

## Curriculum vitae – Alessio Cornia

### Personal information

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### Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
2009	Ph.D. in Social and Political Theory and Research, Department of Political Science, University of Perugia, Italy (dissertation defended in February 2009)
2004	B.A. + M.A. (five-year degree) in Communication Sciences, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Faculty of Political Science/Humanities, University of Perugia, Italy

### Positions - current and previous

Year	Job title – Employer - Country
2018-to date	Assistant Professor, School of Communications, Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland Research Associate, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford, UK
2015-2018	Research Fellow (three-year post-doctoral position), Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford, UK
2014-2015	Lecturer [ <i>Ricercatore a tempo determinato</i> in Italian] Department of Political Science, University of Perugia, Italy
2011-2013	Postdoc (two-year position), Department of Political Science, University of Perugia, Italy
2009-2011	Several research contracts covered by funded research projects at the Department of Political Science, University of Perugia, Italy

### Highlights:

- Peer-reviewed competitively won international funding as DCU-PI/Project Co-PI (CO.R.E and MEDIATIZED EU, both EU-funded), totalling more than €160,000 in the last four years;
- Excellent record of publications in leading peer-reviewed journals. All articles since 2016 published in Q1 Scopus-ranked journals (75% of which in the top 7% journals in Communication);
- Exceptional research impact on a sustained upward trajectory with increasing citation metrics (above 1,700 total citations, h-index=19);
- Outstanding record of taking on leadership roles in DCU, including chairing two MA programmes simultaneously in 2021/2022 (Social Media Communications, 2020-present; Political Communication, 2021-2022);
- Outstanding peer recognition (invited keynote lectures and panels chaired at international conferences, Guest Editor for Q1 journals, best paper award at ICA in 2021);
- Substantial record of research supervision (since 2018, one graduated PhD student, three current PhD students, , coordinating post-docs and research assistants);

### Current research projects for which I am PI or co-PI

Year	Project - Role - Funder
2021-2023	CO.R.E. COrruption Risk indicators in Emergency. Cornia is the DCU-based PI. EU-funded, ISFP-2020-AG-CORRUPT; Grant no. 101038790 - <a href="https://www.core-anticorruption.eu/">https://www.core-anticorruption.eu/</a>
2021-2024	MEDIATIZED EU - Mediatized Discourses on Europeanization and Their Representations in Public Perceptions. Cornia is the Co-PI of the project. EU-funded, H2020-SC6-TRANSFORMATIONS-2018-2019-2020; Grant no. 101004534 - <a href="https://mediatized.eu/">https://mediatized.eu/</a>

### Participation in funded international research project (selection)

Year	Project - Role - Funder
2018-2022	<i>JOLT - Harnessing Digital and Data Technology for Journalism</i> (DCU) - supervisor and member of the DCU team - PI and coordinator of the project is Dr Jane Suiter, DCU (Funder: EU's Horizon 2020, Marie Skłodowska Curie grant agreement No 765140)
2015-2018	Digital News Project (Reuters Institute, University of Oxford) - Coordinator of the private sector media research team (Funder: Google Digital Initiative, CTR00220)
2012-2015	<i>ANTICORRP: Anticorruption Policies Revisited. Global Trends and European Responses to the Challenge of Corruption</i> (University of Perugia) – Researcher, member of the research team that coordinates WP6 (Media and Corruption) (Funder: EU's 7th FP)
2011-2014	<i>OPTI-ALERT: Enhancing the Efficiency of Alerting Systems through Personalized, Culturally Sensitive Multi-Channel Communication</i> (University of Perugia) – Researcher, member of the research team (Funder: EU's 7th FP)
2005-2007	<i>AIM: Adequate Information Management in Europe</i> (University of Perugia) – Researcher, member of the research team (Funder: EU's 6th FP)

### Current research collaborations:

- Research Associate at the Reuters Institute, University of Oxford  
Current affiliation (since Sept. 2018); Ongoing research collaboration with Professor Rasmus K. Nielsen (Director of the institute) and Dr. Richard Fletcher (Director of Research) to advance scientific understanding of news audience polarization and other current issues in journalism (e.g. for the Google-funded Digital News Project), and to produce reports widely used within the news industry (e.g. the Digital News Report).
- Member of DCU cross-faculty Anti-corruption Research Centre (ARC)  
2022-ongoing. Cross-faculty collaboration with Dr. Robert Gillanders (Business School) and Dr. Michael Breen (School of Law and Government) to develop interdisciplinary research projects and funding applications.
- Member of DCU Institute of Future Media, Democracy and Society (FUJO)  
2018-ongoing. Collaboration with Prof. Jane Suiter (School of Communications) to develop funding applications and conduct research projects (e.g. participation in the H2020 Marie Curie project JOLT, for which I have supervised an ESR and I have attended internal and international meetings).

### Publication track record

- 20 peer-reviewed journal articles, 1 monograph, 8 research reports with ISBN, 11 book chapters, and other publication (see the attached full list of publications)
- A publication strategy focused on targeting the top peer-reviewed journals in Communication, Sociology and Political Science to maximise the impact of my research. All the articles I published since 2016 are in Q1 Scopus-ranked Journals (all but one with percentiles higher than 90). Examples include Digital Journalism (99th percentile, 2nd out of 467 journals in Communication - Scopus) (one article in 2021); International Journal of Press/Politics (97th percentile, 14/467 in Comm.) (articles in 2020 and 2017); Journalism (95th percentile,

22/467 in Comm.) (articles in 2020 and 2008); Journalism studies (93rd percentile, 29/467 in Comm.) (articles in 2021, 2019, 2x 2016).

- Guest Editor, together with outstanding media scholars Chris Anderson and Annika Sehl, of a special issue on “Histories of Digital Journalism in Europe” of the Q1 Scopus journal *Journalism: Theory, Practice, Criticism* (95th percentile, 22nd out of 467 journals in Communications).

### Conference contributions

- 29 conference contributions (since 2014)
- Since 2016, I have presented 7 papers at the International Communication Association (ICA) annual conferences (ICA is the most prestigious association in the communication field, with a particularly low acceptance rate), 8 at the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) conferences, and 10 papers at other prestigious conferences. I chaired a panel on “Datafied Journalism: The Role of Metrics” at the ECREA 2022 general conference and fulfilled the role of discussant at other conferences.
- A few examples of conference presentations:
  - Cornia A. and Sehl A. (2021) “Platforms’ power and news organisations’ resilience to algorithmic change in six European countries”. *European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)*, online conference, 7 September.
  - Sehl A. and Cornia, A. (2019) “How Do Public Service Media Innovate? A Cross-National Comparative Study of Product Development at PSM”. *International Communication Association (ICA)*, Washington DC, US, 24-28 May.
  - Cornia A., Sehl A. and Nielsen R.K (2018) “Tearing down the wall to survive: a six-country comparative analysis of how editorial and commercial integration became a norm”. *European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)* conference, Lugano (Switzerland), 2 November.
  - Fletcher R., Cornia A. and Nielsen R.K. (2018) “Is Online News Consumption Polarizing News Audiences? A 12-country comparison”. *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Boston, MA (US), 30 August - 2 September
  - Cornia A., Sehl A. and Nielsen R.K. (2017) “Legacy news organisations looking for new sources of revenue: A comparative study on the business of digital news in six countries”. *Journalism Studies Conference, European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)*, Odense (Denmark), 23 March

### Awards and keynotes:

- In 2021, I was awarded by the International Communication Association (ICA) Media Industry Studies Interest Group for a paper presented with A. Sehl at the annual conference. Awarded best quality paper.
- In May 2023, I will deliver an invited keynote speech on “Media in crisis: key challenges facing journalism and news media today” at the 13th International Scientific Conference "Bridges of Media Education", Serbia. Conference organised by the University of Novi Sad and supported by OSCE.

### Invited presentations (selection)

Year	Description - Role
2018	Open Policy Forum: Regulation of Transparency of Online Political Advertising, Dublin, Ireland – Invited speaker (title of the presentation: “Online Political Advertising: Potential Problems and Empirical Research Evidence»
2017	<i>World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2017</i> , Geneva (Switzerland) - Invited speaker (title of the presentation: “Challenges and Opportunities for News Media and Journalism in an Increasingly Digital, Mobile, and Social Media Environment”)
	Invited lectures and presentations at initiatives organised by Sapienza University of Rome and University of Oregon (2022), University of Perugia and London School of Economics (2018), University of Perugia and University of Oxford (2012), and University of Oxford (2012)

**Modules taught at DCU (since 2018)**

- CM5630 Social Media, Journalism and Democracy
- CM548 Political Communication: Concepts & Issues
- CM2008 Perspectives on the Networked Society
- CM5006 Dissertation/Major Project (MSMC)
- CM572 MAP Dissertation

**Other relevant professional experiences**

- Programme Chair, MA in Social Media Communications (MSMC), DCU (Sept. 2020-current)
- Programme Chair, MA in Political Communication (MAP), DCU (2021-2022)
- Co-Chair, MA in Political Communication (MAP), DCU (Jan. 2019-Sept. 2020)
- Media engagement: excellent record of media interviews and media coverage of my research in international outlets (e.g. AJ English, The Guardian, EJO, Le Monde, RAI, Repubblica, Poynter, NiemanLab, Journalism.co.uk) showcasing my research expertise on news industry developments.