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Education

2020 Florence, IT	Scuola Normale Superiore PhD in Political Science and Sociology. Degree cum laude. Supervisor: Professor Donatella della Porta
2014 Milan, IT	Bocconi University MSc in Economics and Management of Public Administration and International Institutions. Grade: 110/110 cum laude. Supervisor: Professor Paolo Graziano
2011 Milan, IT	Bocconi University BSc in Economics and Management in Arts, Culture and Communication

Current Position

Jun 2025 – Zurich, CH	Postdoctoral Fellow ETH Zürich, Spatial Development and Urban Policy (SPUR)
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Previous Positions

Feb 2023 – Jan 2025 London, UK	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow Queen Mary University of London, School of Politics and International Relations
Jan 2022 – Jan 2023 London, UK	Postdoctoral Fellow Queen Mary University of London, School of Geography
Jan 2020 – Dec 2022 Venice, IT	Postdoctoral Fellow Ca' Foscari University, Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage

Visiting Positions

Oct 2024 – Jan 2025 Cambridge, MA, US	Harvard University Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
September 2024 New York, NY, US	City University of New York CUNY Graduate Centre
March 2024 Rotterdam, NL	Erasmus University Rotterdam Department of Public Administration and Sociology
Oct 2018 – Jan 2019 Paris, FR	Sciences Po Urban School – Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics (CEE)
Feb 2018 – Jul 2018 Barcelona, ES	Autonomous University of Barcelona Institute of Government and Public Policy (IGOP)
Sep – Dec 2012 Berlin, DE	Hertie School of Governance Graduate exchange semester. Program: Master of Public Policy

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Francesca Campomori. 2025. 'Collaborative Governance in Politicized Times: The Battle Over Asylum Policies in Italian Cities.' *Policy and Society*. OnlineFirst.
2. Humphris, Rachel, Graham Hudson, and Raffaele Bazurli. 2025. 'Digital Internal Bordering: Surveillance, Data-Sharing, and the Fate of Sanctuary Cities.' *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 51 (14): 3675–3694.
3. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Pietro Castelli Gattinara. 2025. 'The Far Right Out of the Comfort Zone? Framing Opposition to Immigration During COVID-19 in Italy.' *Government and Opposition* 60 (2): 539–559.
4. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Els de Graauw. 2023. 'Explaining Variation in City Sanctuary Policies: Insights from American and European Cities.' *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 49 (14): 3649–3670.
5. Bazurli, Raffaele, and David Kaufmann. 2023. 'Insurgent Asylum Policies in European Cities: A Multi-Level Governance Perspective.' *Urban Affairs Review* 59 (4): 1129–1159.
6. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Francesca Campomori. 2022. 'Further to the Bottom of the Hierarchy: The Stratification of Forced Migrants' Welfare Rights amid the COVID-19 Pandemic in Italy.' *Citizenship Studies* 26 (8): 1091–1116.
7. Bazurli, Raffaele, Tiziana Caponio, and Els de Graauw. 2022. 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Mayors, Migration Challenges, and Multi-level Political Dynamics.' *Territory, Politics, Governance* 10 (3): 297–305.
8. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Martín Portos. 2021. "'Crook!': The Impact of Perceived Corruption on Non-electoral Forms of Political Behavior.' *International Political Science Review* 42 (2): 245–260.
9. Bazurli, Raffaele. 2020. 'How "Urban" is Urban Policy-Making?.' *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53 (1): 25–28.
10. Bazurli, Raffaele, Francesca Campomori, and Mattia Casula. 2020. 'Shelter from the Storm: "Virtuous" Systems of Urban Asylum Governance Coping with Italy's Immigration Crackdown.' *Politiche Sociali / Social Policies* 7 (2): 201–224.
11. Bazurli, Raffaele. 2019. 'Local Governments and Social Movements in the "Refugee Crisis": Milan and Barcelona as "Cities of Welcome".' *South European Society and Politics* 24(3): 343–370.

Journal Edited Special Issues

1. Bazurli, Raffaele, Tiziana Caponio, and Els de Graauw. 2022. 'Mayors and Migration Challenges in US and European Municipalities.' *Territory, Politics, Governance* 10 (3).

Voices in Encyclopaedias

1. Bazurli, Raffaele. 2023. 'Sanctuary Movements.' In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Social and Political Movements (2nd Edition)*, edited by David A. Snow, Donatella della Porta, Doug McAdam, and Bert Klandermans, 1893–1895. London: Wiley-Blackwell.

Book Chapters

1. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Imrat Verhoeven. 2026. 'Contentious Governance and the City: How Urban Alliances Contest National Authority over Climate and Migration Policy.' In *Global Urban Policy*, edited by David Kaufmann and Mara Sidney, 33–56. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
2. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Francesca Campomori. 2023. 'Oltre la "Crisi dei Rifugiati": Quali Lezioni da un Decennio di Governance dell'Asilo? I Casi di Bologna e Venezia.' In *Rifugiati e Solidali: L'Accoglienza dei Richiedenti Asilo in Italia*, edited by Maurizio Ambrosini, 43–74. Bologna: Il Mulino.
3. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Francesca Campomori. 2023. 'Il Sistema di Asilo alla Prova del COVID-19: L'Esasperazione dell'Inclusione Differenziale di Richiedenti Asilo e Rifugiati.' In *Rifugiati e Solidali: L'Accoglienza dei Richiedenti Asilo in Italia*, edited by Maurizio Ambrosini, 75–106. Bologna: Il Mulino.

4. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Carlos Delclós. 2022. 'Crimmigration and Solidarity in the Global City: The Case of Barcelona's Street Vendors.' In *Contentious Migrant Solidarity: Shrinking Spaces and Civil Society Contestation*, edited by Donatella della Porta and Elias Steinhilper, 63–82. New York: Routledge.

Book Reviews

1. Bazurli, Raffaele. 2018. *Street Politics in the Age of Austerity: From the Indignados to Occupy*, edited by Marcos Ancelovici, Pascale Dufour, Héloïse Nez. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2016. *Partecipazione e Conflitto – PACO* 11 (3): 926–931.

Work in Progress

1. Bazurli, Raffaele. *Insurgent Reformists: How Immigrant Rights Movements Won Policy Change in Barcelona and Milan*. Authored monograph.
2. Swerts, Thomas, Raffaele Bazurli, and Carola Vasileiadi. 'Sanctuary in the Hostile City: Supporting Illegalized Migrants in Rotterdam's Shifting Infrastructural Field'.
3. Bazurli, Raffaele. 'Sanctuary Policies for Irregular Migrants in European Cities: Dismantling the Fortress from the Ground Up?'.
4. Bazurli, Raffaele, David Kaufmann, Aimée Schmid. 'Rethinking Policy Processes from the City Up: A Systematic Review'.
5. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Sam Halvorsen. 'The Ambivalence of Government Decentralisation for Poor People's Politics: The Case of Slum Upgrading in a Buenos Aires' Informal Neighbourhood'.
6. Bazurli, Raffaele, and Walter J. Nicholls. 'Shaping Policymaking from the Ground Up: Activism and Governance in Multi-Level Institutional Settings'. Special issue.

Research Funding

2023-25	Horizon Europe , Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship. 100/100 score, 1 st attempt. € 220,908
2022-25	Urban Studies Foundation , Postdoctoral Fellowship. 1 st attempt. Offer declined. £ 180,000
2022-23	Queen Mary University of London , Impact Fund, Large Stream. 1 st attempt. £ 47,800
2022	Queen Mary University of London , HSS Impact Fund. 1 st attempt. £ 2,810
2015-19	Scuola Normale Superiore , Scholarship to attend the PhD program. Approx. € 43,000
2018-19	Sciences Po , Erasmus+ scholarship. € 3,500
2018	Autonomous University of Barcelona , Erasmus+ scholarship. € 5,700

Prizes and Awards

2026	University of California Press Support from the <i>FirstGen Program</i> for the publication of <i>Insurgent Reformists: How Immigrant Rights Movements Won Policy Change in Barcelona and Milan</i> . \$ 3,000
2021	City University of New York Distinguished Visiting Scholar Award by the Advanced Research Collaborative of the CUNY's Graduate Centre. Cancelled due to COVID-19. \$ 3,000
2021	American Political Science Association Best Paper in Urban or Regional Politics presented at the 2020 APSA Annual Meeting. \$ 250
2020	European Consortium for Political Research Young scholar mobility grant to attend the 48 th Joint Sessions of Workshop. € 550

Teaching, Mentoring, and Supervision

Teaching Associate

2022-23 “Migration and the Politics of Belonging”, Bachelor level, Queen Mary University of London

Guest Lecturer

2024-25 “Cities in Global Context”, Bachelor level, Northeastern University
2023-24 “Migration and International Public Policy”, Master level, Queen Mary University of London
2023-24 “Social Science Methodology”, Master level, University of Padua
2023-24 “Welfare States and New Social Risks”, Master level, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
2022-23 “Democracy and Multi-Level Governance”, Master level, University of Zurich
2022-23 “Migration and International Public Policy”, Master level, Queen Mary University of London
2022-23 “Migration and the Politics of Belonging”, Bachelor level, Queen Mary University of London
2020-21 “Forced Migrants, Refugees, Asylum-Seekers”, Master level, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
2019-20 “Political Science”, Bachelor level, University of Padua
2018-19 “Collective Action Outcomes”, PhD level, Scuola Normale Superiore
2017-18 “Movement-Parties in Time and Space”, PhD level, Scuola Normale Superiore

Supervisor and Mentor

2026 Supervision of one dissertation, bachelor level, ETH Zürich
2025 – Supervision of one research assistant, ETH Zürich
2024 Supervision of two dissertations, master level, Queen Mary University of London
2022 Supervision of one dissertation, master level, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
2020-22 Supervision of six research assistants, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
2016 Mentoring of high-school students wishing to enrol at university, Scuola Normale Superiore

Policy Engagement and Outreach

Impact Projects

2025 – “Sanctuary and Resistance” (S+R26), Soli*City Research Network (Toronto Metropolitan University) and Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility (The New School)
2025 – “Progetto Arkani.” Theatre laboratory applying social science methodologies to community-building and cross-generational exchange. Gubbio (Italy).
2022-23 “Barrio Saldías: Visibility, Representation, and Upgrading in an Informal Neighbourhood of Buenos Aires”, Queen Mary University of London
2019 “Integrating Refugees in Society and the Labour Market Through Social Innovation” (SiforREF), Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

Policy Events

2024 “Sanctuary Policies for Irregular Migrants in European Cities”, City Initiative on Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe (C-MISE), University of Oxford
2023 “Temporary Protection and Reception of Ukrainian Forced Migrants in Italy and Spain”, Initiatives and Studies on Multi-Ethnicity – ISMU Foundation
2022 “The Politics of Refuge: Sanctuary Policies in the US, UK, and Europe”, TheoryLAB and The City Centre, Queen Mary University of London
2022 “The Rise of Sanctuary Cities during the European ‘Refugee Crisis’”, Centre for European Research, Queen Mary University of London

Policy Briefs and Funded Research Reports

2021 Bazarli, Raffaele and Francesca Campomori. ‘Il Sistema di Asilo alla Prova del COVID-19: L’Incremento della Stratificazione dei Diritti.’ *Social Cohesion Papers*, 3/2021: 1-7.
2020 Bazarli, Raffaele, Francesca Campomori, and Chiara Marchetti. ‘Dall’Emergenza Sanitaria alla Sanatoria: La Condizione degli Immigrati nella Pandemia.’ *Social Cohesion Papers*, 3/2020: 32-40.

Newspaper Comment Pieces and Blog Entries

2024 ‘Breaking the Humanitarianism–Equity Dilemma in Health Services for Undocumented Migrants: A Response to Piccoli & Perna (2024).’ Commentary for *The Ethics of Migration Policy Dilemmas* project, Migration Policy Centre (MPC), European University Institute (EUI)

- 2023 'The Rise of Sanctuary Cities During the European "Refugee Crisis".' In *Europe Matters Blog*
- 2022 'Mobilising for the Right to the City: Inequalities and Political Participation in the Neighbourhood of Saldías, Buenos Aires.' In *Uneven Urban Democracy*
- 2021 'How Corruption Drives Political Participation – and the People Most Likely to Mobilise.' In *ECPR The Loop* (with M. Portos)
- 2018 'Barcelona, a Beacon By the Sea.' In *Jacobin Magazine* (with P. Castaño Tierno)

Academic Conferences

Chair

- 2026 International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Conference, Panel "The Coproduction of Local Immigration Politics: Cooperation and Conflict in State-Civil Society Relations" (with E. Steinhilper, R. Humphris, and Els de Graauw)
- 2025 International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Conference, Panel "A Critical Analysis of Sanctuary and Other Inclusion Policies" (with B. Gonzalez O'Brien and J. Mourão-Permoser)
- 2024 International Workshops on Public Policy (IWPP), Workshop "Shaping Policymaking from the Ground up: Activism and Governance in Multi-Level Institutional Settings" (with W. J. Nicholls)
- 2024 International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Conference, Panel "Immigrant Sanctuary: Policies, Activism, Dilemmas" (with J. Mourão-Permoser)
- 2023 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Panel "Migration Governance Beyond the Nation-State"
- 2022 European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet Italia), Panel "Politiche Migratorie e Welfare State: Quali Scenari per le Società Post-Pandemiche?" (with F. Campomori)
- 2021 International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Panel "Sanctuary Cities across Space and Time" (with E. de Graauw)
- 2018 Italian Political Science Society (SISP) Annual Conference, Panel "The Politics of Local Government" (with M. Bassoli and F. Paxton)

Invited Speaker

- 2024 Harvard University, Center for European Studies, New Research on Europe Seminar
- 2024 City University of New York, Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, Baruch College
- 2024 City University of New York, Graduate Center, Immigration Seminar Series
- 2024 Erasmus University Rotterdam, Department of Public and Administration and Sociology
- 2023 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Seminar Series on Migration and Ethnicity
- 2023 Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Migration
- 2023 Ghent University, Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy
- 2020 University of Bern, Research Seminar of the Institute of Political Science
- 2020 European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet Italia) Annual Conference
- 2018 Autonomous University of Barcelona, Research Group on Urban Governance

Presenter (Selection)

- ISA's Research Committee on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development (RC21) – 2026
- Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR) – 2026
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition – 2020, 2021
- International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress – 2021
- International Public Policy Association (IPPA) International Conference on Public Policy – 2021, 2023
- International Public Policy Association (IPPA) International Workshops on Public Policy – 2018, 2024
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference – 2018, 2021, 2023
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions of Workshops – 2017
- International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Conference – 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- European Urban Research Association (EURA) Conference – 2025
- European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet Italia) Annual Conference – 2017, 2022
- London School of Economics, "Joint Sessions on Critical Europe" – 2024
- University of Amsterdam, "Success and Failure in Collaborative Social Policy Governance" – 2023

Other Research-Related Experiences

- 2022 **Queen Mary University of London**, research assistant at the School of Politics and International Relations. Project: *Digital Sanctuary Cities*
- 2021 **University of Oslo**, researcher at the Centre for Research on Extremism. Project: *Mobilization Against Migration – MAM* (funded by the Research Council of Norway)
- 2016 **Professor Paolo Graziano**, data collection and coding for the article: Caiani, Manuela, and Graziano, Paolo. 2018. 'Europeanisation and Social movements: The Case of the Stop TTIP Campaign'. *European Journal of Political Research* 57 (4): 1031–1055
- 2013-15 **Bocconi University**, research fellow and project manager at the Centre for Research on Health and Social Care Management. Project: *Learning from Innovation in Public Sector Environments – LIPSE* (funded by EU 7th FP)
- 2013 **Government of Italy**, intern at the Department of Public Administration

Memberships

The City Centre at Queen Mary University of London; Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS) at Scuola Normale Superiore; Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in Global Perspective (Soli*City) at Toronto Metropolitan University; Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO); Research Committee 21 (RC21) on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association; International Public Policy Association (IPPA); American Political Science Association (APSA); International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)

Service to Profession

Corresponding Editor

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (2025-present)

Academic Peer-Reviewing

Cities; *City*; *Governance*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *International Migration Review*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Mondi Migranti*; *Mobilization*; *Partecipazione e Conflitto (PaCo)*; *Policy Sciences*; *Political Geography*; *PS: Political Sciences & Politics*; *Regional & Federal Studies*; *Social Inclusion*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *Urban Studies*

Conference Proposal Reviewing

Reviewer for paper and panel proposals, *IMISCOE Annual Conference* (2024, 2025, 2026)

Conference Organizing

Member of the Organizing Committee, 13th and 14th editions of the *ESPAnet Italia Annual Conference* (European Network for Social Policy Analysis)

Panel and Workshop Organizing

Refer to the “Academic Conferences” section, “Chair” subsection

Skills

Languages

Fluent in Italian, English, Spanish; Basic knowledge of French and Catalan

Software

Proficiency with NVivo, MaxQDA and Atlas.ti (qualitative data analysis)
Proficiency with SPSS; basic knowledge of R (quantitative data analysis)