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Research Fields: Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, Political Economy

Research Interests: Discrimination, Identity, Status & Inequalities, Social Norms, Historical Legacies

Academic Appointments

Sept. 2024 – Research Fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences,
European University Institute, Florence (ERC POSTNORM project, PI: Prof. Elias Dinas)
2023 – 2024 Max Weber Fellow in Economics,
European University Institute, Florence
2022 – 2023 Post-doctoral Researcher,
Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Technologies (ISTC),
National Research Council of Italy (CNR), Rome

Research Visits

Spring 2026 New York University, Department of Politics
Research visit, hosted by Shanker Satyanath

Education

2017 – 2022 PhD in Economics,
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich &
Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance
Committee: Kai A. Konrad, Davide Cantoni, Florian Englmaier
2011 – 2014 Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration,
University of Zurich, Switzerland
2007 – 2011 Graduate Engineer of Organizational Sciences,
Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia
2010 – 2011 Join EU See – Int. Exchange program: University of Turku, Finland

Publications

- Di Leo, Riccardo; Dinas, Elias; Meiske, Biljana (2025), "Berlinguer, I love you (still): The downstream effects of expressive voting," *Political Behavior* (published online 19 Nov. 2025). DOI: 10.1007/s11109-025-10095-7
- Meiske, Biljana; Álvarez-Benjumea, Amalia; Andrighetto, Giulia; Polizzi, Eugenia (2024), "Nudging punishment against sharing of fake news," *European Economic Review*, 168, 104795. DOI: 10.1016/j.euroecorev.2024.104795

Working Papers and In Progress

- "Queen Bee Immigrant: The Effects of Status Perceptions on Immigration Attitudes" Under Review; [\[Working paper\]](#)
- "Mating Market Competition and Gender Norms" (with Elias Dinas), [\[Working paper\]](#)
- "A Grip on Mind: Stereotypes and Information Recognition Failure" (with Elias Dinas, Anna Getmansky, and Julian Wucherpfennig); Revise & Resubmit; [\[Working paper\]](#)
- "Inequality and Social Influence: Monetary Hierarchies Shape Persuasive Power" (with Andrea F. M. Martignangeli) [\[Working paper\]](#)
- "EU Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman: Politics of Women's Representation in the EU Parliament" (with Anatole Cheysson and Riccardo Di Leo)
- "A Taste for Statistical Discrimination" (with Elias Dinas and Lamprini Rori)

- “Stigmatization Fatigue: Evidence from the F-word” (with Anna Clemente, Riccardo Di Leo, and Elias Dinas)
- “Who Pays for Affirmative Action? The Reallocation of Discrimination under Gender Quotas” (with Raisa Sherif and Elias Dinas)
- “Productivity Shocks and Conflict: The Role of Loss Aversion”

Grants & Fellowships

- **Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Dinas), DYNDISC** – “Dynamics of Discrimination,” EUI Widening Europe Programme (EUR 24,320), Jan.–Dec. 2025. External partners: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance.
- **Co-Investigator, BREAKING** – “Behavioural Responses to Inequality as a Social Ranking,” Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) (EUR 436,181), 2025–2029. Principal Investigator: Andrea F. M. Martinangeli, Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Department of Economics.
- **Max Weber Fellowship**, European University Institute, 2023 – 2024.

Presentations

Invited talks:

- Upcoming: Comparative Politics Workshop, Duke University (March 2027)
- Immigration Policy Lab (IPL) Research Seminar, ETH Zürich (February 2026)
- VCEE Seminar in Experimental Economics, University of Vienna (June 2025)
- Political Science and Political Economy Research Seminar Series, London School of Economics (March 2025)
- Behavioral Economics Workshop, University of Konstanz (February 2025)

Seminars and Presentations:

- The 24th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, Ios (July 2026)
- IV Yale-UB Historical Political Economy Workshop, Barcelona (June 2026)
- Thematic Workshop, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC), Thessaloniki (December 2025)
- Florence Political Economy Applied Research Lab (PEARL), EUI, Florence (November 2025)
- 9th International Conference on Applied Theory, Macro and Empirical Finance, Thessaloniki (April 2025)
- 121st APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition “Reimagining Politics, Power, and Peoplehood in Crisis Times”, Vancouver (September 2025)
- 15th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Madrid (June 2025)
- Social Norms Conference, UZH, Congressi Stefano Franscini Monte Verità, Ascona (May 2025)
- 14th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Köln (July 2024)
- EUI Gender Working Group, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Florence (Sept. 2025)
- 15th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Madrid (June 2025)
- 14th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Cologne (July 2024)
- MWP Multidisciplinary Research Workshop “Public Institutions and Policies as Drivers of Political Attitudes,” European University Institute, Florence (May 2024)
- The Political Behaviour Colloquium, EUI, Florence (January 2023)
- 8th Young Economists’ Meeting, Brno (2023)
- 12th ifo Dresden Workshop on Labor Economics and Social Policy, Dresden (2023)
- Seventh International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Lisbon (2023)
- 9th Meeting of the Behavioral and Experimental Economics Network (BEEN), Venice (2023)
- Workshop on Online Social Influence, UCD Behavioural Science and Policy Group and the Stirling Behavioural Science Centre, Dublin (2022)
- Research Seminar, Laboratory of Agent Based Social Simulation (LABSS), National Research Council of Italy (2022)
- ESA Global Online Around-the-Clock Meetings (2021)
- 11th International Conference of the French Association of Experimental Economics (ASFEE) (2021)
- CRC Summer School 2021: Science-Based Policy Advice (2021)

- Behavioral Brown Bag Seminar, LMU Munich (2019)

Teaching

- **European University Institute**
Lecturer, forthcoming 2027
Political Culture
- **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Economics**
Instructor, Winter School, December 2024
Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences
- **Pedagogical Training: European University Institute, Max Weber Programme**
Teacher Training Certificate in Higher Education, 2023-2024
Teaching practice at Freie Universität Berlin

Professional Service

- Representative of Max Weber Fellows, EUI, 2023-2024, Representative liaising between Max Weber Fellows and the Programme Director/Academic Council on behalf of fellows.
- Member, organizing committee, MWP Multidisciplinary Research Workshop “Public Institutions and Policies as Drivers of Political Attitudes,” European University Institute, 20–21 May 2024.

Public Engagement & Outreach

- “Καρτ ποστάλ από τη Σερβία” (“Postcard from Serbia”) (with Elias Dinas), *Kathimerini*, 24 August 2025 — Op-Ed [Greek].
- “Immigrants against new immigrants – an interview with Biljana Meiske,” *EUI News-Hub*, European University Institute, 17 December 2024 — Interview [English].
- “Zašto dijasporu treba da bude briga” (“Why the diaspora should care”), *Peščanik*, 6 February 2019 — Op-Ed [Serbian].

Experience

2016 – 2017	Teaching Assistant at Nuremberg Institute of Technology Subjects: Microeconomics, Econometrics
2015 – 2016	Consultant at PwC Financial Services – Asset Management, Munich
2015	Internship in Portfolio Management/Structured Investment Management, “Assenagon”, Munich
2014	Internship in Asset Management at “quirin bank”, Berlin
2014	Research Assistant, Chair of Financial Economics, University of Zurich
2012	Research Assistant, Chair of Financial Economics, University of Zurich

Awards and Scholarships

2023	Best Paper Award, 8th Young Economists’ Meeting, Brno
2011 – 2012	Awarded governmental scholarship “Dositeja”
2011	Awarded “Best Graduating Student”, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Belgrade
2008 – 2011	Awarded governmental scholarships “Dositeja” for outstanding academic results
2008 – 2011	Awarded scholarship “Fond Dr. Srejović” for academic excellence

Languages

Languages: Serbo-Croatian (native), English (fluent), German (fluent), Italian (intermediate), Spanish (basic).

Extracurricular Activities

- 2023 –** Volunteering for “Malengo” as a mentor for bachelor students from Uganda studying in Germany
- 2018 – 2022** Refugee Assistance – Volunteering for “Bellevue di Monaco”, refugee assistance and culture center – teaching mathematics and German for school-attending refugees

References

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