

CHIARA DESTRI

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

07/2025 – present	Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator (see project grant below) Department of Social and Political Science <i>University of Milan (La Statale)</i>
10/2021 – 06/2025	Postdoctoral Research Fellow / Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin 'ConTrust: Trust in Conflict' Project Normative Orders Research Centre <i>Goethe University Frankfurt</i>
10/2019 – 09/2021	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow (see project grant below) Centre for Political Research (CEVIPOF) <i>Sciences Po Paris</i>
2018 – 2019	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Centre for Advanced Studies 'Justitia Amplificata: Rethinking Justice Applied and Global' <i>Goethe University Frankfurt, Free University Berlin</i>
2017 – 2018	Max Weber Fellow <i>European University Institute, Florence</i>

EDUCATION

2014 – 2017	Ph.D., Political Studies Department of Social and Political Studies <i>University of Milan</i> Thesis title: 'Democracy for Devils. Democratic Authority and Political Obligation'
2009 – 2011	M.A., Philosophy (110/110 with Distinction) <i>University of Milan</i> Thesis title: 'The Concept of Public Sphere in Jürgen Habermas'

Visiting positions

08/2015 – 12/2015	Visiting Scholar <i>University of Arizona, Tucson</i>
01/2013 – 06/2013	Visiting Student <i>Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris</i>
09/2009 – 02/2010	Erasmus Student Scholarship <i>Université Paris X Nanterre</i>

RESEARCH GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

07/2025 – 06/2028	Rethinking Elections: Voter Trust, Equality, and Democracy (REVoTED) Project type: Young Researcher Grant Funding agency: Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Grant #: MSCA2024_0000027 Host institution: Department of Social and Political Science, University of Milan Funding amount: 300,000 EUR
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- 10/2019 – 09/2021 **Voting Citizens and the Ethics of Democracy (VoiCED)**
Project type: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - Individual Fellowship
Funding agency: European Commission - European Research Executive Agency (REA)
Grant #: 836571
Host institution: Centre for Political Research (CEVIPOF), Sciences Po Paris
Funding amount: 185,000 EUR
- 2018 **Max Weber Programme Research Fund Award**
Purpose: Organisation of interdisciplinary workshop *What Is Corruption?*
Host institution: European University Institute, Florence
- 2012 – 2014 **Doctoral Scholarship**
Sponsor: Italian Ministry of Education

ELECTED POSITIONS

- 2023 – 2025 **Italian Society for Political Philosophy**
 Member of the National Committee

SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION ACTIVITY

Journal article evaluation

American Political Science Review, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy, Journal of Politics, Political Studies, Constellations, Res Publica, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Philosophy and Public Issues, European Journal of Legal Studies, European Journal of Political Theory, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

Conference submission evaluation

S. Raffaele Spring School of Philosophy (2018)
 Società Italiana Filosofia Analitica General Conference (2018)

TEACHING & ACADEMIC ADVISING

- 2026, 2nd Term **Course on Political Philosophy and Public Ethics** (in Italian)
 University of Milan
 undergraduate, 40 hours
- 2022, 2nd term **Seminar in Political Theory 'Trust and Democracy'** (in English)
 Goethe University Frankfurt
 MA level, 28 hours
- 2021, 1st & 2nd term **Seminar in Political Theory and Democracy** (in English)
 2020, 1st term Sciences Po Paris
 undergraduate, 24 hours
- 2018, 2nd term **Teaching module in Public Philosophy** (in Italian)
 University of Milan
 undergraduate, 20 hours
- 2018, 2nd & 3rd term **Mentoring of 2nd year PhD student in Political Theory** (in English)
 European University Institute, Florence
 Topic: ethics of migration
 Adviser: Rainer Bauböck
- 2017 – 2018 **Max Weber Higher Education Teaching Certificate**
 European University Institute, Florence

2016-2017

Curriculum advising for undergraduate students
University of Milan

Teaching areas

Democratic theory (aggregative vs. deliberative democracy, justifications of democracy, political equality, ethics of voting, parties and partisanship), fundamental concepts of political philosophy (legitimacy, authority and obligation), public reason, history of political thought, methods in political philosophy (ideal vs. non-ideal, political realism)

SCIENTIFIC EVENT ORGANISATION

1-2/12/2022	Trust Matters ConTrust Workshop, Normative Orders, Goethe University Frankfurt
27-28/05/2020	Democratic Equality and Voting Rights European Consortium for Political Science Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions Workshop, online
12-13/07/2021	What Should Citizens Vote For? Voiced Project Conference, Centre for Political Research (CEVIPOF), Sciences Po Paris, online
7-9/09/2021	Inclusive Democracies: New Challenges on the Ethics of Voting and Democratic Participation Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshop, online
10/10/2019	Political Normativity: Realism Meets Critics Workshop, University of Milan
4/09/2019	Challenges to Liberal Democracy I: Reacting to Populism and Extremism Panel, European Consortium for Political Research 2019 General Conference, University of Wrocław
4-5/07/2019	New Adventures in Democratic Theory: Constituency, Duty, Technology International Conference, Research Centre "Justitia Amplificata: Rethinking Justice", Goethe University, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Germany
11-12/09/2018	Legitimacy in Context: Normativity between Descriptions and Independent Values Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshop, University of Manchester
22/06/2018	What Makes Democracy Legitimate: Democratic Legitimacy, Equality and Respect Panel, Annual Conference of the Association for Social and Political Philosophy, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome
24/04/2018	What Is Corruption? Max Weber Multidisciplinary Workshop, European University Institute, Florence

PUBLICATIONS

All publications, with links and abstracts, are accessible from my website ([link](#)).

Journal articles

- Destri, C. (forthcoming in 2025). Is Partisanship Dysfunctional for Representative Institutions?. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*.
- Destri, C., & Burrelli, C. (2025). Does your vote matter that much? On the ground of voting-related duties. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 28(5), 737-754.
- Häggrot, M. C., & Destri, C. (2025). Proportional Non-Voter Sortition: Legislative Inclusion for Non-Voting Citizens. *Perspectives on Politics*, 23(3), 847-864.
- Burrelli, C., & Destri, C. (2025). Moralism as a Pathology of Public Discourse: A Realist Assessment. *Topoi*, 44(1), 89–100.
- Destri, C. (2024). Compelled Turnout and Democratic Turnout: Why They Are Different. *Political Studies*, 72(2), 805-822.
- Burrelli, C., & Destri, C. (2023). From right to might, and back: Functional legitimacy as a realist value. *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, 51(8), 1358-1377.
- Destri, C., & Lever, A. (2023). Égalité démocratique et tirage au sort. *Raison publique*, 261, 63-79.
- Burrelli, C., & Destri, C. (2022). The Sources of *Political* Normativity: the Case for Instrumental and Epistemic Normativity in Political Realism. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 25(3), 397-413.
- Destri, C. (2021). Of Parties and Factions. *Philosophy and Public Issues (New Series)*, 11(3), 51-72.
- Destri, C. (2020). Extrinsic Democratic Proceduralism: A Modest Defence. *Res Publica*, 27(1), 41-58.
- Destri, C. (2020). Drastic Disagreement and Our Interest in Democracy. *Notizie di Politeia*, XXXVII(137), 83-104.
- Destri, C. (2017). Right or Wrong, It's Democracy. Legitimacy, Justification and the Independent Criterion. *Etica & Politica / Ethics & Politics*, XIX(2), 169-190.
- Destri, C. (2015). Rousseau's (Not So) Oligarchic Republicanism. Reflections on McCormick's Rousseau's Rome and the Repudiation of Populist Republicanism. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 19(2), 206-216.

Book chapters

- Destri, C. (forthcoming). Sovranità popolare e volontà generale nel 'Contratto sociale' [Popular Sovereignty and General Will in the 'Social Contract'. In A. Ceron & M. Geuna (Eds.), *Ripensando Rousseau. Antropologia, politica e storia [Rethinking Rousseau: Anthropology, Politics and History]*.
- Lever, A., & Destri, C. (2024). Equality of Opportunity, Equality of Outcome, and the 'Democratic' Case for Lotteries. In G. Grandjean (Ed.), *Against Sortition? The Problem with Citizen Assemblies* (pp. 91–104). Imprint Academic.
- Destri, C. (2022). No Money, No Party: The Role of Political Parties in Electoral Campaigns. In M. Bennett, H. Bouwer, & R. Claassen (Eds.), *Wealth and Power* (pp. 252–273). Routledge.
- Destri, C. (2022). Che cos'è un voto? [What is a Vote?]. In C. Fumagalli & V. Ottonelli (Eds.), *Votare o no - La pratica democratica del voto, tra diritto individuale e scelta collettiva* (pp. 93–107). Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.

- Destri, C. (2022). *Votare è importante? [Is It Important to Vote?]*. In G. Bistagnino & F. Pasquali (Eds.), *A New Deal – Scritti per Antonella Besussi [A New Deal: Writings for Antonella Besussi]* (pp. 159–172). Aracne.
- Destri, C. (2021). *Democratic Politics and the Circles of Trust*. In R. Barradas de Freitas & S. Lo Iacono (Eds.), *Trust Matters: Cross-Disciplinary Essays* (pp. 97–119). Bloomsbury Publishing.
- Destri, C. (2019). *In difesa dell'eguale impatto [In defense of equal impact]*. In E. Biale & C. Fumagalli (Eds.), *Innovazioni Democratiche* (pp. 11–32). Fondazione Feltrinelli.
- Destri, C. (2017). *Una Giustificazione Prudenziale della Democrazia [A Prudential Justification of Democracy]*. In M. Ferrera, M. Jessoula, & B. Magni (Eds.), *Gli Annali di LPF* (pp. 191–225). Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi.

Special journal issues

- Burelli, C., Cozzaglio, I., Destri, C., & Favara, G. (2022). Special Issue on Political Normativity: Critical Essays on the Autonomy of the Political. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 25(3).

Book reviews

- Destri, C. (2023). *Political Corruption and Democratic Representatives - Emanuela Ceva and Maria Paola Ferretti: Political Corruption: The Internal Enemy of Public Institutions*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. pp. 232.). *The Review of Politics*, 85(2), 243-246.
- Destri, C. (2020). *On the Possibility of Partisan Democracy - Enrico Biale: Interessi democratici e ragioni partigiane [Democratic Interests and Partisan Reasons]*. (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2018. pp. 200.). *Biblioteca della libertà*, LV(227), 149-162.
- Destri, C. (2019). *Recensione - Enrico Biale: Interessi democratici e ragioni partigiane [Democratic Interests and Partisan Reasons]*. (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2018. pp. 200.). *Politica e Società*, 2, 293-298.
- Destri, C. (2016). *Book Review - David Miller: Stranger in Our Midst: The Political Philosophy of Immigration*. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2016. pp. 240.). *Biblioteca della libertà*, LI(217), 63-75.
- Destri, C. (2014). *Perché la democrazia? - Valeria Ottonelli: I principi procedurali della democrazia*. (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2012. pp. 304.). *Quaderni della Ginestra*, 1(11).

Online contributions

- Thiébaud, C., & Destri, C. (2020, July 7). *Quand le Covid-19 met en lumière la crise de responsabilité politique [When Covid-19 Sheds Lights on the Crisis of Political Responsibility]*. *The Conversation*.
- Destri, C., & Thiébaud, C. (2020, March 13). *De la démocratie en temps de Covid-19 [Democracy during Covid-19]*. *The Conversation*.

Other contributions

- Häggrot, M.C., & Destri, C. (2025). *Abstention électorale : représenter les non-votants au Parlement?. CEVIPOF Notes de Recherche*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Special issue proposal

- Albertsen, A.B., Destri, C., & Mráz, A. Special Issue on Political Normativity: Critical Essays on the Autonomy of the Political. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.

Articles in preparation

Destri, C. What Kind of Political Equality?. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.

Destri, C. The Democratic Value of Elections.

Destri, C. Electoral Democracy and the Duty of Trust.

Destri, C. Political Trustworthiness: What It Is and Why It Matters.

Books under contract

Destri, C. *Votare è un dovere?* [Is Voting a Duty?]. Book manuscript for Egea Bocconi.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

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| 23-24/01/2025 | 'Is Partisanship Dysfunctional for Representative Institutions?'
Final ConTrust Conference: <i>Trust and Conflict - Taking Stock and Looking Ahead</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt |
| 12-13/06/2024 | 'Being a Decent Citizen'
Conference: <i>Deliberative Democracy with a Passion - Identities, Emotions and the Formation of Political Judgment</i> , Yale University |
| 24/03/2023 | 'Political Trustworthiness: What It Is and Why It Matters'
EnTrust Workshop: <i>Affective and Contestatory Reactions in Institutional Failures</i> , University of Geneva |
| 6-7/10/2022 | 'Moralism as a Contemporary Pathology of Public Discourse' (with Carlo Burrelli)
Workshop: <i>Varieties of Moralism in Politics</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt |
| 19/11/2020 | 'Partisans and Democratic Responsibilities'
Workshop: <i>Voter-centred vs Politician-centred Perspectives on Democracy</i> , REDEM Project, University of Bucharest (online) |
| 10/07/2022 | 'No Money, No Party'
Workshop: <i>Voter-Centric Perspectives on Electoral Democracy</i> , University of Leiden (online) |
| 25/09/2018 | 'Citizens' Inputs: Two Strands in Democratic Proceduralism'
University Of Copenhagen |
| 6/12/2017 | 'Il dovere di votare informati [The Duty to Get Informed Before Voting]'
Seminario Permanente di Teoria Politica, University of Pavia |

Selected conference presentations

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| 6/06/2025 | 'Electoral Democracy and the Duty of Trust'
Workshop: <i>Electoral Democracy and the Duty of Trust</i> , University College Dublin |
| 14-18/09/2022 | 'Being a Decent Citizen. Informed Voting as Due Diligence'
<i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association</i> , Montreal |
| 30/06/2022 | 'Electoral Democracy and the Duty of Trust'
Workshop: <i>Migration, Populism and Ethical Perspectives on Voting</i> , REDEM Project, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm |

4/05/2022	'Does Democratic Equality Require Lotteries?' (with Annabelle Lever) <i>Workshop: Strengthening Electoral Participation</i> , REDEM Project, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
6/01/2022	'The Democratic Value of Elections' <i>Annual Conference of the Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought (BIAPT)</i> (online)
9/09/2021	'The Democratic Value of Elections' <i>Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops</i> (online)
1/09/2021	'What Kind of Political Equality?' <i>General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)</i> (online)
27/05/2021	'What Kind of Political Equality?' <i>Joint Sessions Workshops of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)</i> (online)
8/09/2021	'Informed Voting as Due Diligence' <i>Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops</i> (online)
25/08/2020	'No Money, No Party' <i>General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)</i> (online)
12/03/2020	'How Ideal Should a Justification of Democracy Be?' <i>Annual Meeting on Philosophy, Politics and Economics</i> , New Orleans
6/09/2019	'How Ideal Should a Justification of Democracy Be?' <i>General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)</i> , University of Wrocław, Poland
8/12/2018	'The Act of Voting' <i>Workshop on Rethinking Compulsory Voting</i> , University of Geneva
23/08/2018	'Citizens' Inputs: Two Strands in Democratic Proceduralism' <i>General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)</i> , University of Hamburg
22/06/2018	'Citizens' Inputs: Two Strands in Democratic Proceduralism' <i>Annual Conference of the Association for Social and Political Philosophy</i> , LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome
14/06/2018	'Voting Informed: Is It a Duty?' <i>Conference of the Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies</i> , European University Institute, Florence
11/06/2018	'Democratic Federalism: An Oxymoron?' (co-authored) <i>IX Braga Meeting in Ethics and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Minho, Portugal
1/12/2017	'Democratic Federalism: An Oxymoron?' (co-authored) <i>Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (SIFA) Mid-term Conference</i> , Genoa
11/09/2017	'It's in Your Interest! A Prudential Justification of Democracy' <i>Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops</i> , University of Manchester

7/072017	'Voting Informed: A Duty for Epistemic Democrats?' <i>Workshop on Information, Epistemic Norms, and Democratic Choice</i> , Technical University of Munich, Raitenhaslach
28/06/2017	'It's in Your Interest! A Prudential Justification of Democracy' <i>Annual Conference of the Association for Social and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Sheffield
20/06/2017	'It's in Your Interest! A Prudential Justification of Democracy' <i>Brave New World Graduate Conference</i> , University of Manchester
13/09/2016	'What Does It Mean to Justify Democracy?' <i>14th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy</i> , University of Pavia, Italy
28/06/2016	'Political Legitimacy and a Natural Duty to Democracy' <i>Annual Conference of Association for Social and Political Philosophy</i> , London School of Economics and Political Science
16/06/2016	'How Do We Justify Democracy? Proceduralism, Instrumentalism and the Independent Criterion' <i>VII Braga Meeting in Ethics and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Minho, Braga, Portugal
8/06/2016	'How Do We Justify Democracy? Proceduralism, Instrumentalism and the Independent Criterion' <i>III Summer School in Equality and Citizenship</i> , University of Rijeka, Croatia
26/06/2015	'No Democracy for Devils. Democratic Citizenship between Interests and Justice' <i>Annual Conference of Association for Social and Political Philosophy</i> , University of Amsterdam
29/05/2015	'No Democracy for Devils. Democratic Citizenship between Interests and Justice' Conference: <i>Workings of Democracy</i> , University of Iceland

Seminar presentations

19/11/2021	'Democratic Turnout and Compelled Turnout: Why They are Different' Political Theory Seminar, Sciences Po Paris
4/05/2021	'The Democratic Value of Elections' CEVIPOF Séminaire Général, Sciences Po Paris
7/02/2019	'The Act of Voting or Why Compulsory Voting Is Not Justified' Fellow Colloquium, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Germany
27/11/2018	'The Value of Democracy: The Difference between Intrinsic and Extrinsic Proceduralism' Frankfurt Colloquium in Political Theory

LANGUAGES

Italian – native speaker

English – proficient in speaking, writing and reading

French – intermediate in speaking and writing, advanced in reading

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