

CURRENT POSITION AND ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Since 2024, she has been classified within the Scientific-Disciplinary Group 14/GSPS-03 – *History of Political Thought and Political Institutions*, SSD GSPS-03/B – *History of Political Institutions*.

Since 2018, she has been Full Professor of *History of Political Institutions* (SPS/03) at the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia.

National Scientific Qualification (ASN) for Full Professorship, 2012 round.

2008–2018: Associate Professor of *History of Political Institutions* (SPS/03), University of Pavia.

2005–2008: Permanent Researcher in *History of Political Institutions* (SPS/03), University of Pavia.

2001–2004: Research Fellow at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Pavia.

2000–2001: Research Fellow at the Lelio and Lisli Basso Foundation, Rome, for a project entitled *Dagli Stati nazionali al processo di costituzionalizzazione dell'Europa*.

1999–2000: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Pavia.

1998: Research Fellow at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Genoa.

EDUCATION

PhD in *Constitutional and Administrative History of the Contemporary Age* (19th–20th centuries), X cycle, Faculty of Law, University of Camerino (1998). Dissertation: *Come si governava Milano (1865-1888). Amministrazioni fra cooperazione e conflitto: tre casi*. Supervisor: Prof. Fabio Rugge.

Diploma in Archival Science, Latin Palaeography and Diplomatics, State Archives of Genoa (1996).

BA in History, Modern Curriculum, *summa cum laude* (110/110 *cum laude*), University of Milan (1991-1992). Dissertation: *Dalla Delegazione provinciale austriaca alla Prefettura italiana (1859-1862)*. Supervisor: Prof. Paola Carucci.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Since the academic year 2004-2005, she has taught courses within the University of Pavia in the disciplinary sector SPS/03, now GSPS-03/B. She currently teaches:

- *History of Political Institutions* (BA in Political Science and International Relations)
- *History of Public Administration* (MA in Government and Public Policies)
- *History and Organisation of Public Administration* (MA in Government, Administration and Territory)

- *Comparative History of Local Government* (Interdepartmental MA in Global History of Civilisations and Territories)

Since its establishment in 2020-2021, she has been a member of the restricted Faculty Board of the Second-Level Master's Programme in *Territorial Administration and Local Development Policies*.

From 2013 to 2024, she served as Programme Director of the MA in *Government and Public Policies* (LM-63).

In 2017, she taught the module *Public Administration in the History of Italy* within the Executive Master in *Public Management for Local and Regional Authorities* (distance learning), funded by the Fondazione Universitaria per la Formazione delle Amministrazioni Pubbliche.

Within the CARIPLO Foundation Project *Developing an International Formative Standard for all Doctorate Courses*, she co-organised the course *Recent Developments in Historiography: Approaches, Subjects, Sources* (Pavia, 2012).

From 2009 to 2010, she co-taught *History of Public Administration and Local Government* within the PhD Programme in *Institutions, Administrations and Regional Policies*, jointly run by the Universities of Pavia, Milan, the Catholic University of Milan, and the Polytechnic of Milan.

From 2002 to 2006, she taught *History of Administration* within the online learning project GeA (Government and Administration), University of Pavia.

From 1998 to 2001, she was Adjunct Lecturer in *History of Public Administration – Module A (Organisation, Structures and Personnel)* at the University of Genoa.

ACADEMIC AND DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

From 2021 to 2023, she served as a member of the National Scientific Qualification Committee (ASN) for Full and Associate Professorships in sector 14/B1 – *History of Political Doctrines and Institutions*.

Since 2014, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Maria Corti Foundation, established by the University of Pavia in 2007. In 2025, she joined the Scientific Committee of the first edition of the Maria Corti Prize.

From 2010 to 2022, she was a member of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the University Service Centre *Centro Orientamento Universitario*.

From 2010 to 2011, she served on the Scientific Committee of the Unified Library of the Faculties of Economics, Law and Political Science.

From 2009 to 2011, she was a member of the Editorial and Scientific Committee of Pavia University Press.

From 2006 to 2008, she served on the Executive Board of the Department of Political and Social Sciences.

DOCTORAL TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

Since 2022, she has been Coordinator of the PhD Programme in *History* at the University of Pavia. She currently supervises three doctoral candidates, one of whom is jointly supervised with Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3 (French supervisor: Prof. Frédéric Bozo).

From 2010 to 2012, she served as Deputy Coordinator and Curriculum Leader for *Constitutional and Administrative History* within the PhD Programme *Institutions, Ideas and Political Movements in Contemporary Europe*. She has been a member of the PhD Board since 2008 and has supervised four doctoral candidates.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Since 2026, she has served as Co-Chair (with Toon Kerkhoff, Leiden University, and Stefan Fisch, University of Speyer) of the Permanent Study Group on Administrative History of the European Group for Public Administration (EGPA).

Since 2023, she has been a member of the *International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions* (ICHRPI).

Since 2023, she has been a member of the Research Centre *Italian and Comparative Electoral History* (SEIC), established by the University of Teramo and the CNR–Isem.

Since 2020, she has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the Interdepartmental Centre for Research and Documentation on Twentieth-Century History (CIRDS '900).

In 2018, she was elected Corresponding Member of the Ligurian Academy of Sciences and Letters (Class of Letters).

She collaborates with the Working Group *History of Public Administration* of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), Brussels, within the project *Training & Education for Civil Servants*.

Since 2009, she has been a member of the Italian Society of Historians of Political Institutions (AISIP).

From 1995 to 2018, she collaborated with the Institute for the Science of Public Administration (ISAP), Milan.

She has organised and participated in numerous national and international conferences.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES OF JOURNALS AND EDITORIAL SERIES

Since 2026, she has been a member of the Scientific Committee of *Pubbliche Amministrazioni* (il Mulino).

Since 2023, she has served on the Scientific Committee of *Il Politico* (Class A journal).

From 2017 to 2018, she was Deputy Editor of *Storia Amministrazione Costituzione* (Class A journal, il Mulino), after serving on its Editorial Board (from 1996) and later on its Scientific Committee.

Since 2020, she has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the series *Storia del Novecento* (Unicopli).

From 2009 to 2011, she served on the Editorial and Scientific Committee of Pavia University Press.

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

For Academic Journals

She has acted as peer reviewer for several Class A journals in the fields of political institutions, administrative history, and contemporary history.

For Research Institutions

Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR): VQR 2015-2019.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2026-present: Member of the National Scientific Committee for the centenary of the establishment of seventeen new Italian provinces (1927-2027), coordinated by the University of Tuscia and the University “G. d’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara, in collaboration with the Union of Italian Provinces and the European Committee of the Regions.

2023-present: Co-Principal Investigator of the project *Atlante amministrativo della Provincia di Pavia*, funded by Fondazione Romagnosi, the Province of Pavia, and the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia.

PRIN 2022: Principal Investigator for the University of Pavia unit within the project *Loyalty, Allegiance, Consensus. Europe and Spanish Colonies in the 18th Century*, coordinated by Prof. Luca Mannori (University of Florence).

2022-2025: Member of the national project *Lessico per la Repubblica. Dall’autogoverno comunale all’Europa unita*, funded by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (National Anniversaries Committee).

2017: Recipient of the MIUR *Basic Research Funding* (FFABR).

2016-2017: Member of the University Strategic Project *MIGRAT.IN.G – MIGRATIONS: towards an INterdisciplinary Governance model*, sub-theme 16: *Historical perspectives on migration and human mobility between Europe, Africa and the Mediterranean in the 19th and 20th centuries*.

2013-2016: Member of the project *Città metropolitana: articolazione territoriale del Comune di Milano in più comuni*, funded by Fondazione Cariplo and the Municipality of Milan.

2011-2014: Member of the project *Valorizzare il patrimonio storico-culturale della Provincia di Milano*, coordinated by Prof. Robertino Ghiringhelli (Catholic University of Milan).

COFIN 2002: Member of the national research programme *Dal costituzionalismo europeo all’esperienza italiana (XVIII-XX secolo)*, coordinated by Prof. Pierangelo Schiera.

MURST 40% Project: Member of the national project *La rappresentanza degli interessi locali in Parlamento, 1876–1914*, coordinated by Prof. Fabio Rugge.

1999-2000: Member of the research groups *Il movimento per le autonomie locali in Italia (1870-1900)* and *Storia del costituzionalismo europeo in età contemporanea*, University of Genoa.

1993-1994: Recipient of a Regione Lombardia grant (Law 81/85) for the reorganisation and cataloguing of the *Francesco Novati* archival collection.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (THIRD MISSION)

Since 2014, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Maria Corti Foundation, supporting research, preservation and dissemination of modern and contemporary manuscript heritage.

She is Corresponding Member of the Ligurian Academy of Sciences and Letters and member of the Lombard Historical Society, contributing to public lectures and cultural outreach.

In 2016, she organised the conference *La Grande Guerra. Fede e Valore* and collaborated with the Italian Army General Staff on the Pavia exhibition.

From 2010 to 2022, she served on the Scientific Committee of the University Service Centre *Centro Orientamento Universitario*, promoting outreach activities in schools and the project *Adotta un dottorando*.

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Her research adopts an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. Her main fields of study include:

- history of local government and public policies
- history of public administration
- history of political institutions in the contemporary age

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Colombo, E., Modena, A. & Scirocco, G. (2021). *Il nostro silenzio avrà una voce. Piazzale Loreto: fatti e memoria*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Decleva, E., Lucchini, G. & Colombo, E. (2017). *Francesco Novati tra filologia e organizzazione della cultura*. Milano: Cisalpino.

Colombo, E. & Pagano, E. (2016). *Milano e territori contermini. L'ordinamento amministrativo 1750–1923*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Colombo, E. (2005). *Come si governava Milano. Politiche pubbliche nel secondo Ottocento*. Milano: FrancoAngeli. (Premio Sissco-Anci Storia 2006)

Colombo, E. (1997). *Francesco Novati. Inventario del fondo conservato presso la Società storica lombarda*. Bologna: Cisalpino. (Premio Cesare Angelini – Sezione Giovani, 1999)

Edited Volumes

Colombo, E. (ed.) (2026, forthcoming). *Fedeltà, lealtà e consenso nella Lombardia del Settecento*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Colombo, E. & Ruge, F. (eds.) (2024). *Rappresentanza Territori Interessi. Omaggio a Piero Aimo*. Milano: Giuffrè.

Colombo, E. (ed.) (2022). *Le istituzioni e le idee. Studi indisciplinary offerti a Fabio Rugge per il suo settantesimo compleanno*. Milano: Giuffrè.

Aimo, P., Colombo, E. & Rugge, F. (eds.) (2014). *Autonomia, forme di governo e democrazia nell'età moderna e contemporanea. Scritti in onore di Ettore Rotelli*. Pavia: Pavia University Press.

Colombo, E. (ed.) (2010). *I sindaci del re 1859–1889*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Colombo, E. (1997). *Francesco Novati. Inventario del fondo conservato presso la Società storica lombarda*. Bologna: Cisalpino.

Book Chapters

Colombo, E. & Rugge, F. (2025). 'Administrative History in Italy. Notes for the Story of a Discipline', in Ongaro, E., Barbati, C., Di Mascio, F., Longo, F. & Natalini, A. (eds.), *Public Administration in Italy. The Science and the Profession*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 25–49.

Colombo, E. (2025). 'L'impegno politico locale di Cappi tra Comune e Provincia', in Madonna, M., Morandi, M. & Tira, A. (eds.), *Giuseppe Cappi politico e giurista*. Milano: Lefebvre-Giuffrè, pp. 45–73.

Colombo, E. (2025). 'Right to Vote at Age 18. 1 July 1971. From the USA to Italy', in Formigoni, G. (ed.), *Italy and the "Shock of the Global" during the 1970s*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 25–40.

Colombo, E. (2024). 'Forme di rappresentanza nel primo dopoguerra europeo', in Forcellese, T. & Nicolosi, G. (eds.), *Le elezioni del 1920–1921*. Roma: Viella, pp. 51–65.

Colombo, E. (2024). 'I sindaci tra crisi degli stati nazionali e città che "salgono"', in Colombo, E. & Rugge, F. (eds.), *Rappresentanza Territori Interessi*. Milano: Giuffrè.

Colombo, E. (2023). 'Italy', in Kerkhoff, T. & Moschopoulos, D. (eds.), *The Education and Training of Public Servants*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 229–254.

Colombo, E. (2022). 'Le istituzioni e le idee. Le ragioni dell'indisciplina', in Colombo, E. (ed.), *Le istituzioni e le idee*. Milano: Giuffrè, pp. 3–15.

Colombo, E. (2021). 'Resistenza e rappresaglia. I fatti di viale Abruzzi e piazzale Loreto', in Colombo, E., Modena, A. & Scirocco, G., *Il nostro silenzio avrà una voce*. Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 19–159.

Colombo, E. (2021). 'Dal maggioritario al proporzionale', in Schininà, G. (ed.), *Le elezioni del 1919*. Firenze: Le Monnier, pp. 65–91.

Colombo, E. (2020). 'Referendum istituzionale e comportamenti elettorali nelle province lombarde', in Forcellese, T. (ed.), *2 giugno. Nascita, storia e memorie della Repubblica*, vol. III. Roma: Viella, pp. 207–244.

Colombo, E. (2020). 'Rappresentanze parlamentari e comunali', in Novarese, D. et al. (eds.), *Oltre l'università*. Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 121–134.

Colombo, E. (2019). 'Fascisti repubblicani in fuga: Piero Parini', in Arisi Rota, A. & Ziglioli, B. (eds.), *La passione per la Repubblica*. Ospedaletto: Pacini, pp. 168–183.

Colombo, E. (2017). 'Francesco Novati alla presidenza della Società Storica Lombarda (1899–1915)', in Decleva, E., Lucchini, G. & Colombo, E., *Francesco Novati*. Milano: Cisalpino, pp. 1–107.

Colombo, E. (2014). 'Dall'"elezionismo" al podestà', in Corner, P. & Galimi, V. (eds.), *Il fascismo in provincia*. Roma: Viella, pp. 53–73.

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- Colombo, E. (2012). 'Milano. Il padre della patria in faccia al Duomo', in Tesoro, M. (ed.), *La memoria in piazza*. Milano: Effigie, pp. 95–109.
- Colombo, E. (2011). "La passione politica si arrestò sempre...", in Ghiringhelli, R. (ed.), *Storia del Consiglio provinciale di Milano*. Roma: UPI Editoria e Servizi, pp. 60–125.
- Colombo, E. (2011). 'Milano 1859–1978', in Canavero, A. et al. (eds.), *Milano tra ricostruzione e globalizzazione*. Soveria Mannelli: Rubbettino, pp. 127–146.
- Colombo, E. (2010). 'Dell'effettivo esercizio di un potere eccentrico', in Colombo, E. (ed.), *I sindaci del re 1859–1889*. Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 379–426.
- Colombo, E. (2010). 'Il "regno delle consorterie"', in Colombo, E. (ed.), *I sindaci del re 1859–1889*. Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 171–194.
- Colombo, E. (2010). 'Le Giunte delle città capoluogo lombarde (1946–1951)', in Ballini, P.L. (ed.), *Le Autonomie Locali in Lombardia e in Toscana*. Roma–Soveria Mannelli: Rubbettino, pp. 137–209.
- Colombo, E. (2008). 'Milano', in Ariotti, E., Canepa, L. & Ponte, R. (eds.), *La Grande Genova 1926–2006*. Genova, pp. 167–186.
- Colombo, E. (2007). 'Una rete amicale di governo', in Angelini, G. & Tesoro, M. (eds.), *De Amicitia*. Milano: Angeli, pp. 460–470.
- Colombo, E. (2005). 'Il governo del Municipio', in Bigatti, G. (ed.), *Il Municipio e la Città*. Cinisello Balsamo: Silvana Editoriale, pp. 21–107.
- Colombo, E. (2001). 'Comuni e municipalizzazioni nell'età giolittiana', in Bigazzi, D. & Meriggi, M. (eds.), *Storia d'Italia. Le regioni dall'Unità a oggi. Lombardia*. Torino: Einaudi, pp. 699–785.
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- Colombo, E. (1997). 'Il fondo Francesco Novati', in Colombo, E., *Francesco Novati*. Bologna: Cisalpino, pp. 7–56.

Journal Articles

- Colombo, E. (2026). 'Oltre la politica? La provincia tecnocratica di Sileno Fabbri', *Studi storici siciliani*, XIII, in press.
- Colombo, E. (2023). 'Paolo Buzzi, funzionario e uomo di lettere', *Il Politico*, LXXXVIII(2), pp. 115–130.
- Colombo, E. (2018). 'La frammentazione degli archivi privati come politica pubblica', *Amministrare*, XLVIII(3), pp. 511–534.
- Colombo, E. (2015). 'Milano e i Corpi Santi (1860–1885)', *Storia Amministrazione Costituzione*, XXIII, pp. 347–418.
- Colombo, E. (2012). 'Il prefetto Gadda e la costruzione dello Stato', *Nuova Antologia*, CXLVII(2262), pp. 324–339.
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- Colombo, E. (2007). 'Le aggregazioni comunali e il progetto della "Grande Milano"', *Storia Amministrazione Costituzione*, XV, pp. 141–164.
- Colombo, E. (1999). 'Le "conferenze tributarie" dei sindaci, 1879–1884', *Storia Amministrazione Costituzione*, VII, pp. 121–156.
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Dictionary Entries

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- Colombo, E. (2015). 'Pesenti, Guido', *Dizionario biografico degli Italiani*, LXXXII.
- Colombo, E. (2014). 'Parini, Piero', *Dizionario biografico degli Italiani*, LXXXI.
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- Colombo, E. (2012). 'Mussi, Giuseppe', *Dizionario biografico degli Italiani*, LXXVII.
- Colombo, E. (2010). 'Minguzzi, Livio', *Dizionario biografico degli Italiani*, LXXIV, pp. 631–633.

AWARDS

- Colombo, E. (2006). *Premio Sissco–Anci Storia* awarded for the monograph *Come si governava Milano. Politiche pubbliche nel secondo Ottocento* (Milano: FrancoAngeli, 2005).
- Colombo, E. (1999). *Premio Cesare Angelini – Sezione Giovani* awarded for the volume *Francesco Novati. Inventario del fondo conservato presso la Società storica lombarda* (Bologna: Cisalpino, 1997).