Anna Clemente

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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Sciences, CUNEF — Madird, 2026— ongoing

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dept. of Government, LSE — London, 2024—2026

Education

PhD, Social & Political Sciences, European University Institute, Florence — 2020 — 2024

- Supervisors: Prof. Elias Dinas & Prof. Arnout van de Rijt
- Thesis: *Unequal but fair? Investigating the persistence of meritocratic beliefs*
- Italian National Authority Grant (fully funded)

Fulbright Schuman Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, Stanford University — Jan — June 2023

- Supervisor: Prof. Vicky Fouka

MPhil in European Politics, University of Oxford — 2018 — 2020

- Supervisor: Prof. Spyros Kosmidis
- Distinction. Thesis: *Who is afraid of the EU? European supra-nationalisation and identity threat*

BSc Politics and International Relations, University of Bath — 2013 — 2017

- Distinction. Thesis: *With or Without EU: Podemos Mobilisation of Euroscepticism in Spain after the crisis*

Published Work

- Reviews: “On Populist Reason” (166-169); “Agonistics: Thinking the World Politically” (170-173), in *Un liberalismo per il XXI secolo: le sfide della contemporaneità*, Centro Einuadi, 2019

Submitted Papers

- **Clemente, Anna.** "When Equality Trumps Merit: How Income Shocks Reshape Fairness Norms". Presented at EPSA 2022, APSA 2022
- **Clemente, Anna**, and Formisano, Giuliano. “Mind the Bricks: Proximity to Inequality and Support for Redistribution”, Presented at EPSA 2023, PEEP 2023, APSA 2023, Winner of the Elinor Ostrom Prize (Società Italiana Scienze Politiche, 2025)
- **Clemente Anna**, Handzlik, Dakota, Jones, Jason, and Skiena, Steven. “Identities are increasingly political: evidence from 30 countries”
- Escoffier, Simon, Disi Pavlic, Rodolfo, and **Clemente Anna**. “Uncivil mobilization or countermobilization? Explaining anti-rights collective action in Chile”, Presented at EPSA 2021

Working Papers

- **Clemente, Anna**. "The hegemony of meritocracy? Testing preferences for competing egalitarian and meritocratic narratives", Presented at EPSA 2023, IE 2025
- **Clemente, Anna**, and Formisano, Giuliano. "From Concern to Action? How Collective Efficacy Shapes Attitudes Toward Inequality", funded by the IPZ Inequality grant
- Schulze, Ludwig, **Clemente, Anna**, and Kendall, Joe. "Victims of Amnesia? World War II Memories and Authoritarian Attitudes in Germany", presented at EPSA 2025, APSA 2025
- Schulze, Ludwig, **Clemente, Anna**, and Kendall, Joe. "How Social Norms Shape Attitudes Toward Foreign Conflict: Evidence from Germany"
- **Clemente, Anna**, and Abbiati, Simone. "Was it the American Dream all along? Understanding 100 years of meritocratic rhetoric"
- **Clemente, Anna**, Di Leo, Riccardo, Dinas, Elias and Meiske, Biljana. "Stigmatization Fatigue: Evidence from the F-word"

Teaching Experience

Seminar Teacher, *Introduction to Political Science* (GV101), LSE — London, 2024–2026

Block Lecturer, *Politics and Inequality* (course designed by myself), Heinrich Heine University — Düsseldorf, Jun–Jul 2023

Italian and English Teacher, Language Link — Moscow, 2017–2018

Conferences

- "Victims of Amnesia? World War II Memories and Authoritarian Attitudes in Germany", co-authored with Ludwig Schulze and Joe Kendall. EPSA (2025); SISP (2025), APSA (2025), NYUAD Contemporary Debates in Political Violence (2026)
- "Mind the Bricks: Proximity to Inequality and Support for Redistribution", co-authored with Giuliano Formisano. EPSA (2023); PEEP (2023); APSA (2023); In_Equality (2024); SISP (2024)
- "The hegemony of meritocracy? Testing preferences for competing egalitarian and meritocratic narratives", EPSA (2023), SISP (2024), IE (2025), invited at APSA (2025)
- "Learning the hard way? Income shocks and changes in meritocratic beliefs". Graduate Institute of International Studies Workshop (December, 2021); EPSA (June, 2022); APSA (September, 2022), ECR "Effort and Social Inequality" Conference (Madrid, June 2023)
- "Are we all in this together? Using transfer learning to study changes in redistribution attitudes during COVID-19" (co-authored with G. Formisano), European Graduate Network Conference (April, 2022); CEU Annual Doctoral Conference (April, 2022); EPSA (June, 2022); Civica Data Science Days (October, 2022)
- "Uncivil mobilization or countermobilization? Explaining anti-rights collective action in Chile", (with S. Escoffier and R. Disi Pavlic), MPSA (May, 2021); EPSA (July, 2021)
- "Who is afraid of the EU? European supra-nationalisation and identity threat", UACES (September 2020)
- "On Laclau's Populist Reason", Europaeum's Imshausen International Graduate Workshop, (Mannheim, April, 2019)

Selected Non Academic Work

- "La Nostra Generazione" (chapter 10), in Tortuga, 2020, *Ci Pensiamo Noi*, Milan: Egea, pp. 155-165
- "The Italian experience with the cooperation measure under RDP". Report presented at the Copa-Cogeca (Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations and Agricultural Cooperatives), Bruxelles, 2021
- Presentation at the panel "Verso la legge di bilancio 2022. Quali misure contro il disagio giovanile?", organised by the parliamentary intergroup for intergenerational equality at the pressroom of the Chamber of Deputies, Rome, 2021

Awards

- IPZ Inequality Research Fund, €6500, 2025
- Elinor Ostrom Prize, Società Italiana Scienze Politiche, 2025
- Wien University Small-Scale Projects Fund, €5700
- Fulbright Schuman Grant for a visiting exchange to Stanford University, 2022
- Early Career Researcher's grant, Social and Political Sciences Department, EUI, 2020; 2022; 2023
- Italian national authority grant for the European University Institute PhD Program, 2020–2023
- Comparative Time Sharing Experiment, Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, Nuffield, Oxford, 2019
- Green Templeton College Nautilus Award for outstanding contributions to College Citizenship, 2019

Research Experience

Associate, Tortuga Econ (http://tortugaecon.eu) — Remote, 2018–2024
Researched, edited and wrote articles, reports, briefings and a book chapter.

Research Assistant, ICHEM Project — Chile (remote), Jul - Sep 2020
Literature review of the causes of far-right mobilisation for a forthcoming article on radical conservative movements in Chile (co-authored with Prof. Escoffier and Prof. Disi Pavlic).

Research Assistant, SCHOOLPOL Project — Oxford, Jul 2019 - Oct 2020
Collected and coded data regarding the Italian education system from 1945 till the present (P.I.: Dr. Jane Gingrich).

Core Competencies

- **Language skills:** Italian (Mother tongue); English (Proficient); Spanish; Russian
- **IT skills:** proficient in MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Publisher); good knowledge of R, Stata and Qualtrics; familiar with NVivo; basic Python knowledge

Academic and Community Service

- Founder and Convenor of the London Experimental Seminar Series, London, 2025 — 2026
- Convenor of the Political Behaviour Colloquium, Florence, September 2021 — July 2022
- City Councillor Candidate and Campaign Volunteer, Udine, February — April 2018