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Since 2006 I am conducting a Phd research at the Social and Political Science Department at the European University Institute (Florence). My thesis is on The Governance of the digital commons. My supervisor is Donatella Della Porta. In my doctoral research I explore models of governance of common-base peer production and how governance relates to community grown. My empirical analysis is based on a statistical large-N web analysis of a sample of common-base peer production experiences and a comparison of three case study: (i) Wikipedia, (ii) Flickr, and (iii) the Social Forums Memory Project. I was visiting the School of information – UC Berkeley until December 2008 sponsored by Coye Cheshire and Howard Rheingold.
I try to put into practice the reflections coming from my search through the creation of an Open E-library On Social Transformation, contributing to the Webteam of the European Social Forum and the World Social Forum, and impulsing the Networked-Politics.info project.
My academic formation is based on a Degree in Economics (Univ. of Valencia); Degree in Anthropology (Univ. Rovira i Virgili); Master in Politics of Cooperation and Development (Univ. Complutense of Madrid); Master in Urban Studies (Univ. Rovira i Virgili).

The Governance of digital commons: Wikipedia Case study

In my presentation I will explore the democratic potential of the Internet in knowledge-making processes for the provision of public goods. I will present several models of governance of platforms of participation and how governance relates to community grown. Though the case study of Wikipedia, I will analyze the role of the providers of the platforms that host the interaction and the distribution of functions between the providers and the community of participants in "co-governing" the process.

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