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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer in the Discipline and MA Director

Political Science Department Columbia University, New York, NY

July 2016- present

College Fellow (postdoc, instructor, and undergrad adviser)

Government Department Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

July 2015-June 2016

EDUCATION

PhD, Government

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Subfield: Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods

Regional focus: Southern Europe, Latin America, and Israel

May 2015

MPIA, Master in Pacific International Affairs (*now GPS*)

University of California, San Diego, CA

Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

Subfield: Public Policy

Regional focus: Latin America

June 2009

BA, International and Diplomatic Sciences

University of Bologna, Forlì, Italy

Subfield: Development Studies

February 2006

RESEARCH

Selected PUBLICATIONS:

Hadas Aron and Chiara Superti “Protest at the Ballot Box: From Blank Vote to Populism” (Forthcoming at *Party Politics*)

Chiara Superti and Noam Gidron “Too Old to Forget: The Dynamics of Political Trust among Immigrants” *Political Studies* (2021).

Chiara Superti “Protesting with the ballot: Diffusion of methods of electoral protest in Spain” *Electoral Studies* (2020): 65

Ángela Fonseca Galvis and Chiara Superti: “Who wins the most when everybody wins? Predicting candidate performance in an authoritarian election” *Democratization* (2019): 1-21.

Chiara Superti, *Book Review* of “Presidential Campaign in Latin America. Electoral Strategies and Success Contagion. By Taylor C. Boas. Cambridge University Press, 2016.” *Perspective on Politics* 16, no. 3 (2018): 879-881.

Jorge Domínguez, Ángela Fonseca Galvis, and Chiara Superti: “Authoritarian Regimes and Their Permitted Oppositions: Outcomes in Cuba on Election Day”, *Latin American Politics and Society*, 59.2 (2017).

Chiara Superti “Focus on the North: Between Old Proposals and New Protests”, in *Italy and Europe at the Crossroad of Reforms. The European and Local Elections of May 25th 2014*”, edited by Marco Valbruzzi and Rinaldo Vignati, Istituto Carlo Cattaneo, 2014. Published [online](#) in Italian only

Chiara Superti, *Book Review* of “Italian Politics: Technocrats in office 2012”, edited by Aldo di Virgilio and Claudio M. Radaelli, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, (2014): 3

Selected WORKING PAPERS:

Hadas Aron and Chiara Superti “Political Participation in the time of the Pandemic Understanding the Impact of Covid-19 on Voting Patterns: Evidence from the Israeli Case” (*under review*)

Chiara Superti “From Immigrants to Voters Abroad: Immigrants’ Political Attitudes and Enfranchisement from Home Country”

Angela Fonseca Galvis and Chiara Superti “Electoral Response to Natural Disaster in an Authoritarian Regimes. Evidence from Cuba 2018”

Grimmer, Justin, Gary King, and Chiara Superti. “The Unreliability of Measures of Intercoder Reliability, and What to do About it”

DISSERTATION:

Superti, Chiara. *Popular Trust, Mistrust, and Approval: Measuring and Understanding Citizens’ Attitudes Toward Democratic Institutions*. Harvard University, 2015. **Committee:** Gary King (Chair), Stephen Ansolabehere, Jorge I. Domínguez, and Daniel Ziblatt

Selected GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

ISERP Seed Grant Columbia University (2019) for the project ”Foot in Both Countries”

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Academic Year 2014-2015)

Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences Research Grant, Harvard University (Academic year 2012-2013). For **fieldwork** in Italy and Spain

Weatherhead Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Harvard University (Summer 2012). For **fieldwork** in Italy, France, and Israel

Center for Jewish Studies Summer Research Fellowship, Barney and Anne B. Malloy Memorial Fund, Harvard University (Summer, 2011). For **fieldwork** in Israel

The Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University:

- Certificate of teaching excellence for Gov 2000: Introduction to Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2011
- Certificate of teaching excellence for Gov 97: Democracy, Spring 2012
- Certificate of teaching excellence for Gov 97: Democracy, Spring 2013
- Certificate of teaching excellence for SoW 50: Political Corruption, Fall 2013
- Certificate of teaching excellence for Lecturers for Gov 61: Research Practice in Quantitative Methods, Spring 2016

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Society pre-dissertation fellowship, Harvard University (Summer, 2010). For **fieldwork** in Italy

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Presidential fellowship, Harvard University (Academic years 2009/2010, 2010/2011). Additional stipend

Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies Econometric Prize, University of California, San Diego, award for the best empirical paper 2008-2009

Overseas program at University of California, Berkeley, California (USA), merit-based scholarship awarded by University of Bologna, to attend academic year 2004/2005

Erasmus program at Universidad de Cantabria, Santander (SPAIN), merit-based scholarship awarded by University of Bologna, to attend academic year 2002/2003

Selected PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

Conference or Panel Organization:

- MA-sponsored Speaker Series Fall 2018 and 2019 at Columbia University: book presentation by Gwyneth McClendon (NYU), Daniel Ziblatt (Harvard U.) and Alex Hertel-Fernandez (Columbia U.) and others.
- Panel organized APSA 2015, *Understanding Quasi-Democratic Institutions Under Authoritarian Regimes*

Presentations at Academic Conferences:

- American Political Science Association Conference, 2011, 2015, 2016 (discussant), 2019
- European Consortium for Political Research, 2015
- The Society for Political Methodology Conference (PolMeth), 2014
- Midwest Political Science Association conference, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019
- Council of European Studies Conference, 2014
- European Institute University Dissemination Conference (EUDO): *Elections in Europe in Times of Crisis*, 2013

Other talks:

- Moderator for talk on *The Politics of Religion in Israel*, organized by the Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, October 2019
- Moderator breakout session for NOVA conference at Columbia University, November 2018
- Speaker on panel on Italian Elections at Harvard University (CES), April 2018
- Teaching demonstration on *Women in Politics* at Hertfordshire University (UK), March 2016
- Participation on panel *Preparing to Teach* for PhD students at Harvard University, March 2016
- Two-hour lecture on electoral systems and inter-party dynamics for *Electoral Institutions Course*, for PhD students at Harvard University, December 2015
- Presentation at Nuffield College, Oxford University (UK), January 2015
- Presentation at Political Economy Workshop Harvard University, February 2014
- Presentation Political Science SPS Seminar, University of Milan (Italy), January 2014
- Harvard Italian Society Event: *Italy in the Aftermath of Elections*, moderator and secondary speaker, March 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses (selection):

- Methods:
 - **Scope and Methods** (POLS UN 3720). Spring 2017, Fall 2017-18, Columbia University, Political Science Dept. (new [syllabus](#))
 - * Undergraduate lecture course: Introduction to a variety of statistical methods used to investigate political phenomena.
 - * Instructor evaluation average: 4.23 out of 5
 - **Research Practice in Quantitative Methods** (Gov 61). Spring 2016, Harvard University, Government Dept. (new course, [syllabus](#))
 - * Undergraduate lecture course: An introduction to a variety of statistical methods used to investigate political phenomena and identify causal paths. Among the topics covered: experiments, instrumental variables, and regression discontinuity
 - * Instructor evaluation average: certificate of teaching excellence by Bok Center
- Comparative Politics:
 - **New and Old Forms of Political Protest** (POLS UN 3528). Spring 2017-18-19, Columbia University, Political Science Dept. (new course, [syllabus](#))
 - * Undergraduate lecture course: An investigation of determinants, consequences, and types of political protest across the world.
 - * Instructor evaluation average: 4.48 out of 5
 - **Voting Behavior and Electoral Institutions**. Fall 2015 at Harvard University and Spring 17-18-19, Columbia University. (new course, [syllabus](#))
 - * Undergraduate seminar: An investigation of voting institutions across the world such as electoral systems, compulsory voting, and enfranchisement regulations (e.g., ID laws and prisoners' disenfranchisement) and their impact on voting behavior.
 - * Instructor evaluation average: 5 out of 5
- Graduate Courses:
 - **Classic Questions and New Challenges in the Study of Democracy** (POLS GR 5000). Fall 2016-17-18, Columbia University, Political Science Dept. (new course, [syllabus](#))
 - * Graduate seminar: A discussion of classic and new debates surrounding the topic of Democracy through the lens of the different subfields of political science.
 - * Instructor evaluation average: 4.61 out of 5
- Courses Taught as Teaching Assistant/Fellow (selection)
 - **Democracy** (Gov 97). Springs 2012, 2013, and 2014, Harvard University, Government Dept.
 - * A selection of topics on the theme of Democracy from all subfields of political science: What is Democracy? How has the concept of Democracy changed? Does Democracy stimulate economic growth?
 - * Average students' evaluation score: 4.8 out of 5
 - **Foundations of Comparative Politics** (Gov 20). Fall 2012, Harvard University, Government Dept.
 - * An introduction to key concepts and theoretical approaches in comparative politics: from the causes of democratization, economic development, ethnic conflict, and social revolutions; to the role of the state, political institutions, and civil society
 - * Students' evaluation score: 4 out of 5
 - **Advanced Quantitative Methods** (API 209). Fall 2010, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
 - * An introduction to the understanding of statistical methods. It includes: probability theory, sampling, estimation, hypothesis testing, and regression analysis
 - * Students' evaluation score: 4.11 out of 5

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Director of Master of Arts in Political Science
Columbia University, New York

July 2016 -present

- Created a new advising scheme and advised all MA students about requirements, courses, and research
- Carried out admission process, recruitment, and orientation of new MA students
- Organized new career orientation programs and social events
- Created a new course specifically tailored to the needs of the MA students
- Support in preparation of PhD applications
- Alumni network building

Undergraduate Adviser
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

February 2013-June 2016

- Advised students about concentration requirements and courses
- Advised on research interests, thesis topics and thesis research design
- Supervised and graded senior theses

Head Teaching Fellow
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

January 2013-December 2014

- Organized reading material and syllabi for two undergraduate courses
- Coordinated 15 teaching fellows and 170 students
- Planned and ran teaching staff meetings
- Organized logistics of the courses

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Leader of Research Team, *Partisan Taunting Project*
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (USA)

June 2010 - May 2015

- Text analysis of over 30,000 US Senate's speeches
- Recruited, trained, and supervised over 15 research assistants
- Project supervised by Gary King (Harvard University) and Justin Grimmer (Stanford University)

Research Assistant, *Political Corruption Project*
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, (USA)

August 2010-August 2011

- Surveyed existing literature on political corruption
- Project supervised by Jim Alt (Harvard University) and Daniel Ziblatt (Harvard University)

NON-PROFIT & GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Content Manager
Center for Innovation and Development, Cremona, Italy
in co-operation with University Politecnico of Milan, branch of Cremona

March 2007-July 2007

- Created website content and promotional material
- Managed environmentally sustainable projects
- Organized workshops and conference for professionals on "green building" techniques

Internship for Ministry of External Affairs (MAE-CRUI)
Italian Embassy in Honduras, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

April 2006-June 2006

- Cooperated with consulate office and electoral office
- Gained knowledge of Honduran politics by attending meetings with members of local government and the United Nations

SERVICE

Reviewer: *Political Studies, Italian Journal of Applied Statistics, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies*

Representative: Government Dept. Graduate Students Representative, Academic year: 2013/14.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (beginner), Hebrew (beginner/intermediate), and Latin (intermediate).

STATISTICAL SOFTWARES: STATA (proficient), R (proficient), and PYTHON (beginners)

OTHER SOFTWARES: LATEX (proficient) and OFFICE (proficient).