



## Giovanni Zagni

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### ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/09/2017 – CURRENT Milan, Italy

**DIRECTOR** PAGELLA POLITICA / FACTA.NEWS

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- editorial, financial, administrative and strategic management of the main Italian political fact-checking project **Pagella Politica** (PP) and its sister project **Facta.news** (launched in April 2020) focused on non-political disinformation;
- ongoing partnerships: **Meta (Facebook)**, as part of its Third-Party Fact-Checking project (2018-ongoing); **WhatsApp** (2020-ongoing); **TikTok** (2020-ongoing);
- past partnerships: national newswire **AGI** (2018-2020); national public broadcaster **RAI2** (2015-2020);

I have been serving as an expert of various national and international high-level committees on disinformation, such as:

- **Chair** of the **EDMO Task Force on 2024 European Parliament Elections** (January 2023-ongoing);
- Member of the **Executive Board** of the **European Digital Media Observatory** (June 2020-ongoing);
- **Expert Member** of the **MSI-INF Committee of Experts on the Integrity of Online Information, Council of Europe** (February 2022-ongoing);
- Expert Member of the **Task Force on Covid-related disinformation** established by the **Italian Government** (April-July 2020).

### ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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01/11/2013 – 19/10/2017 Siena, Italy

**PHD IN ROMANCE PHILOLOGY** Università degli Studi di Siena

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Main fields of research:

- Medieval literature in Europe;
- French and Italian Arthurian literature;
- Manuscripts and manuscript tradition.

**Level in EQF** EQF level 8 | **Thesis** La tradizione del Lancelot en prose: L'episodio della Falsa Ginevra

01/11/2008 – 11/10/2010 Pisa, Italy

**LAUREA SPECIALISTICA, MODERN LITERATURE** Università di Pisa

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Main fields of study:

- Modern and ancient Italian literature;
- Medieval European history, culture and literary tradition;
- Latin language and literature.

**Level in EQF** EQF level 7

2005 – 2010 Pisa, Italy

**ALLIEVO DEL CORSO ORDINARIO** Classe di Lettere, Scuola Normale Superiore

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## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
<b>FRENCH</b>	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1
<b>GERMAN</b>	A2	B1	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### PUBLICATIONS

[Bugie al potere. Il fact-checking del governo Meloni](#) – 2023

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Edizioni Mimesis

[Disinformation and professional fact-checking: a practitioner's view](#) – 2022

Conference proceedings - "Regulating Online Disinformation: Comparative Perspectives", organized by Caucasus International University and Dublin City University, held via platform Zoom on October 1, 2021

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in «International Journal of Social Sciences», Vol. 1 – I, pp. 43-52

[Cani da guardia? Il giornalismo contemporaneo e il fenomeno del fact-checking](#) – 2022

in *Media digitali e disinformazione. Politica, giornalismo, social network e conflitti armati*, a cura di Luca Gorgolini, Bologna University Press, Bologna, 2022, pp. 49-60.

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["Il 23% degli italiani": Assessing the use of data in Italian MPs' speeches](#) – 2019

in *Contemporary Approaches in Social Science Researches*, Edited by Christian Ruggiero, Hasan Arslan, Giovanna Gianturco, E-BWN, Bialystok, 2019, pp. 337-348.

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[Alla ricerca dei fatti. Il successo del fact-checking nell'epoca della post-verità](#) – 2018

in *Comunicazione e partecipazione nel sistema mediale ibrido. Soggetti, pratiche, luoghi*, a cura di Stefania Parisi e Christian Ruggiero, Logo Fausto Lupetti, Bologna-Milano, 2018, pp. 107-127.

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### SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

15/02/2022 – CURRENT

**Expert member, MSI-INF Committee of Experts on the Integrity of Online Information** For the 2022-2023 biennium, the Council of Europe decided to set up the Committee of Experts on the Integrity of Online Information (MSI-INF). This committee is tasked with preparing a guidance note on countering the spread of online mis- and disinformation through fact-checking and platform design solutions in a human rights compliant manner.

Link [https://www.coe.int/en/web/freedom-expression/msi-inf#{"114418756":\[\]}\]](https://www.coe.int/en/web/freedom-expression/msi-inf#{)

04/04/2020 – 13/07/2020

**Expert member, Task Force on Covid-related disinformation** On April 4th, 2020, the Italian Government established a Task Force on Covid-related disinformation (official name: *Unità di monitoraggio per il contrasto della diffusione di fake news relative al COVID-19 sul web e sui social network*) composed by 3 government officials and 8 experts.

01/11/2017 – CURRENT

**Member, Technical Table on the Guarantee of Pluralism and Accuracy of Information on Digital Platf.** Established by the Italian Authority for Communications (AgCom).

