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Professor of Political Science since 2001, Amoretti **has also been professor of Comparative Politics** at the University of Naples, Faculty of Sociology. Over the last fifteen years, his scholarly research has been mainly focused on the relationship between media and political systems, and on the technological innovations and institutional changes. In 2000 he started, as local coordinator, a research project, with prof. Mauro Calise (University of Naples, IT) and Theodor J. Lowi (Cornell University, US), called “Hyperpolitics: A platform for online hypertextual elaboration of political science concepts” that led to the publication of an online interactive dictionary (<http://www.hyperpolitics.net/>). Hyperpolitics developed a new theoretical and methodological approach to the study of political science concepts, which addressed the growing complexity of political science disciplinary domains. It is also an innovative and helpful teaching instrument, both for teachers and students. From 2001 to 2003 **he has been member of the national research project on “E-Government: visions, plans, implementation”**, and from 2004 to 2006 he has been involved as local research unit coordinator in the two-years project «The Electronic Citizenship: analytical categories,



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structured communication methodologies and empirical indicators of e-democracy». As shown by his research activity, Amoretti has been one of the first Italian scholar to contribute creatively to the debate focused on electronic democracy, e-government, the digital revolution and their relationship with the process of constitutionalisation, with many papers and articles published in leading political science journals. In 2009 he was also the editor of a book, titled “Electronic Constitution: Social, Cultural and Political Implications”, published by IGI-Global. He supervised some doctoral theses in the fields of electronic democracy, models of democracy and international organizations and online aid management platforms. Over the years he has raised money for research projects, involved young researchers, organized workshops and seminars, coordinated working groups. In Italy Amoretti has been productively involved in the debate on political communication. His first monograph was about the transformations in this domain.

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