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## Personal Information

Born: August 5, 1977 in Venice (Italy).  
Citizen of Italy; US Immigration Status: Nonresident Alien (F-1 Visa).  
Languages Spoken: English and Italian (both native).

## Education

Harvard University, Department of Government (2003 - ).  
PhD in Political Science and Government (expected summer 2008).  
Dissertation: "Winning Ugly: Getting the Parties Right in Nascent Democracies"  
(Committee: Peter Hall, Torben Iversen, Yoshiko Herrera).  
Harvard University: AM in Political Science and Government (March 2006).  
The University of Kansas: MA in Political Science, with honors (2003).  
American University, School of International Service (2001).  
The University of Kansas: BA in Political Science *summa cum laude* (2000).  
Uppsala Universitet, Sweden: Non-degree exchange program (1998 - 1999).  
Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy (1996 - 1999).

## Publications

### Books

Ferrara, Federico, Erik S. Herron, and Misa Nishikawa. 2005. *Mixed Electoral Systems: Contamination and Its Consequences*. New York: Palgrave.

### Journal Articles

Ferrara, Federico. 2006. "Two in One: Party Competition in the Italian Single Ballot Mixed System." *Electoral Studies* 25: 329-350.

Ferrara, Federico and Erik S. Herron. 2005. "Going it Alone? Strategic Entry Under Mixed Electoral Rules." *American Journal of Political Science* 49(1): 16-31.

Ferrara, Federico. 2004. "Frogs, Mice and Mixed Electoral Institutions: Party Discipline in Italy's XIV Chamber of Deputies." *Journal of Legislative Studies* 10(4): 10-31.

Ferrara, Federico and J. Timo Weishaupt. 2004. "Get Your Act Together: Party Performance in EP Elections." *European Union Politics* 5(3): 283-306.

Ferrara, Federico. 2004. "Electoral Coordination and the Strategic Desertion of Strong Parties in Compensatory Mixed Systems with Negative Vote Transfers." *Electoral Studies* 23(3): 391-413.

Ferrara, Federico. 2003. "Why Regimes Create Disorder: Hobbes's Dilemma During a Rangoon Summer." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47(3): 302-325.

Ferrara, Federico. 2003. "The Election of the Swedish Riksdag, September 2002." *Representation* 39(2):146-156.

## Conferences

### Conference Presentations

"Interactive Ballots: Party Choice in New Zealand's Mixed Electoral System." 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"A Different World: Relative Causal Inference and the Study of Mixed Electoral Systems." 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

"Get Your Act Together: Party Performance in EP Elections." 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Fallacy of Cycles of Protest." 2003 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"Interaction Effects in Single Ballot Mixed Systems." 2003 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

"State Adaptation and Hobbes's Dilemma: A Rangoon Summer." 2002 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

### Other Conference Activities

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Dissent and Repression in Comparative Perspective." 2003 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

Panel Discussant, "Conflictual Intersections: Exploring the Relationship Between Conflict and Everything Else." 2003 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

## Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures

2004 “The New Electoral Species? Institutional Variation in the World’s Mixed Systems.” Gov 1185: Electoral Systems. Harvard University.

2004 “Interactive Ballots: Party Choice in New Zealand’s Mixed Electoral System.” Graduate Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University.

2004 “The Microfoundations of Contamination Effects.” Political Psychology and Behavior Workshop, Harvard University.

2004 “Going it Alone? Strategic Entry Under Mixed Electoral Rules.” Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, Universität Mannheim.

2003 “Going it Alone? Strategic Entry Under Mixed Electoral Rules.” Political Psychology and Behavior Workshop, Harvard University.

2003 “Electoral Institutions and Women’s Representation.” POLS 562: Women and Politics, University of Kansas.

2002 “The Italian Party System” and “The Italian Government.” POLS 652: Politics of Western Europe, University of Kansas.

2002 “The Election of the Swedish Riksdag, September 2002.” POLS 564: Elections and Political Parties Around the World, University of Kansas.

## Awards

2007 Weatherhead Center for Int’l Affairs Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
2006 Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship (2006/07 Academic Year).  
2006 The Graduate Society Summer Dissertation Research Grant (Harvard University).  
2003 Carl J. Friedrich Graduate Fellow, Harvard University.  
2003 Douglas Dillon Fellowship Fund, Harvard University.  
2002 Pi Sigma Alpha Walter Thompson Graduate Scholarship, The University Kansas.  
2001 Dean’s Scholar Award, American University.  
1998 European Union Socrates-Erasmus Study Abroad Scholarship.  
1996 Merit Scholarship, Università degli Studi di Padova.

## Teaching Experience

Spring 2006 - Teaching Fellow, Harvard University.  
GOV 1005: The Practice of Research in Political Science.

Fall 2005 - Teaching Fellow, Harvard University.  
HSA 73: The Political Development of Western Europe.

2002-2003 Graduate Teaching Assistant, The University of Kansas.  
POLS 150: Introduction to Comparative Politics.

2001-2002 Graduate Teaching Assistant, The University of Kansas.  
POLS 306: Political Science Methods of Inquiry.

Fall 2000 Strategic Apprenticeship Tutor, University of Kansas Athletic Corporation.

## Academic Service

Manuscript Referee: American Sociological Review, Comparative Political Studies,  
Journal of Politics, European Union Politics.  
Graduate Coordinator, Comparative Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University.  
Graduate Coordinator, Political Psychology and Behavior Workshop, Harvard  
University.  
Graduate Representative to Faculty Meetings, University of Kansas (2002/2003).  
Department Chair Review Committee, University of Kansas (2003).

## Research Experience

2001-2003 Research Assistant, The University of Kansas.  
Project: European Protest and Coercion Data.

2002 Research Assistant, The University of Kansas.  
Project: Libertywatch: Contentious Politics in the United States.

2001 Research Assistant, American University.  
Project: Research on the peace process in El Salvador.

## Experience in the Field of Development

2006: President of the Board of Directors.  
Care & Share USA, Inc. – 501(c)(3) non-profit (<http://www.careshareindia.org>)

2001-Today: Founding member of Care & Share Italia Onlus.  
Summer volunteer work for Care & Share Charitable Trust in Andhra Pradesh,  
India.

## Computer Skills

Statistical Software: Advanced knowledge of R, STATA, and SPSS.  
Graphics/Web development: Advanced knowledge of Photoshop; Working knowledge of  
Dreamweaver, Freehand, Pagemaker, Flash.  
Word Processing: Advanced knowledge of LaTeX.

## References

Peter Hall: Krupp Foundation Professor of European Studies.  
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East European Studies.  
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