Beatrice Magistro

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CURRENT POSITION

Northeastern University, Boston, MA   2025–

- Assistant Professor of AI Governance, joint appointment in the Department of Political Science and the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA   2023–2025

- Postdoctoral Scholar Research Associate in Computational Social Science.
- Supervisor: R. Michael Alvarez.

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON   2021–2023

- Postdoctoral Fellow at Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society.
- Supervisor: Peter Loewen.

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA   2016–2021

- Ph.D. in Political Science

University of Washington, Seattle, WA   2015–2016

- MA in Political Science

Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Italy   2013–2014

- MA in Public Policy and Social Change

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK   2012–2013

- MSc in Policy Studies

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy   2009–2012

- BSc in Economics

BOOKS

1. Who Thinks Like an Economist? How the Economist Mental Model Shapes Political Decisions. *Forthcoming at Cambridge University Press.*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Borwein, Sophie, **Beatrice Magistro**, R. Michael Alvarez, Bart Bonikowski, and Peter John Loewen. 2026. "Causal Beliefs and the Potential for Political Backlash Against AI". *Accepted at Public Opinion Quarterly.*

2. Borwein, Sophie, **Beatrice Magistro**, R. Michael Alvarez, Bart Bonikowski, and Peter John Loewen. 2026. "Explaining Women's Skepticism toward Artificial Intelligence: The Role of Risk Orientation and Risk Exposure" *Accepted at PNAS Nexus.*

3. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Sophie Borwein, R. Michael Alvarez, Bart Bonikowski, and Peter John Loewen. 2025. "Attitudes Toward Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Globalization: Common Microfoundations and Political Implications", *American Journal of Political Science.*

4. **Magistro, Beatrice** and Victor Menaldo. 2025. "How Populism Harms Prosperity: Unified Populist Rule Reduces Investment, Innovation, and Productivity", *Journal of Evolutionary Economics.*

5. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Ramit Debnath, Daniel Ebanks, Paul Wennberg, and R. Michael Alvarez. 2025. "Political ideology and views towards solar geoengineering". *PLOS Climate.*

6. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Ramit Debnath, Paul Wennberg, and R. Michael Alvarez. 2025. "Partisanship overcomes framing in shaping solar geoengineering perceptions: Evidence from a conjoint experiment", *npj Climate Action*.

7. Wack, Morgan, **Beatrice Magistro**, and Kevin Aslett. 2025. "Silence in the Stands: Assessing the Impact of Russian State-Linked "Sportswashing" on Online Fan Behavior Following the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine", *Social Science Quarterly*.

8. Borwein, Sophie, Bart Bonikowski, Peter John Loewen, Blake Lee-Whiting, and **Beatrice Magistro**. 2025. "Perceived automation threat and vote choice: evidence from 15 European democracies", *West European Politics*.

9. **Magistro, Beatrice** and R. Michael Alvarez. 2024. "Appealing to Independents: Information on Negative Externalities Increases Support for Environmental Corrective Taxes", *Environmental Politics*.

10. Dario Sidhu, **Beatrice Magistro**, Benjamin Allen Stevens, and Peter John Loewen. 2024. "Why do citizens support algorithmic government", *Journal of Public Policy*.

11. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Cecilia Abramson, Daniel Ebanks, Ramit Debnath, and R. Michael Alvarez. 2024. "Identifying American Climate Change Free Riders and Motivating Sustainable Behavior", *Scientific Reports*.

12. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Peter John Loewen, Bart Bonikowski, Sophie Borwein, and Blake Lee-Whiting. 2024. "Attitudes toward automation and the demand for policies addressing job loss: the effects of information about trade-offs", *Political Science Research and Methods*.

13. Borwein, Sophie, **Beatrice Magistro**, Peter John Loewen, Bart Bonikowski, and Blake Lee-Whiting. 2024. "The Gender Gap in Attitudes Toward Workplace Technological Change", *Socio-Economic Review*.

14. Borwein, Sophie, Bart Bonikowski, Peter John Loewen, **Beatrice Magistro**, and Blake Lee-Whiting. 2024. "Who Can Assert Ownership Over Automation?: Workplace Technological Change, Populist and Nationalist Rhetoric, and Candidate Support", *Political Behavior*.

15. **Magistro, Beatrice** and Morgan Wack. 2023. "Racial Bias in Fans and Officials: Evidence from the Italian Serie A", *Sociology*.

    - Nominated for the 2024 SAGE Prize for Innovation and Excellence

16. COVID-19 Collaborators [including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2023. "Assessing COVID-19 pandemic policies and behaviours and their economic and educational trade-offs across US states from Jan 1, 2020, to July 31, 2022: an observational analysis", *The Lancet*.

17. Aslett, Kevin and **Beatrice Magistro**. 2022. "Principal Agent Problems Within EU Funds: A Case Study of Patronage in Hungary", *Europe-Asia Studies*.

18. **Magistro, Beatrice**. 2022. "Party cues or policy information? The differential influence of financial and economic literacy on economic policy preferences", *Journal of Public Policy*.

19. COVID-19 Cumulative Infection Collaborators [including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2022. "Estimating global, regional, and national daily and cumulative infections with SARS-CoV-2 through Nov 14, 2021: a statistical analysis", *The Lancet*.

20. COVID-19 Excess Mortality Collaborators [including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2022. "Estimating excess mortality due to the COVID-19 pandemic: a systematic analysis of COVID-19-related mortality, 2020–21", *The Lancet*.

21. COVID-19 Cumulative Infection Collaborators [including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2022. "Variation in the COVID-19 infection-fatality ratio by age, time, and geography during the pre-vaccine era: a systematic analysis", *The Lancet*.

22. COVID-19 National Preparedness Collaborators [including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2022. "Pandemic preparedness and COVID-19: an exploratory analysis of infection and fatality rates, and contextual factors associated with preparedness in 177 countries, from Jan 1, 2020, to Sept 30, 2021", *The Lancet*.

23. **Magistro, Beatrice** and Nicolas Wittstock. 2021. "Changing preferences versus issue salience: The political success of anti-immigration parties in Italy", *South European Society and Politics*.

24. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Lucas Owen, and Nicolas Wittstock. 2021. "Populist support, institutional trust, and gender: the impact of foreign-imposed austerity during the European Debt Crisis", *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*.

25. **Magistro, Beatrice**. 2021. "The Influence of Financial and Economic Literacy on Policy Preferences in Italy", *Economics & Politics*.

26. Adolph, Christopher, Kenya Amano, Bree Bang-Jensen, Nancy Fullman, **Beatrice Magistro**, Grace Reinke, John Wilkerson, Rachel Castellano, and Megan Erickson. 2021. "The Pandemic Policy U-Turn: The role of partisanship, public health, and race in decisions to ease social distancing in the U.S.", *Perspectives on Politics*.

27. Adolph, Christopher, Kenya Amano, Bree Bang-Jensen, Nancy Fullman, **Beatrice Magistro**, Grace Reinke, and John Wilkerson. 2021. "Governor partisanship explains the adoption of statewide mandates to wear face coverings", *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.

28. COVID-19 Mental Disorders Collaborators [including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2021. "Global prevalence and burden of depressive and anxiety disorders in 204 countries and territories in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic", *The Lancet*.

29. **Magistro, Beatrice**. 2020. "Financial Literacy and Support for Free Trade in the U.K", *The World Economy*.

30. IMHE COVID-19 FORECASTING TEAM [et al., including **Beatrice Magistro**]. 2020. "Modeling COVID-19 Scenarios for the United States", *Nature Medicine*.

31. Dotti Sani, Giulia Maria and **Beatrice Magistro**. 2016. "Increasingly unequal? The economic crisis, social inequalities and trust in the European Parliament in 20 European countries", *European Journal of Political Research*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Magistro, Beatrice**, Sophie Borwein, R. Michael Alvarez, Bart Bonikowski, and Peter John Loewen. 2025. "The Coming AI Backlash: How the Anger Economy Will Supercharge Populism", *Foreign Affairs*.

2. **Magistro, Beatrice** and Victor Menaldo. 2020. "Populism: A tale of political and economic catastrophe", *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association, 30(2)*.

UNDER REVIEW

1. Borwein, Sophie and **Beatrice Magistro**. "Causal Beliefs about the Economic Effects of AI among Politicians and the Public". *Under Review*.

2. Kustov, Alexander, Michelangelo Landgrave, and **Beatrice Magistro**. "Immigration is Still Difficult?! Administrative Burdens and Immigration Attitudes in the US and UK". *Registered Report Under Review*.

3. Morrier, Jacob, **Beatrice Magistro**, and R. Michael Alvarez. "The convergence of zero-sum thinking and illiberalism in the U.S." *Under Review*.

4. Clark, Ransi, **Beatrice Magistro**, and R. Michael Alvarez. "Threat of China's nuclear dominance boosts Americans' support for nuclear energy" *Revise & Resubmit*.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Pfaff, Steven and **Beatrice Magistro**. "Neo-Familism and the Sociological Consequences of Late Industrialization in Postwar Italy"

2. Clark, Ransi, **Beatrice Magistro**, and R. Michael Alvarez. "Laboratory outreach can defuse nuclear skepticism"

3. **Magistro, Beatrice** and Victor Menaldo. "Exploring Economic Populism, a Neglected, but Growing Phenomenon"

DATASETS

1. Fullman, Nancy, Bree Bang-Jensen, Grace Reinke, **Beatrice Magistro**, Rachel Castellano, Megan Erickson, Rebecca Walcott, Carolyn Dapper, Kenya Amano, John Wilkerson, and Christopher Adolph. "State-level social distancing policies in response to COVID-19 in the US". Version 1.145, September 8, 2021.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards	• **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (CA\$164,054)** Collaborator, co-wrote grant. PI: Sophie Borwein. Project title: The Supply-Side Politics of Workplace Technological Change.	2025

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (CA\$164,054)** — 2025
  Collaborator, co-wrote grant. PI: Sophie Borwein.
  Project title: The Supply-Side Politics of Workplace Technological Change.

- **Caltech Center for Science, Society, and Public Policy (\$32,000)** — 2023
  Co-PI: R. Michael Alvarez.
  Project title: Who Benefits, Who Loses: What Do North Americans Think about Artificial Intelligence?

- **Presidential Dissertation Fellowship (\$8,274)** — 2020–2021
  University of Washington Graduate School.

- **Philo S. Bennett Prize for best paper on Democratic Politics** — 2020
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Travel Grant (\$1,000)** — 2020
  University of Washington.

- **Richard B. Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (\$1,000)** — 2019–2020
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Travel Grant (\$1,000) – declined** — 2019
  University of Washington.

- **APSA Travel Grant (\$200) – declined** — 2019

- **Richard B. Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (\$2,000)** — 2018–2019
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant (\$3,000)** — 2018–2019
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant (\$4,000)** — 2017–2018
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Richard B. Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (\$1,000)** — 2017–2018
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Taraknath Das Prize for best paper in Comparative Politics** — 2016
  Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

- **Merit-based full tuition scholarship (\$5,000)** — 2013
  Master in Public Policy and Social Change at Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy.

Conference/Workshop Participation and Invited Talks

- **Security and Resilience Speaker Series - Invited Talk** — 2025
  Northeastern University

- **American Political Science Association** — 2023-2024

- **PIPE University of Southern California - Invited Talk** — 2023

- **Public Choice Society** — 2023-2024

- **Midwest Political Science Association** — 2019, 2022-2025

- **Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop** — 2022

- **University of British Columbia Okanagan - Invited Talk** — 2022

- **Western US Graduate Research Workshop on the EU** — 2016-2019, 2021

- **Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology** — 2020
  Policy Analytics and Population Health, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

- **European Union Studies Association** — 2019

- **Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics - Invited Talk** — 2019
  University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

- **Reforming Southern Europe** — 2016
  University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

- **XXVIII SISP Annual Conference** — 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE UNDERGRADUATE	• **Instructor for AI, Politics, & the Economy (POLS 3328)** Department of Political Science, Northeastern University	2025–2026
	• **Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Comparative Politics (x6)** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2015–2019
	• **Teaching Assistant for U.S. Foreign Policy (x3)** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2016–2019
	• **Teaching Assistant for Government and the Economy** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2017–2018
	• **Teaching Assistant for Global Crime and Corruption** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2017–2018
	• **Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Political Economy (x2)** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2015–2018
	• **Teaching Assistant for Media, Society and Political Identity** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2015–2016
GRADUATE	• **Instructor for AI & Society (PPUA 6401)** School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University	2025–2026
	• **Instructor for Statistical Analysis (INSH 6500)** Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University	2025–2026
	• **Teaching Assistant for Advanced Quantitative Political Methodology (x3)** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2019–2021
	• **Teaching Assistant for Advanced Political Research Design (x3)** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2019–2021
	• **Co-Instructor with Dr. Stefano Sacchi for Comparative Political Economy** Department of Political Science, University of Milan, Italy	2014–2015
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	• **Research Assistant for COVID-19 State Policy Project** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2020–2021
	• **Research Assistant for Prof. Margarita Estevez-Abe** Toyota Foundation Project, Japan	2014–2015
	• **Research Assistant for Prof. Manuela Moschella** Centre for International Governance Innovation, Canada	2014–2015
	• **Research Assistant for Prof. Elsa Fornero** Centre for Research on Pensions and Welfare Policies, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy	2013–2014
SERVICE	• **Organizer: Conference on The Political Economy of AI** Navigating the New Frontier: The Political and Economic Implications of AI California Institute of Technology	2024
	• **Reviewer for**: American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Societies, European Union Politics, Health Policy and Technology, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, Political Behavior, Public Choice, The China Quarterly	
	• **Graduate Student Organizer, Forum on Political Economy and Economics** Department of Political Science, University of Washington	2017–2020
	• **Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Senate** University of Washington	2017–2018
TECHNICAL SKILLS	• **Professional Skills**: R, LaTeX, GitHub, Qualtrics, Python, Stata.	
	• **Languages**: Italian: native; English: fluent; Spanish: intermediate; French: beginner.	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	American Political Science Association, European Union Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association	