 'Italy Joins Internet Rights 'Club'', *Inter Press Service*: September 2015.

Pettrachin, A. (2015), 'Ceuta, An Enclave For Migrating Birds Not Humans', *Inter Press Service*: June 2015.

Pettrachin, A. (2015), 'Migrants Waiting Their Moment in the Moroccan Mountains', *Inter Press Service*: September 2015.

Pettrachin, A. (2015), 'Ex ultranazionalista serbo rilasciato dall'Aja: sono tornato «per la vendetta»', *Epoch Times Italia*: January 2015.

Pettrachin, A. (2014), 'Il massacro di Srebrenica fu un genocidio, condannati cinque ufficiali serbo-bosniaci', *Epoch Times Italia*: December 2014.