

**Title: Political class and regional political arena.
The experience of the Lombardy Region (1970-2005)**

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The research aims to understand the formation and the evolution of the political class, understood as elected in the Lombardy Regional Council from its birth until 2005. By collecting and organizing information, means to face an examination not only quantitative but also qualitative composition of the Lombardy Region in the first eight successive regional legislatures of the Italian Republic. We analyze the political staff in the socio-demographic in career paths, from parties and institutions in different institutional levels, before and after the presence in the Regional Council with the aim of defining types of careers and patterns of representation through also identification of representative characters. Means and then make an initial contribution to the knowledge to an important aspect of recent regional history of Lombardy in the Italian Republican

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- The birth of the Lombardy Region and the regional politicians
- The political class of the first two terms (1970-1975)
- The careers of those elected in 1970 and 1975
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- Those elected in 1990, and the crisis of "Mani pulite"
- Political parties: Settlement Planning and yield election
- Those elected in 1995 and the political and institutional crisis
- The reform of the electoral system and the new political formations
- Those elected in 2000 and 2005
- The female component of the political Lombard class
- The institutional performance of the Regional Council

Chapter 2. The Region and the policies of administrative transformation (1970-2005)

- From the first Statute to the Regional Law office of 2008
- The governments of the Lombardy Region (1970-1990) and national political balance
- The government of President in the age of majority (1995-2010)
- Changes in the form of government, the Junta and the President of the Region
- The model of governance for the implementation of regional policies
- From weak Regionalism to the Lombard political system
- The symbols and identity: the image of the region in the perception of citizens