

EDUCATION

- 30/08/2010-
12/1/2016 **Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences**
European University Institute
50014 San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy.
- 30/08/2010-
30/06/2011 **Master of Research (M. Res.)**
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Italy.
- 30/09/2006-
26/02/2009 **Master of Arts (M.A.) in European Studies**
University of Bologna, Faculty of Political Sciences “Roberto Ruffilli”, Forlì, Italy.
- 30/09/2002-
18/10/2006 **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in International Studies**
University of Florence, Faculty of Political Sciences “Cesare Alfieri”, Florence, Italy.

RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 01/04/2023-
Present **Researcher (Ricercatore a tempo determinato A)**
Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies (SPGI),
University of Padua, Italy
- 01/01/2023-
31/03/2023 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**
Institute of Law, Politics and Development (DIRPOLIS), Sant’Anna School of Advanced
Studies, Pisa, Italy
- 01/04/2021-
31/12/2022 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**
Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, Cà Foscari University Venice, Venice, Italy
- 24/07/2017-
31/12/2020 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**
GOVERNECT Project, Leuphana University Lüneburg
Universitätsallee 1, 21335 Lüneburg, Germany
- 15/11/2014-
15/02/2015 **Academic Assistant**, Academic Service of the European University Institute, Italy.
- 01/06/2014-
31/08/2014 **Research Assistant** for Professor Laszlo Bruszt, European University Institute, Italy.
- 01/03/2012-
31/10/2012 **Research Assistant** for Professor Laszlo Bruszt, European University Institute, Italy.
- 01/05/2010-
31/07/2010 **Intern in the Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union**
Rue du Marteau 7-15, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
- 15/09/2009-
31/01/2010 **Intern in the Project Team of the Italian Association of Cities (ANCI)**
Avenue des Arts 39, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses (in English):

Cà Foscari University Venice (Italy), Summer semester 2022: Welfare and environmental sustainability (MA in Labour, Social Citizenship and interculturalism), taught in English.

Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany), Summer semester 2019: Environmental and Sustainability Governance (MA students in Global Environmental Governance), co-taught with Jens Newig.

Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany), Summer semester 2018: Environmental and Sustainability Governance (MA students in Global Environmental Governance), co-taught with Jens Newig.

CAPA Global Education Network (Italy), Summer semester 2017: EU Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (BA students from Washington State University in their semester abroad and background in social sciences, urban planning and architecture).

Gonzaga University in Florence (Italy), Winter semester 2016: Theories of International relations (BA students from Gonzaga University in their semester abroad and background in social sciences)

Courses (in Italian)

University of Padova (Italy), November 2022: Public policy analysis (Integrative teaching activity of 10 hours, MA students in Cultural Pluralism, Social Change and Migration)

Lectures (in English and Italian)

University of Padova (Italy), October 2021: The eco-social debate: an overview of concepts and policies.

Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany), June 2020: Governance of Global Telecoupling (MA students in Global Environmental Governance), taught in English.

Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany), January 2020: Governing Global Telecoupling towards sustainability (BA students in Global environmental and sustainability studies), taught in English.

Georgetown University in Florence (Italy), April 2018: EU waste policy and implementation (BA students from Georgetown in their semester abroad and background in social sciences), taught in English.

University of Florence (Italy), May 2017: Policy implementation (MA students in European Public Policy, Faculty of Political Science), taught in English.

Kent State University in Florence (Italy), November 2016: EU Environmental Policy (BA in social sciences), taught in English.

University of Catania (Italy), April 2016: 2-days session on Research design and qualitative methodology (BA in Public Administration, Faculty of Political Science), taught in Italian.

University of Catania (Italy), December 2014: 2 lectures on European environmental policy in a global perspective for MA students in Public Administration (taught in Italian) and MA students in Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Relations (taught in English).

University of Catania (Italy), December 2013: 3-days session on European environmental policy (MA students of Public Administration, Faculty of Political Sciences), taught in Italian.

CONFERENCES

14-16/09/2022 Espanet Europe, Vienna 2022, Vienna University, Austria.

1-3/09/2022 Espanet Italia 2022, University of Bari, Italy

11/09/2021 Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), virtual.

9/09/2021 Espanet Italia, Roundtable on the eco-social debate, virtual.

6-9/09/2021 Bratislava Conference on Earth System Governance, virtual.

30/08-3/09/2021 ECPR General Conference, virtual.

5-9/07/2021 International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), virtual.

11-12/3/2020 International Workshop on The Sustainability Governance of Inter-Regional Linkages: Lessons from the Brazil-Europe Soy Complex, University of Brasilia, Brazil.

26-28/6/2019 International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Montreal, Canada.

27-30/3/2019 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.

5-8/11/2018 Utrecht Conference on Earth System Governance, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

12-15/9/2018 XXXII Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Turin, Italy.

6-9/09/2017 11th ECPR General Conference, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.

1-2/09/2016 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Philadelphia, USA.

26-29/04/2016 (Non-) Compliance with EU norms, rules and values, University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg, Germany.

- 2-4/12/2015 3rd International QCA Expert Workshop, ETH University and University of Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland.
- 26-30/08/2015 9th ECPR General Conference, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada.
- 4/12/2014 EU Implementation Workshop, Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
- 12-14/09/2013 XXVII Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Florence, Italy.
- 5-8/04/2013 BASEES/ICCEES, European Congress 2013: 'Europe: Crisis and Renewal', Cambridge, United Kingdom.

INVITED TALKS

- 18/11/2022 Inaugural lecture "The EU challenges: ecological transition, energetic crisis and the social Emergency" University of Padova, Padova, Italy.
- 26/03/2017 EU integration and current challenges (60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, Brexit and Migration crisis) at Gonzaga in Florence, Gonzaga University, Florence, Italy.
- 16/12/2013 European Politics Research Group, ETH University, Zürich, Switzerland.
- 01/12/2013 Inauguration lecture "New skills for new challenges: sharing and boosting knowledge on European Policies", University of Catania, Italy.
- 15/10/2013 "Tuesday Seminar" organised by the Center for the Study of Democracy (ZDEMO) at Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 09/2017-02/2018 German language course (A2 level), Leuphana University Lüneburg.
- 09/2014 Teacher training certificate, European University Institute, Italy.
- 07/2014-08/2014 ECPR Summer School on Methodology and Techniques, course on Multiple Regression Analysis and the use of R software at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 07/2011-08/2011 Summer School of Polish language and culture at intermediate level (A2/B1 level) at the John Paul II Catholic University, School of Polish language and culture, Lublin, Poland (final grade: A).
- 09/2009-01/2010 French language course (A2 level) at the Alliance Française, Brussels, Belgium (final grade: 88/100).
- 07/2009-08/2009 Summer School of Polish language at beginner's level (A1 level) at the John Paul II Catholic University, School of Polish language and culture, Lublin, Poland (final grade: A).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Languages

Italian (Native)

English (Excellent understanding, speaking, reading, writing)

Spanish (Intermediate reading, speaking and understanding; Basic writing)

Polish (Intermediate speaking and understanding; Basic writing and reading)

French (Intermediate speaking and understanding; Basic writing and reading)

German (Intermediate understanding and speaking; Basic writing and reading)

Software

VosViewer; Atlas.ti (Intermediate user)

MaxQDA; R (Basic user)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Referee Climate Action; Global Environmental Change; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; International Relations and Development; East European Politics; Sustainability; Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica.

Conference organizer	Seminar series for the academic year 2021-2022 entitled "The eco-social debate: theory and practice," a collaboration between Ca' Foscari and the University of Padua. "Revisiting social learning and collective action in the context of illiberal democracies: Roundtable in honour of László Bruszt", European University Institute, Italy (11/03/2016)
Panel organizer	Advancing the research on the interconnections between welfare and environmental sustainability from the perspectives of eco-social work and eco-social policies", Espanet Italia, University of Bari (1-3/09/2022). "Governing Environmental Sustainability in a Globally 'Telecoupled World'", 12 th ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, Germany (22-25/08/2018) "Making policies from abroad: external actors and national policy-makers in contemporary Europe", XXVIII SISP Annual Conference, Università di Perugia, Perugia, Italy (11-13/09/2014)
Supervision	2 MA theses, Master's Degree Work, Social Citizenship, Interculturality (Cà Foscari University) and 2 MA theses (MA in Global Environmental Governance), Leuphana University Lüneburg; Co-supervision of 3 MA theses in Social Services (Cà Foscari University Venice)
Membership	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Observatory on Sustainability, Equality and Social Justice (OSSES) of the University of Padua (https://osesosservatorio.it); Member of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP); Member of Espanet Italia and Espanet Europe; Member of international network "Sustainable Welfare and eco-social policies".

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Cotta, B., & E. Domorenok (in press) Catching up with the European Union's recovery and resilience agenda: green transition reforms in the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan. *Contemporary Italian Politics*.

Cotta, B., Coenen, J., Challies, E., Newig, J. A. Lenschow, and A. Schilling-Vacaflor (2022) Mapping environmental governance in complex global interconnections – a systematic review of the literature, *Earth System Governance* 13(100142).

Buzogany, A., & **B. Cotta**. (2021). Post-accession backsliding and European Union environmental policies, *Post-Communist Economies* 34(5):647-665, DOI: 10.1080/14631377.2021.1965361.

Newig, J., E. Challies, **B. Cotta**, A. Lenschow, & A. Schilling-Vacaflor. (2020). Governing global telecoupling toward environmental sustainability. *Ecology and Society* 25(4):21.

Schilling-Vacaflor, A., Lenschow, A., Challies, E., **Cotta, B.**, & J. Newig (2020). Blind Spots in Global Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives: Soy Certification and Local Grievances in Brazil, *World Development*, Vol. 140.

Rimmert, M., Baudoin, L., **Cotta, B.**, Kochskämper, E., & Newig, J. (2020). Participation in River Basin Planning Under the Water Framework Directive – Has it Benefitted Good Water Status?. *Water Alternatives*, 13(3).

Cotta, B. (2020) What goes around, comes around? Access and allocation problems in Global North-South waste trade. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, 20(2), 255–269.

Cotta, B. & V. Memoli, (2020). Do environmental preferences in wealthy nations persist in times of crisis? The European environmental attitudes (2008-2017). *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 50(1), 1-16.

Newig, J., Lenschow, A., Challies, E., **Cotta, B.** & A. Schilling-Vacaflor. (2019). What is governance in global telecoupling?. *Ecology and Society* 24(3), 26.

Cotta, B. (2018). Wasted money, wasted time? Analysing the sustainable allocation of European funds for waste management projects in Hungary and Poland. *Emecon - Employment and economy in Central and Eastern Europe*, Special Issue on Pathways to Sustainability in Central and Eastern Europe, No. 1/2018.

Ceccobelli, D., & **B. Cotta** (2016). Leaders' 'Green' Posts. The Environmental Issues Shared by Politicians on Facebook. *European Policy Analysis*, 2(2): 68-93.

Cotta, B. (2010) La questione dei rifiuti in Europa ed in Italia: un'analisi della direttiva RAEE [The issue of waste in Europe and Italy: an analysis of the WEEE Directive], *Cittalia Fondazione ANCI Ricerche*, February 2010, 1-33.

Book chapters

Cotta, B. (2015). Wasted compliance strategies? The policy-making styles of Hungary and Poland in the implementation of European environmental directives. *Gli Annali di LPF - Laboratorio di Politica Comparata e Filosofia Pubblica (LPF)* - Anno 2015, LPF 3/2015, 58-101. ISBN: 978-88-943179-7-8.

Book Reviews

Cotta, B. (2016). Communities in Transition: Protected Nature and Local People in Eastern and Central Europe. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 68(2), 351-352.

In progress

Cotta, B. Unpacking the eco-social paradigm in European policies and politics. Accepted contribution as part of the Symposium "Political science perspectives on the emerging eco-social policies, politics and polity in the European Union" in *European Political Science*, under review.

Cotta, B. & E. Domorenok. Conclusion: bringing together the eco-social debate and established political science perspectives: synergies and new research pathways. Accepted contribution as part of the Symposium "Political science perspectives on the emerging eco-social policies, politics and polity in the European Union" in *European Political Science*, under review.

Cotta, B. The eco-social policy aspects of the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy. Accepted contribution as part of the Special Issue titled "Overlapping or merging policy agendas? The emergence of EU eco-social policies", in *Global Social Policy*, under review.

Cotta, B. & E. Domorenok. Populist governments and green policy agendas. A comparative analysis of Italy and Spain. In preparation, presented at the International Conference on Public Policy 2021.

Cotta, B., The business of compliance. Book proposal in preparation.