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**AOS:** Political Philosophy, History of Political Thought.

**AOC:** Environmental Social/Political/Legal Theory, Political Economy, Ethics, Philosophy of History.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2025 Lecturer, **University of Bergamo**, Department of Economics.  
Lecturer, **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University**, Faculty of Philosophy. Member of CeSEP (Centre for Studies in Ethics and Politics).

## EDUCATION

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- 2025 **Ph.D., Political Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.**  
Thesis: *Climate Sovereignty. Political Authority Amidst the Environmental Crisis.*  
Supervisor: Roberta Sala.  
Viva examiners: Chiara Cordelli (Chicago); Dario Mazzola (Geneva); Greta Favara (Vita-Salute San Raffaele). Reviewers: Daniel Matthews (Warwick); Petra Gümplová (Jena). Date of award: 15 April.
- 2021 **MA, Philosophy, University of Bologna.**  
History of Political Thought. Supervisors: Maurizio Ricciardi; Gennaro Imbriano. Date of Award: 15 March. (110/110 with honours).
- 2019 **BA, Philosophy, University of Florence.**  
Supervisor: Francesco Ademollo (Scuola Normale Pisa/Florence). Date of Award: 15 July. (110/110 with honours)

## VISITING POSITIONS

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- 2024 Visiting Fellowship, **London School of Economics and Political Science.**  
Department of Government. Sponsor: Kai Spiekermann.
- 2024 Visiting Fellowship, **University of Warwick.**  
School of Law. Sponsor: Daniel Matthews.
- 2017-18 BA Erasmus Fellowship, **Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität.**

## RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

- 2023 Research Assistant, **Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli** (Milan)  
Within the REACT-EU PON Research & Innovation Program. PM Spartaco Puttini.

## RESEARCH

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Volpi, A., Porrino, A. (2024). History, Markets and Revolutions. Reviewing Foucault's Contribution to the Analysis of Political Temporality. *Foucault Studies* 36, pp. 350-376 <https://doi.org/10.22439/fs.i36.7222>

Volpi, A. (2023). Climate Activism, Sovereignty, and the Role of States: Envisioning Post-Liberal Climate Governance, *Filozofia* 78 (2023), pp. 104-119, <https://doi.org/10.31577/filozofia.2023.78.10.Suppl.8>

Volpi, A., Cera, A. (2023). Beyond Neoliberal Presentism: An Eco-Temporality for the Anthropocene. *Anthropocena* 4, pp. 22-39. <https://doi.org/10.21814/anthropocena.4683>

Volpi, A. (2022). Reich der Freiheit o American Way of Life? Kojève e la «fine della storia». *Dianoia. Rivista di Filosofia* 34(1), pp. 113 – 127. DOI: 10.53148/DI202234007

Porrino, A., Volpi, A. (2021). L'orologio e il calendario. Simbologia politica del tempo a partire da Walter Benjamin. *Materiali di Estetica*. Terza Serie 2(8), pp. 155-173. <https://doi.org/10.54103/mde.i8.2.16983>

Volpi, A. (2021). Il disastro come mezzo. *Power and Democracy* 2 (2), pp. 45–56. <https://ojs.aduei.com/index.php/pad/article/view/20>

#### EDITED VOLUMES

Pennacchioni, G., Volpi, A. (eds.) (2024). *Filosofia e critica dell'antropocene*. Studi Europei, Milano: Mimesis Edizioni.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Volpi, A. (forthcoming). Lo Spettro della sovranità si fa “doppio movimento”? In Benhabib, S. (forthcoming). *Lezioni milanesi per la Cattedra Rotelli*, Favara, G. (ed.), Milano: Mimesis.

Volpi, A. (2025). La crisi climatica, il Ruolo dello Stato e la necessità di un'Ecologia Politica Critica. In Volpe, A., Mordacci, R. *Etica tradizionale ed etica critica*, Roma: Castelvecchi.

Volpi, A., Pennacchioni, G. (2024). La strana (non) morte dell'Antropocene. In Pennacchioni, G., Volpi, A. (eds.) (2024). *Filosofia e critica dell'antropocene*, pp. 7-24, Milano: Mimesis Edizioni.

Volpi, A. (2024). The Role of Sovereignty in Climate Politics: From Obstacle to Ally? in A. Lukšič, Remic, B., Jovanovska, S. (eds.) 2024. *The Public, the Private and the Commons. Challenges of a Just Green Transition*. Založba Univerze v Ljubljani.

Volpi, A. (2023). Note sul rapporto tra sovranità, cambiamento climatico e globalizzazione, in M. Occhipinti et al. (eds.). *Le sfide della contemporaneità. Approcci pluridisciplinari per uno sguardo multiprospettivo*. IPS Edizioni.

#### EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

Giovanola, B., Sala, R., Volpi, A. (eds.) (2025). Reasonableness: Old Virtue for a New Era. Forthcoming in *Ethics & Politics*.

#### BLOG POSTS

Volpi, A. (6 June 2023). Alluvione in emilia-romagna: le testate italiane a confronto sul cambiamento climatico. «Pubblico». *La Newsletter*, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli. [URL](#)

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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#### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*The Eco-Authoritarian Horizon. Reconstructing Public Authority for and against the Climate Crisis*. Authority and Authoritarianism: Moral, Political and Epistemic Issues. **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University**, Milan (Italy). 25-26 September 2025.

*Sovereignty and the Common Good: Against Ideological Reductionism*. Minds and Worlds. 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, **University of Turin** (Italy). August 27-29, 2025.

*On Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and the “Common Good” After Neoliberalism: A Normative Reconstruction*. Practical Philosophy at Institutional Intersections. Department of Philosophy. **King's College London**, 21-22 May 2025.

*Sovereignty, the Public-Private Divide, and the Common Good. A Historical and Theoretical Perspective.* Midlands Political Thought Graduate Conference. **University of Nottingham**, 17 October, 2024

*Neo-feudalism and the Future of Sovereignty. Neutralisation of Indirect Powers.* The Future of Capitalism: Neo-Feudalism? **University of Chicago**, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (accepted abstract)

*Rethinking the Relationship between Climate Change and Sovereignty Through the Lens of Climate Justice.* Gecopol Graduate. **University of Geneva**, 15 February 2024

*Environmental and Social Objectives vs. Austerity and Deregulation* (in Italian). VIII CNDSS – 2023. **University of Catania**, 10 December, 2023.

*Critically Navigating Global Climate Governance. Reimagining Public Power to Counteract Neoliberal Environmentalism.* SASCT 5th Annual Conference. **University of the Free State (SA)**, 11 November 2023.

*Climate Change, Capitalism, and the State. A Critical Analysis of the Anthropocene and Capitalocene Narratives* (with D’Agata, S.). Economic Philosophy in the Age of the Anthropocene, 6th “Economic Philosophy”, **Sciences Po Lille**. 29 June 2023.

*Temporality, Markets and Sovereignty. Reviewing Foucault’s Contribution to the Analysis of Neoliberal Temporality* (with Porrino, A.). Unliveable Time. **University of Brighton (UK)**, 16 March, 2023.

*Problematising the Top-down Dichotomy in Climate Action and Policymaking.* Challenges for Environmental and Political Philosophy in the Anthropocene, Institute of Philosophy, **Slovak Academy of Sciences, V.V.I., Bratislava (SVK)**, 13 January 2023.

*Rethinking the Relationship Between Climate Change, Sovereignty, and the Public Interest.* VII CNDSS 2022. University of Catania (IT). 5 December 2022.

*Private Sovereigns on a Warming Planet.* Food, Consumption and Climate Change. Graduate Conference. **The University of North Texas (USA)**. 8-9 October 2022. (Accepted abstract).

*Beyond Neoliberal Presentism: An Eco-Temporality for the Anthropocene.* Eco-temporalities and Geopolitics, **University of Cologne (GER)**, 15 October 2022.

*Rethinking the relationship between Climate Action, Sovereignty and Public Interest.* Souveraineté, autonomie et fédéralisme multinational, Faculty of Philosophy, **University of Montreal (CA)** 22 September 2022.

#### SELECTED INVITED TALKS

*Rethinking the Relationship between Climate Change and Sovereignty.* Political Philosophy Seminar Series (POTY). **London School of Economics and Political Science**, Department of Government, 17 October.

*Introduction to the Philosophical Work of Nancy Fraser: Starting from ‘A Triple Movement’?* Preparatory seminar for the 2024 Rotelli Lectures. **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University**, 10 April.

#### OUTREACH & PUBLIC LECTURES

*Boredom, Freedom, and “AI”: Political Desire between the End of History and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.* Ischia and Naples International Philosophy Festival (Torre Guevara, Ischia), XI ed., 23 September 2023.

#### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

##### FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2021-24 **PhD Fellowship (€ 56,000).** Political Philosophy. “Global Justice, International Coordination, Global Politics and Climate Change”. Vita-Salute San Raffaele University & MUR through the FSE REACT-EU program

2017-18 **Erasmus+ Grant.** Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (8 months).

##### AWARDS

2019 Premio di laurea (Award for Academic Merit). Granting Body: **University of Florence.**

#### TEACHING

##### LECTURER

2025-26 **MA course: Politics and Global Issues** (24 hours). Degree programme in Geopolitics, Economy and Global Strategies (6 ECTS). University of Bergamo & Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. (Sept–Oct 2025).

- MA module: Food Sovereignty and Globalisation in the Anthropocene** (8 hours). Part of the course Ecology, Environmental Ethics, Anthropocene (Prof. Francesca Pongiglione). Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. (July & Nov 2025).
- 2023-24 **MA module: Sovereignty and Climate Governance** (4 hours). Degree program: MA in Philosophy of the Contemporary World, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. Part of the course Public Ethics (Prof. Roberta Sala).
- 2022-23 **MA module: The Public-Private Divide & Climate Politics** (4 hours) Degree program: MA in Philosophy of the Contemporary World, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. Part of the course Public Ethics (Prof. Roberta Sala)

#### INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- 2025 Guest lecture: *Climate Change and Sovereignty*.  
Course: Mint410 “Ethics in International Affairs” (Dr. Dario Mazzola).  
**The Graduate Institute, Geneva (IHEID)**. 22 May

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2023-24 Course: *Valori, dissenso, legittimità* (Values, Dissent, Legitimacy)  
MA in Geopolitics, Economics, and Global Strategies (*culture della materia*)  
**University of Bergamo**.
- 2022-23 Course: *Etica Pubblica* (Public Ethics)  
MA Philosophy of the Contemporary World. **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University**

#### ORGANISED EVENTS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

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##### SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

\*for co-organiser and chair. \*\* Discussant

- Ordoliberalism, State and Society. A Political Theory of Social Order*. Olimpia Malatesta. Critical Theory Laboratory, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. 30 April 2025 \* \*\*
- Roundtable with Kobei Saito and Emanuele Leonardi*. Veca Lectures, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli (Milan), 16 May 2025.
- CeSEP Workshop in Contemporary Political Theory*. Guests: Prof. Chiara Cordelli (Chicago), Dr. Dario Mazzola (Geneva). Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. 15 April 2025\*
- Lectio Magistralis by Nancy Fraser. “Three Faces of Labor: Uncovering the Hidden Ties Between Gender, Race, and Class”*. Istituto Italiano di Studi Filosofici (Naples), 6 March 2025.\*\*
- Roundtable with Nick Srnicek. Pansa Lectures*, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli (Milan), 10 November 2024.
- New Frontiers in Climate Ethics and Politics*. Guests: Daniel Matthews (Warwick), Petra Gumplová (Jena); Lavinia Steinfort (Transnational Institute Amsterdam); Helge Kminek (Klagenfurt); Francesca Pongiglione (Vita-Salute San Raffaele). Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. 12-13 September 2024. \*
- Roundtable with Alessandro Ferrara. ‘Sovereignty Across Generations’*. Alessandro Ferrara (Tor Vergata); Anna E. Galeotti (Eastern Piedmont); Gianfranco Pellegrino (Luiss). Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. 19 October 2024. \*
- Philosophy and Critique of the Anthropocene*. Workshop (in Italian). Guests: Massimo Bernardi (MUSE – Museo Scienze Trento), Agostino Cera (Ferrara), Giovanni Fava (Ca’ Foscari). Vita-Salute San Raffaele University. 30 May 2023.\*
- Pandemia e Società. Un nuovo Scenario Mondiale*. Webinar. Guests: Paolo Savoia (Bologna); Maurizio Franzini (Sapienza). University of Bologna. 29 April 2021.\* \*\*

##### ADVANCED TEACHING TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- International Summer School of Political Ecology 2024*. University of Ljubljana. 1-7 July 2024.
- International Summer School of Political Ecology 2023*. University of Ljubljana. 22-25 August 2023.
- Ph.D. Course Philosophy, Nature, and Climate Change*. Aarhus University (Arts). 14 September 2022.

24 CFU *Teacher Training Programme*. University of Bologna (May-July 2021). Required for access to public school teaching positions in Italy (pedagogy, anthropology, psychology, teaching methods). Date of Award: 3 August 2021.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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### CO-ORGANISED NON-ACADEMIC EVENTS

*Summer Camp 'Political Science and Global Strategies'*. Seminar leader, 11-13 June 2025. Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Faculty of Philosophy

*Webinar Series: 'We, The People: The Rise of Citizens' Voices'*. 30 May - 7 September 2023. Within the Phoenix Horizon EU Research Project. Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Milan.

*Summer Camp 'Conflicts'*. Summer school for high school students. Co-organisation, seminar leader, 12 July 2023. Vita-Salute San Raffaele University

*Summer Camp 'Who am I? Body and Personal Identity'*. Co-organisation, seminar leader, 14 June 2022. Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Faculty of Philosophy.

### RESEARCH DIRECTION/COORDINATION

*'Phoenix Horizon: The Rise of Citizens' Voices for a Greener Europe'* Research Project. Supporting and coordinating role in an EU Horizon 2020-funded grant with a consortium of 15 international partners. Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Milan.

### DISCUSSANT

11th LSE Graduate Conference in Political Theory, **London School of Economics and Political Science**. 22-23 May 2025.

### TRANSLATOR

Benhabib, S. (Forthcoming 2025). *Lezioni milanesi per la Cattedra Rotelli* [TBD]. Favara, G. (ed.), Volpi, A., Cesarano, F. (translation). Milano: Mimesis.

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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Member of the Society for Applied Philosophy (SAP), Società Italiana Filosofia Analitica (SIFA), ECPR Standing Group on Environmental Politics.

### LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

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2024 IELTS Academic, Milan, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Overall band score: **8 (C1)**