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Leading Australian university researcher in the field of Political Science – *The Australian* 2025 Research Magazine.

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018 – present	Professor of Politics <i>Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia</i>
2014 – 2017	Senior Lecturer in Politics <i>Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia</i>
2012 – 2014	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow <i>European University Institute, Florence, Italy</i>
2011 – 2012	Jean Monnet Fellow <i>European University Institute, Florence, Italy</i>
2008 – 2011	Lecturer & Researcher <i>University of Turin, Italy</i>

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION

2008	PhD in Political Science <i>University of Turin, Italy</i>
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RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Total External Grant income since my PhD in 2008: over \$3.8 million AUD.

Australian Research Council Awards

Future Fellowship

- 2022: ‘The Internationalisation of Nationalist Populism’. \$1,033,480. (Fellowship: May 2022-May 2026)

Discovery Projects

- 2025: ‘Generation-Z Engagement with Political Parties’, with Sofia Ammassari (Griffith University) & Ferran Martinez i Coma (Griffith University). \$825,546.
- 2017: ‘Radical Right Populist Parties: Mainstream Partners or Democratic Pariahs?’, with Annika Werner (Griffith). \$195,000.
- 2017: ‘Members to Leaders? Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in Political Parties’, with Michelle Evans (Melbourne University). \$348,000.

Swedish Research Council Award

- 2017: ‘Making Tomorrow’s Leaders. Youth Movements of Right-Wing Populist Parties’, with Ann-Cathrine Jungar (Sodertorns University, Sweden), Cas Mudde (University of Georgia, USA) and Anders Jupskås (University of Oslo, Norway). 7.2 million SEK (Circa \$1.03 million AUD).

European Commission

- 2012: Marie Curie Fellowship. €193,727 Euro (\$311,551 AUD)

UK Leverhulme Trust

- 2008: Leverhulme Trust Research project, with Daniele Albertazzi (Birmingham). £62,478 (\$118,382 AUD)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Career Citations: 6,600 (data from Google Scholar, 09.01.26)

Research Monographs

McDonnell, D., Ammassari, S., Jungar, A.-C., Jupskās, A. R., & Mudde, C. *Youth Wings of the Populist Radical Right*. Forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

McDonnell, D. & Werner, A. (2020) *International Populism: The Radical Right in the European Parliament*, with A. Werner, New York: Oxford University Press.

McDonnell, D. & Albertazzi, D. (2015) *Populists in Power*, London: Routledge.

Edited Books

Marzouki, N., McDonnell, D., & Roy, O. (2016). *Saving the People: How Populists Hijack Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Bosco, A., & McDonnell, D. (2013). *From Berlusconi to Monti*. New York: Berghahn.

Albertazzi, D., & McDonnell, D. (2008). *Twenty-First Century Populism: The Spectre of Western European Democracy*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Journal Articles

I have published 13 A articles, as ranked by the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) journal list. In total, 19 of my articles have been in top-20 Political Science journals in the world, as ranked by Google Scholar (GS).*

Ammassari, S., McDonnell, D., Werner, A., Heinisch, R., Valbruzzi, M., & Wegscheider, C. (2026) More social, less material, more influenced by family ties: Why young women join political parties. *European Journal of Political Research*. Forthcoming. (APSA: A*).

McDonnell, D., & Ammassari, S. (2026) The geography of the party on the ground: Local branches in Italy and Sweden in the late twentieth century. *Political Geography*, 125. Advance online publication (APSA: A*).

Holloway, J., McDonnell, D., & Evans, M. (2025). The inverted hierarchy: How public bias can favor potential Indigenous candidates. *Perspectives on Politics*. Advance online publication. (APSA: A*; GS: 12/20)

McDonnell, D., Ammassari, S., Werner, A., Bolin, N., Valbruzzi, M., Ferrinho Lopes, H., Heinisch, R., Jungar, A.-C., & Wegscheider, C. (2025). Young radicals, moderates, and aligned: Ideological congruence and incongruence in party youth wings. *European Journal of Political Research*, 64(4), 1759-1782. (APSA: A*; GS: 9/20)

Ammassari, S., Martinez i Coma, F., & McDonnell, D. (2025). Young voters, abstainers, and unregistered: Generation Z turnout in a compulsory system. *Political Studies*. Advance online publication. (APSA: A*; GS: 14/20)

McDonnell, D., Ammassari, S., Valbruzzi, M., Bolin, N., Werner, A., Heinisch, R., Jungar, A.-C., & Wegscheider, C. (2024). Inside party youth wings: The YOUMEM project. *Party Politics*, 31(6), 1049-1063. (APSA: A; GS: 16/20)

McDonnell, D., & Ondelli, S. (2024). The distinctive vocabularies of right-wing populists. *Government & Opposition*. 60(2), 335-357. (APSA: A)

- McDonnell, D., & Stanford, B. (2024). The party on remote ground: Disengaging and disappearing? *Parliamentary Affairs*, 77(1), 46-61. (APSA: A)
- Ammassari, S., McDonnell, D., & Valbruzzi, M. (2023). It's about the type of career: The political ambition gender gap among youth wing members. *European Journal of Political Research*, 62(4), 1054-1077. (APSA: A*; GS: 9/20)
- Ammassari, S., Fossati, D., & McDonnell, D. (2023). Supporters of India's BJP: Distinctly populist and nativist. *Government & Opposition*, 58(4), 807-823. (APSA: A)
- Martinez i Coma, F., & McDonnell, D. (2023). Australian parties, not voters, drive under-representation of women. *Parliamentary Affairs*, 76(1), 107-124. (APSA: A)
- Evans, M., & McDonnell, D. (2022). More partisans than parachutes, more successful than not: Indigenous candidates of the major Australian parties. *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 57(4), 346-367. (APSA: A). *Winner of 2023 APSA Mayer Article Prize.
- McDonnell, D., & Ondelli, S. (2022). The language of right-wing populist leaders: Not so simple. *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(3), 828-841. (APSA: A*; GS: 12/20)
- McDonnell, D., Werner, A., & Karlsson, M. (2021). Reputation versus office: Why populist radical right governmental participation has differed between Sweden and Denmark. *International Political Science Review*, 42(5), 613-630. (APSA: A)
- Heinisch, R., McDonnell, D., & Werner, A. (2021). Equivocal Euroscepticism: How populist radical right parties can have their EU cake and eat it. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 59(2), 189-205. (APSA: A; GS: 15/20)
- McDonnell, D., & Werner, A. (2019). Differently Eurosceptic: Radical right populist parties and their supporters. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 26(12), 1761-1778. (APSA: A*; GS: 4/20)
- McDonnell, D., & Cabrera, L. (2019). The right-wing populism of India's Bharatiya Janata Party (and why comparativists should care). *Democratization*, 26(3), 484-501. (APSA: A; GS: 11/20)
- McDonnell, D., & Werner, A. (2018). Respectable radicals: why some radical right parties in the European Parliament forsake policy congruence. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25(5), 747-763. (APSA: A*, GS: 4/20)
- Kefford, G. and McDonnell, D. (2018). Inside the personal party: Leader-owners, light organizations and limited lifespans. *The British Journal of Politics & International Relations*, 20(2), 379-394. (APSA: A)
- Bowler, S., Denmark, D., Donovan, T., and McDonnell, D. (2017). Right-wing populist party supporters: Dissatisfied but not direct democrats. *European Journal of Political Research*, 56(1), 70-91. (APSA: A*; GS: 9/20)
- McDonnell, D. (2016). Populist leaders and coterie charisma. *Political Studies*, 64(3), 719-733. (APSA: A*; GS: 18/20)
- Bobba, G., & McDonnell, D. (2016). Different types of right-wing populist discourse in government and opposition: The case of Italy. *South European Society and Politics*, 21(3), 281-299. (APSA: A)
- Kefford, G., & McDonnell, D. (2016). Ballots and Billions: Clive Palmer's personal party. *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 51(2), 183-197. (APSA: A)
- McDonnell, D., & Valbruzzi, M. (2014). Defining and classifying technocrat-led and technocratic governments. *European Journal of Political Research*, 53(4), 654-671. (APSA: A*; GS: 9/20)
- McDonnell, D., & Mazzoleni, O. (2014). Directly-elected mayors and their parties: The cases of Genoa and Lausanne. *Government & Opposition*, 49(1), 92-119. (APSA: A)

McDonnell, D. (2013). Silvio Berlusconi's personal parties: From Forza Italia to the Popolo della Libertà. *Political Studies*, 61(S1), 217-233. (APSA: A*; GS: 18/20)

McDonnell, D., & Newell, J. (2011). Outsider parties in government in Western Europe. *Party Politics*, 17(4), 443-452. (APSA 2019: A; GS: 17/20)

Albertazzi, D., McDonnell, D., & Newell, J. (2011). Di lotta e di governo: The Lega Nord and Rifondazione Comunista in Office. *Party Politics*, 17(4), 471-487. (APSA: A; GS: 17/20)

Albertazzi, D., & McDonnell, D. (2010). The Lega Nord back in government. *West European Politics*, 33(6), 1318-1340. (APSA: A; GS: 8/20)

McDonnell, D. (2006). A weekend in Padania: Regionalist populism and the Lega Nord. *Politics*, 26(2), 126-132.

Albertazzi, D., & McDonnell, D. (2005). The Lega Nord in the second Berlusconi government: In a league of its own. *West European Politics*, 28(5), 952-972. (APSA: A; GS: 8/20)

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Ammassari, S., McDonnell, D., Bolin, N., Werner, A., Valbruzzi, M., Wegscheider, C., Heinisch, R., & Jungar, A.-C. Forces of renovation: How party youth wings can foster efficacy and ambition among young women. *Revise and resubmit*.

Bolin, N., McDonnell, D., Ammassari, S., Jungar, A.-C. Valbruzzi, M., Wegscheider, C., & Werner, A. The added value of youth wings: Do they nurture the members their parties want? *Revise and resubmit*.

Heinisch, R., Wegscheider, C., Werner, A., Ammassari, S., McDonnell, D. & Valbruzzi, M. 'Ready to party: Explaining electoral and social engagement of youth wing members'. *Under review*.

Seeberg, H.B., McDonnell, D., Ammassari, S., Bolin, N., Heinisch, R., Jungar, A.-C. Valbruzzi, M., Wegscheider, C., & Werner, A. 'The personal efficacy of party youth wing members'. *Under review*.

COURSES TAUGHT

European Democracy in the Twenty-First Century; The Rise of Global Populism; Introduction to Political Science.

PhD SUPERVISIONS (as principal)

Francesco Vittonetto. 2023 – present.

Pandanus Petter. 2019 – 2022 (now Research Fellow at Australian National University)

Bartholomew Stanford. 2017 – 2022 (now Senior Lecturer at James Cook University)

SERVICE

Griffith University

2017 – present: Leader of the 'People, Elections & Parties' Research Program.

2016 – 2022: Created & managed Griffith's first Indigenous PhD scholarship in politics. Recruited 5 candidates in 5 years.

2015 – 2021: Organiser of CGPP seminar series and paper workshop series.

2019 – 2020: Deputy Director of the Centre for Governance and Public Policy (CGPP).

Profession

2019 & 2022: Chair of the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Journal List ranking committee.

2018 – 2022: Member of APSA Executive Committee.

2015 – present: organized multiple panels at conferences such as the ECPR General Conference, Council for European Studies conference, IPSA World Congress, EUSA Studies Association biannual conference, APSA Conference.

Reviewer for Australian Research Council projects & ERA assessment, leading publishers such as Oxford University Press & multiple highly-ranked journals such as *American Political Science Review*, *European Journal of Political Research* etc.

INVITED SEMINARS (Selected)

United States: UC Berkeley, Yale University, University of North Carolina, Tufts University, New School, City University of New York.

Europe: University of Copenhagen (twice), University of Oslo, University of Lille, OECD Paris, Queen Mary University London, University of Sheffield, University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin (twice), Queens University Belfast, University of Limerick, University of Turin, University of Trieste, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona).

South America: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Lima), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires), Universidade de São Paulo, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Universidad Privada Boliviana (Cochabamba).

Australia & Asia: Australian National University, Deakin University, University of Queensland, National University of Singapore.

ENGAGEMENT & IMPACT

Circa 50 comment pieces in media outlets, including *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *ABC*, *The Australian*, *The Guardian*, *Libération*, *The Irish Times*, *New Statesman*, and *The Conversation*.

Quoted on research-related topics by international media, including *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *The BBC*, *CNN*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph* (UK), *Le Monde*, *Al Jazeera*, *Huffington Post*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *The Irish Times*, *Público* (Portugal), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (Switzerland), *Aftenposten* (Norway), *Aftonbladet* (Sweden), *The Straits Times* (Singapore), *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), *El Mercurio* (Chile), and *Veja* (Brazil).

Appeared on Australian TV and radio multiple times since 2015.

Submission to the 2019 Australian Senate inquiry on ‘Nationhood, National Identity and Democracy’.

REFERENCES

Available upon request