

# BEATRICE MONTANO

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## EDUCATION

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- 2019 – **Columbia University**, PhD Candidate in Political Science  
*Fields:* Comparative Politics (*with distinction*) and Political Economy  
*Dissertation:* Misperceptions and Social Norms  
*Advisors:* Donald P. Green, John Marshall, and Carlo Prato
- 2017 **Bocconi University**, MSc in Economics and Social Sciences  
*Advisors:* Eliana La Ferrara and Massimo Morelli  
Graduate international student at National Chengchi University (Taiwan)
- 2014 **Bocconi University**, BSc in Economics and Social Sciences

## RESEARCH

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### Areas of Interest

Substantive: Behavioral Political Economy and Comparative Politics (Gender and African Politics)  
Methodological: Experimental Methods, Formal Theory

### Published Articles

- 2024 The effects of independent local radio on Tanzanian public opinion: evidence from a planned natural experiment. *Journal of Politics* (2024) 86:1, 231-240  
*with Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, Constantine Manda and Bardia Rahmani*
- 2023 A radio drama's effects on attitudes toward early and forced marriage: results from a field experiment in rural Tanzania. *Comparative Political Studies* (2023) 56:8, 1115-1155  
*with Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, Constantine Manda and Bardia Rahmani*

### Papers Under Review

- 2024 Radio dramas can build political support for environmental protection: experimental evidence from rural Tanzania  
*with Salma Emmanuel, Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, and Bardia Rahmani*
- 2023 Narrative entertainment changes minds: a meta-analysis of recent experiments  
*with Bardia Rahmani, Donald P. Green and Dylan W. Groves*
- 2023 Narrative entertainment shapes policy priorities: evidence from four field experiments in Tanzania  
*with Salma Emmanuel, Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, Constantine Manda and Bardia Rahmani*
- 2022 The persuasive power of supreme courts: evidence from a survey experiment in Tanzania

*with Salma Emmanuel, Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, Constantine Manda and Bardia Rahmani*

## **Working Papers**

- 2025 What women want: the public policy effect of patriarchy  
*with Simone Paci and Chiara Superti*
- 2024 Edutainment increases awareness of Gender Based Violence outside of the household: evidence from a field experiment in rural Tanzania  
*with Salma Emmanuel, Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, and Bardia Rahmani*
- 2023 Religious elite messaging and women's political participation: a survey experiment in Tanzania  
*(with Bardia Rahmani, Dylan W. Groves, and Francis Xavier Ngatigwa)*
- 2022 The effect of climate change news on public opinion about the environment: evidence from a survey experiment in Tanzania  
*with Salma Emmanuel, Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves and Bardia Rahmani*

## **Selected Work In Progress**

### **► DATA COLLECTION COMPLETED**

- Misperception of gender norms: experimental evidence of political advocacy in rural Tanzania  
**[DISSERTATION]**
- Political Socialization: evidence from gender attitudes in rural Tanzania  
**[DISSERTATION]**
- Patriarchal norms and women's freedom of movement: experimental evidence from rural Tanzania  
**[DISSERTATION]** *(with Silvia Barbareschi and Stefano Tripodi)*

### **► DATA COLLECTION TO BE COMPLETED**

- Leveraging religious leaders to counter human trafficking in rural Tanzania  
*(with Salma Emmanuel and Dylan W. Groves)*
- Growing up with ballots: how school government engenders youth's civic duty in Tanzania  
*(with Salma Emmanuel)*
- Teachers' prejudice: evidence from rural Tanzania  
*(with Salma Emmanuel)*
- Top-down democratization in Tanzania: effect of elite messaging on democratic attitudes in Tanzania  
*(with Salma Emmanuel and Daniel Markovits)*
- Patriarchal norms and climate change  
*(with Silvia Barbareschi and Miguel Ortiz)*
- Play Like a Girl: experimental evidence from women sports on gender attitudes  
*(with Julian Gerez)*
- The effects of mass media on political and social attitudes: a radio distribution experiment in Tanzania

(with Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves and Bardia Rahmani)

## GRANTS

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### EXTERNAL

- 2024 Oxford Policy Management, Data and Evidence to end Extreme Poverty (DEEP), Tanzania Challenge Fund - *Growing up with Ballots: how school government engenders youth's political voice in Tanzania* (with Salma Emmanuel) [Tanzania] (\$38,000)
- 2024 Columbia University Libraries, Unique Data Grants - *Media Consumption Trends in Tanzania 2014-2024* [Tanzania] (\$50,000)
- 2024 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), Learning for All Initiative - *Teacher's attitudes in rural Tanzania* (with Salma Emmanuel) [Tanzania] (\$9,000)
- 2024 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), Governance Initiative. Multidisciplinary Research - *Edutainment to increase women's political participation in rural Tanzania* (with Donald P. Green, Dylan W. Groves, Elizabeth Levy Paluck, and Bardia Rahmani) [Tanzania] (\$30,000)
- 2023 U.S. Department of State's Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Innovation for Poverty Action, Human Trafficking Research Initiative - *Leveraging Local Religious Leaders to Counter Human Trafficking in Rural Tanzania* (with Salma Emmanuel and Dylan W. Groves) [Tanzania] (\$ 13,000)
- 2023 Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), University of California - Berkeley. West Africa Regional Hub Small Grants Fund - *Top-down democratization: effect of elite messaging on democratic attitudes in Tanzania* (with Salma Emmanuel and Daniel Markovits) [Tanzania] (\$ 3,000)
- 2023 Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies (LEAP), Bocconi University. Student Research Grant - *Perceptions and the demand for public goods: the case of women's safety's perceptions and men's demand for safe transport in rural Tanzania* (with Silvia Barbareschi) [Tanzania] (€4,000)
- 2021 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), Gender and Economic Agency. Project Development Grant - *Toxic masculinity during adolescence* [Tanzania] (\$10,000)

### INTERNAL

- 2023 Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), Columbia University. Student Research Grant [Tanzania] (\$ 1,000)
- 2023 Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences (CELSS), Columbia University. Seed Grant - *Play like a girl: experimental evidence from women sports on gender attitudes* (with Julian Gerez) [USA] (\$ 2,000)
- 2023 Provost Diversity Fellows, Columbia University. Small Grants - *Play like a girl: experimental evidence from women's sports on gender attitudes* (with Julian Gerez) [Morocco / USA] (\$ 1,000)
- 22-24 Political Science Department, Columbia University. Dissertation Development Grant (\$9,000)
- 2019 Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2017 Bocconi University, Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies. Student Research Grant - *The economic lives of refugees* (with Giulia Buccione and Viola Corradini) [Greece] [News Coverage: *Io Donna Magazine*] (€4,000)

## FELLOWSHIPS

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### EXTERNAL

- 2023 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Gender in the Economy Section Fellow runner-up. *Based on the potential of the applicants to make important contributions to the field of gender.*  
Committee: Profs Lori Beaman, Jessica Goldberg, Claudia Goldin, Claudia Olivetti, and Tom Vogl
- 2022 William T.R. Fox Fellowship Fund in Political Science

### INTERNAL

- 2019-25 Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 Political Parties in Africa (PPA) [co-authored], Experimental Political Science (NYU) [posters, solo- and co-authored], Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) [solo-authored, presenter co-authored], American Political Science Association (APSA) [solo-authored], Betsy Levy Paluck Lab at Princeton [solo-authored], Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) [solo-authored], Empirical Study of Gender Research Network workshop (EGEN) [solo-authored]
- 2023 European Political Science Association (EPSA) [solo-authored], Association for Psychological Sciences (APS) [presenter co-authored], Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) [co-authored], American Political Science Association (APSA) [co-authored], Policy Round Table (with the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children of Tanzania) [presenter co-authored]
- 2022 Duke INCITE [solo-authored], American Political Science Association (APSA) [solo-authored], BBC Media Action Conference [co-authored], UNICEF Conference on Edutainment [co-authored]
- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) [co-authored], Human Security, Violence, and Trauma Conference (Berkeley University) [discussant]

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2019 – **Columbia University**, Political Science Department  
*Research Assistant:* Prof. Donald Green (Summer 2020, Spring 2023), Prof. Kimuli Kasara and Prof. John Huber (Summer 2021), Prof. Macartan Humphreys (Fall 2021)  
*Teaching Assistant:* *Applied Econometrics I and II* for Prof. Robert Shapiro (Summer 2021, Fall 2022), *Political Protests* for Prof. Chiara Superti (Spring 2022, Spring 2025), *Introduction to Comparative Politics* for Prof. Kimuli Kasara (Fall 2020) and Prof. Benjamin McClelland (Fall 2024)
- 2018-2019 **London School of Economics**, Marshall Institute and Economic Department  
Pre-Doctoral Fellow for Prof. Nava Ashraf
- 2017-2018 **Bocconi University**, Economics Department  
Research Assistant for Prof. Massimo Morelli
- 2015 **BRAC Uganda**, Research and Evaluation Unit  
Field Research Assistant for Prof. Vittorio Bassi (USC)

## ACADEMIC-RELATED SERVICE

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2020-2023 Director, Departmental Graduate Student Seminar  
2020-2021 President, Political Science Graduate Student Committee  
2018 Surveyor of Milan's homeless, racCONTAMI 2018

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

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*Languages:* Italian (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (beginner), Swahili (beginner)  
*Computing:* Stata, R, Mathematica, LaTeX, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, World Bank CAPI  
*Field Research:* Uganda (2015), Refugee Camps in Greece (2018), Tanzania (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)