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EMPLOYMENT (SELECTED)

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Public Policy King's College London, Department of Political Economy	London, UK 2023-present
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Public Policy King's College London, Department of Political Economy	London, UK 2020-2023
Post-doctoral Researcher University of California, Davis, Centre for Environmental Policy & Behavior	Davis, USA 2018-2020
Research Associate University of East Anglia (UEA) ESRC Centre for Competition Policy	Norwich, UK 2013-2014
Research Assistant European University Institute (EUI) Florence School of Regulation	Florence, Italy 2011-2014

EDUCATION (SELECTED)

PhD in Politics University of East Anglia (UEA)	Norwich, UK 2014-2018
Fulbright Schuman Visiting Scholar BMW Centre for German and European Studies, Georgetown University	Washington DC, USA Jul 2016-Jan 2017
MSc in International Business and Development University of Parma	Parma, Italy 2011-2013
MA in European Studies University of Parma	Parma, Italy 2009-2011
Advanced Diploma in European Studies European College of Parma	Parma, Italy 2009-2010

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- [1] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia** and Lubell, Mark. **2024**. *Governing climate adaptation: sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay Area*. Ed. by David Konisky. Cambridge Elements in Organizational Responses to Climate Change. Cambridge University Press.

Academic articles

- [19] Wood, Liza, **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**, and Scott, Tyler. **2025**. "Tracing the path of knowledge on 'environmental governance processes' for theory-building." In: *Environmental Policy & Governance* Accepted.

- [18] Goodden, Anna, Porter, James, and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2024a.** “Does flood risk funding protect the most vulnerable? A case study of England”. In: *Environmental Science & Policy* 157.103781. DOI: 10.1016/j.envsci.2024.103781.
- [17] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia et al. 2024b.** “Intra-organizational Mobility and Employee Contact Networks: Evidence from Panel Data in the European Commission”. In: *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 34.4, pp. 598–610. DOI: 10.1093/jopart/muae014.
- [16] Pozzi, Tara, [...], and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2024c.** “Nascent Policy Subsystems in Polycentric Governance Networks: The Case of Sea Level Rise Governance in the San Francisco Bay Area”. In: *Policy Studies Journal* 52.3, pp. 561–581. DOI: 10.1111/psj.12549.
- [15] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia et al. 2023a.** “Creating adaptive social-ecological fit: the role of regional actors in the governance of Sea-level Rise Adaptation in San Francisco Bay.” In: *Global Environmental Change* 80.102654. DOI: 10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2023.102654.
- [14] Huang, Chien-shih, Lubell, Mark, and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2023b.** “Geographic Scale Dependency and the Structure of Climate Adaptation Policy Networks in San Francisco Bay.” In: *Ecology & Society* 28.4. DOI: 10.5751/ES-14403-280430.
- [13] Choueiri, Yasmina and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2023c.** “Informal water tankers, their network structure, and drivers of cooperation and competition: a case study in Beirut, Lebanon.” In: *Society & Natural Resources* 36.12, pp. 1530–1550. DOI: 10.1080/08941920.2023.2246028.
- [12] Gmoser-Daskalakis, Kyra, [...], and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2022a.** “At Item Response Approach to Sea Level Rise Policy Preferences in a Nascent Subsystem.” In: *Review of Policy Research* 40.6, pp. 972–1003. DOI: 10.1111/ropr.12520.
- [11] Alayrac, Pierre, [...], and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2022b.** “Des bureaucraties poreuses ? Les interactions de la commission européenne et du secrétariat du conseil avec leur environnement, et leur influence sur leurs préférences en termes de gouvernance”. In: *Revue française d’administration publique* 1.181, pp. 41–64. DOI: 10.3917/rfap.181.0043.
- [10] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2022c.** “From learning to influence: the evolution of collaboration in European Administrative Networks”. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 29.10, pp. 1631–1655. DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2018.1535611.
- [9] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia and Lubell, Mark. 2022d.** “Functional differentiation in governance networks for sea level rise adaptation in the San Francisco Bay Area.” In: *Social Networks* 75, pp. 16–28. DOI: 10.1016/j.socnet.2022.02.010.
- [8] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia and Lubell, Mark. 2022e.** “The benefits of specialized knowledge in polycentric governance.” In: *Policy Studies Journal* 50.4, pp. 849–876. DOI: 10.1111/psj.12464.
- [7] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia, Kassim, Hussein, and Connolly, Sara. 2021a.** “Breaking out of silos: explaining cross-departmental interactions in two European bureaucracies”. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 28.9, pp. 1432–1452. DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2020.1784253.
- [6] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia, Kassim, Hussein, and Wright, Kathryn. 2021b.** “Internal network structures as opportunity structures: control and effectiveness in the European Competition Network”. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 28.4, pp. 571–590. DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2020.1737183.
- [5] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2020a.** “Networks as First Best? Network Entrepreneurship and Venue Shifting in the Establishment of the Network of Euro–Mediterranean Energy Regulators”. In: *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 58.3, pp. 654–671. DOI: 10.1111/jcms.12956.
- [4] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2020b.** “Regulatory relationships across levels of multilevel governance systems: From collaboration to competition”. In: *Governance* 33.1, pp. 173–189. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12409.
- [3] Mantzari, Despoina and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2020c.** “The paradox of regulatory discretion”. In: *Law & Policy* 42.4, pp. 382–403. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12158>.
- [2] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2019a.** “Networking for resources: how regulators use networks to compensate for lower staff levels”. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 26.10, pp. 1540–1559. DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2018.1535611.
- [1] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia. 2019b.** “The drivers of regulatory networking: policy learning between homophily and convergence”. In: *Journal of Public Policy* 39.3, pp. 443–464. DOI: 10.1017/S0143814X18000156.

Book chapters

- [7] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**, Lubell, Mark, and Huang, Chien-shih. **2025**. “Bridging Networks in Polycentric Systems: The Case of Sea-Level Rise Adaptation.” In: *Elgar Handbook of Social Networks and the Environment*. Ed. by Michele Barnes and Orjan Bodin. Edgward Elgar. Chap. 5, forthcoming.
- [6] Connolly, Sara, [...], **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**, et al. **2024**. “‘Porous’ bureaucracies? External Interaction, Social Influence and Governance Preferences in the European Commission and the Council Secretariat”. In: *The Changing Topography of EU Administration: Organisations, Actors, and Policy Processes*. Ed. by Didier Georgakakis. Springer Nature Switzerland. Chap. 9, pp. 195–226.
- [5] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**. **2023**. “The OECD Network of Economic Regulators”. In: *Elgar Handbook of the OECD*. Ed. by Fabrizio de Francesco and Claudio Radaelli. Edgward Elgar, pp. 126–136.
- [4] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia** and Francesco, Fabrizio De. **2022a**. “European Regulatory Networks”. In: *Elgar Encyclopedia of the European Union*. Ed. by Jale Tosun and Paolo Graziano. Edgward Elgar. Chap. 5, pp. 45–52.
- [3] Lubell, Mark, [...], **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**, et al. **2022b**. “Methodological Approaches to the Ecology of Games Framework”. In: *Methods of the Policy Process*. Ed. by Christopher M. Weible and Samuel Workman. Routledge. Chap. 9, pp. 233–262.
- [2] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**. **2016**. “Euro-Mediterranean Energy Relations”. In: *Regulation and Investments in Energy Markets - Solutions for the Mediterranean*. Ed. by Carlo Cambini and Alessandro Rubino. Vol. 1. Elsevier. Chap. 2, pp. 23–40.
- [1] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**. **2014**. “Mechanisms and outcomes of the EU external energy policy”. In: *Regional Energy Initiatives: MedReg and the Energy Community*. Ed. by Carlo Cambini and Alessandro Rubino. Vol. 1. Routledge. Chap. 3, pp. 45–61.

Policy reports

- [4] Meyer, Christoph, **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**, and Youngs, Richard. **2021**. *Preparing the CSDP for the new security environment created by climate change*. European Parliament.
- [3] **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia** and Lubell, Mark. **2020**. *Learning to Collaborate: Lessons Learned from Governance Processes Addressing the Impacts of Sea Level Rise on Transportation Corridors Across California*. University of California Institute of Transportation Studies.
- [2] Lubell, Mark, **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**, and Bostic, Darcy. **2019**. *The Governance of Sea Level Rise in the San Francisco Bay Area: Results from a Survey of Stakeholders*. Center for Environmental Policy & Behavior.
- [1] Connolly, Sara, Kassim, Hussein, and **Vantaggiato, Francesca Pia**. **2017**. *Understanding the EU Civil Service: The General Secretariat of the Council*. General Secretariat of the Council.

TEACHING

• Environmental Governance , Undergraduate, King’s College London <i>Module Convenor (6SSPP388)</i>	Term 2
• Climate Policy and the Global Energy Transition , Postgraduate, King’s College London <i>Module Convenor (7SSPP219)</i>	Term 1
• Comparative Public Policy , Postgraduate, King’s College London <i>Module Convenor (7SSPP002)</i>	Term 2

FELLOWSHIPS & INVITED TALKS

Visiting Professor Fellowships

• Visiting Professor University of Bari <i>Department of Law, Politics and Economics</i>	Spring 2025, 2026
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Academic talks

- **University College London** Mar 2025
Institute of the Americas speaker series
- **University of Oslo** Mar 2025
Department of Political Science speaker series
- **University of Essex** Jan 2025
Department of Government speaker series
- **Universite de Lausanne (UNIL)** Nov 2024
Laboratory for Analysis of Governance and Public Policy in Europe
- **London School of Economics and Political Science** Sept 2024
London Environment And Public Policy workshop
- **University of Konstanz** Nov 2023
Management and Public Administration Colloquium
- **University of Reading** Nov 2023
Comparative Politics Seminar
- **University of Manchester** Oct 2023
Environment and Politics Group annual workshop

Invited lectures & podcasts

- **The Politics of the Bureaucracy hybrid module Circle U.**
University of Oslo 2025
Lecture on 'What do bureaucrats want?'
- **Circle U. Summer School in Democracy**
University of Oslo 2023
Lecture on Environmental policy & Knowledge
- **Art of Science Podcast - Episode 1**
University of Syracuse & Policy Studies Journal 2022
A podcast on the research process
- **European Capitals 2022 - The Challenge of Regulatory Reform in the Utilities Sectors**
Institute for Government, King's College London 2022
Practitioner session
- **Planning Horizons, California session on SB1 project on the governance of sea level rise for transportation assets in California**
State of California Department of Transportation 2021
Practitioner session
- **Climate adaptation: governance solutions from San Francisco Bay**
City of Moscow, Russia 2019
Moscow Climate Forum
- **Climate adaptation: sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay Area**
John's Hopkins University 2019
MA Climate Change and Global Environmental Sustainability
- **Regulatory enforcement**
Georgetown University 2016
MA in Public Policy
- **An introduction to the politics and policy of regulating electricity (and gas) infrastructure**
Norwich Business School, University of East Anglia 2014
MA in Management

SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

Doctoral & Post-doctoral students

• William Edmonds, LISS-DTP Doctoral student, King's College London	2024–present
• Emma Yule, Post-Doctoral student, King's College London	2024–present
• Martina Egedusevic, Post-Doctoral student, King's College London	Jun-Dec 2023
• Anna Goodden, LISS DTP CASE Doctoral student, King's College London	2023–present
• Matteo Nebbiai, LISS-DTP Doctoral student, King's College London	2022–present
• Yuetong Guo, Doctoral student, King's College London	2022–present
• Santiago Quintero-Suarez, LISS DTP Doctoral student, King's College London	2021–present

Student engagement & Mentoring

• Public Policy & Regulation Reading Group for PhD students	2023, 2024
• Regulation & Governance Early Career Network mentoring programme	2024–present
• King's Climate Research Lab, co-managed w/ James Porter (Geography)	2023, 2024, 2025
• Circle U. PhD workshop on Public Governance	2023
• King's Environmental Policy Pitch Competition for undergraduate students	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
• Alt-ac careers seminar for PhD students in the Dept of Political Economy	2021, 2022

Research assistants

• Abhar Jaminon Premanand, BSc in Politics, Research Assistant, King's College London	Winter 2025
• Abigail Healey, BA in Politics, Research Assistant, King's College London	Summer 2023
• Anna Goodden, BA in Geography, Research Assistant, King's College London	Jun-Jul 2022
• Gian Rajaram, BA in Politics, Research Assistant, King's College London	Summer 2021, Jan-Jul 2022
• Aljaksandr Ilyukevich, BA in Geography, Research Assistant, King's College London	Jan-Jul 2022
• Catharina Savelkoul, BA in Politics, Research Assistant, King's College London	Summer 2022
• Darcy Bostic, MSc in Hydrology, Graduate Student Researcher, UC Davis	2018–2019
• Ofurhe Igbinedion, PhD in Human Geography, Graduate Student Researcher, UC Davis	Summer 2019

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Research grants

• Georgetown-King's College London Seed Fund, £4,000	2025
• Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), Thematic Fund (Environment and Resilience), £9,862	2024
• King's College London, Climate & Sustainability Seed Fund, £50,000	2023
• British Academy/Leverhulme Small Grant, £9,800	2022
• King's College London, Faculty Fund, Seed funding, £9,552	2022
• European Parliament research grant, £5,000	2021
• State of California, Dept of Transportation, Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB1) Grant, \$78500	2018

Studentships and Fellowships (selected)

• Fulbright-Schuman Visiting Scholar grant at Georgetown University, \$18,000	2016
• University of East Anglia PhD Studentship, £66,000	2014–2017
• “Ritorno al futuro” studentship, Puglia region, Italy (European Union Structural Funds), €25,000	2009–2010
• Erasmus Open Cooperation Window, Russia, €10,000	2007–2008

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

– Conference of Europeanists (CES)	2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
– Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR)	2023, 2024
– ECPR General Conference	2014, 2020, 2022
– ECPR Joint Sessions	2016, 2017
– ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance (biennial)	2014, 2016, 2018, 2021
– ECPR Standing Group on the European Union	2020, 2022
– Environmental Politics & Governance Conference (EPG)	2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025
– EUSA Biennial Conference	2017, 2019, 2022
– APSA	2019, 2024
– MPSA	2019, 2022, 2023
– Political Networks Conference (PolNet)	2018, 2021
– INSNA conference (Sunbelt)	2018, 2019, 2024

Teaching conferences

– King's Learning and Teaching conference	
– Presentation & KED Talk on Reading Teams innovation	2021

SERVICE

Departmental service

– Departmental Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee member	2022-present
– Master of Arts in Public Policy (MAPP) Programme Director	2025-2026
– LISS-Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) Research Area Lead in Public Policy & Governance	2024-2026
– Departmental Research Excellence Framework (REF) coordinator	2024-2025
– Public Policy & Regulation (PPR) Research Group coordinator	2022, 2023, 2024
– Flexible Learning & Module Change coordinator	2022, 2023
– Departmental Inclusive Curriculum Group member	2021, 2022
– Library Rep	2021-2022

External examiner roles

– Master in Public Policy and Administration, LSE	2024/25-2027/28
– Ana C Campera de Rezende Soares PhD defence, University of Copenhagen	June 2024

Workshop & Seminar Organisation

– Departmental Work in Progress seminar series	2023, 2024, 2025
– King's Public Policy & Regulation Annual Workshop	2020, 2022, 2023, 2024
– King's Public Policy & Regulation research group Brownbag	2022, 2023, 2024
– King's Department of Political Economy internal Brownbag	2023, 2024
– London Public Policy & Regulation Day	2022, 2023, 2024

Research groups & European engagement

- Academic Chair in the Circle U. European University Alliance 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- King's Public Policy & Regulation (PPR) Research Group member 2020-present
- King's Environment & Public Policy (EPP) Research Group co-founder & member 2022-present
- London (KCL, LSE, UCL) Public Policy & Regulation Research Network member 2020-present
- London (KCL, LSE, UCL) Environment & Public Policy (LEAPP) Research Network member 2022-present
- King's Quantitative Political Economy (QPE) Research Group member 2020-present
- King's Comparative Politics (ComPol) Research Group member 2021-present

Referee

Climatic Change, Ecology & Society, Environmental Management, Global Environmental Change, Global Networks, Governance, Health Services Management Research, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Journal of Public Policy, Mediterranean Politics, Nature Energy, Policy Studies Journal, Policy & Politics, Policy & Society, Political Research Exchange, Political Science Research and Methods, Politics & Governance, Public Administration Review, Public Administration, Regulation & Governance, Review of Policy Research, Social Networks, West European Politics, Economia Politica, Policy Sciences, Journal of European Integration

TRAINING

Teaching

- Teaching Sustainability 2025
Circle U. & King's Academy
- Learning & Teaching Programme 2020-2021
King's Academy, King's College London
- Diversity Matters 2020
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion team, King's College London
- New Supervisor Workshop 2020
Centre for Doctoral Studies, King's College London
- Foundations in Teaching workshop series 2019
University of California, Davis
- Software & Data Carpentries Certified Instructor 2019
University of California, Davis
- Developing Teaching Skills 2015
Centre for Staff and Educational Development, University of East Anglia

Methods (selected)

- TextXD Text Analysis Across Domains 2019
DataLab, University of California, Berkeley
- The Carpentries Instructor Training Workshop 2019
Data Science Initiative, University of California Davis
- Git workflows 2019
Data Science Initiative, University of California Davis
- Network Analysis in R 2018
Data Science Initiative, University of California Davis
- Beyond basics in R 2018
Data Science Initiative, University of California Davis
- Summer School in Agent Based Modelling for Social Scientists 2017
University of Brescia
- Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology 2017
University of Zurich

R, Stata, Discourse Network Analyzer (rDNA), Gephi, NetLogo, QGIS.

LANGUAGES

- **Italian:** native
- **English:** fluent
- **Russian:** fluent
- **French:** upper intermediate
- **Spanish:** upper intermediate

MEMBERSHIPS

- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
- Fellow of the British Higher Education Academy

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