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Brief presentation

As sociologist, I am focused in understanding how social origins and social structures shape individual opportunities and outcomes. My scientific interests revolve around mechanisms shaping economic and social opportunities, causal methodologies and philosophy of science.

I specialize in quantitative methodologies, including experimental design, counterfactual analysis, and causal inference. During my PhD, I have applied these tools to investigate gender and class differences over life course outcomes.

Areas of interest

Social stratification and mobility; Sociology of education; Opportunity structures; Life course trajectories; Causal methods and applications; Philosophy of science.

Individual preferences

Available to move within Europe

Work experience

IRVAPP Research fellow
2026-current Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies (FBK-IRVAPP). Trento, Italy
Evaluation of the public educational system of the *autonomous province of Trento*.

Education

Ph.D. Economic Sociology and Labour Studies
2022 – 2025 University of Milan, Milan, Italy
EQF level: 8 – 60 ECTS
Thesis title: *The Direct Effect of Social Origin. A scoping review and two comparative analyses.*
(Defence in June 2026)

Master Global Politics and Society
2019 – 2021 University of Milan, Milan, Italy
EQF level: 7 – 120 ECTS
Thesis title: *Inequalities of educational opportunities in the second half of the XX century: an analysis of fourteen European countries.*

Schools

2025 Survey Sampling and Weighting
5days Cologne, Germany
Organised by: GESIS- Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
Delivered by: Simon Kühne
Skills acquired: Causal Inference, causal analysis, causal methods and causal model design (DAG). Applications using STATA.

2025 Causal Inference in the Social Sciences
5days Cologne, Germany
Organised by: GESIS- Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

Delivered by: Matthias Collischon and Florian Zimmermann
Skills acquired: Statistical Sampling, sample design, sample collection, weighting survey data, design weighting, nonresponse weighting, adjustment weighting and parameter estimation for complex sample survey data. Applications using STATA.

- 2024 Panel Data Econometrics: theory and applications
5days Bertinoro, Italy
Organised by: Italian Econometric Association
Delivered by: Maria Elena Bontempi, Roberto Golinelli and Irene Mammi
Skills acquired: Panel data analysis, static panel modelling and dynamic panel modelling. Applications using STATA.
- 2023 LIS introductory workshop
5days Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxemburg
Organised by: University of Luxemburg
Delivered by: *Various*
Skills acquired: Handling LIS and LWS data. Applications using STATA and Rstudio.

Additional certificates

- Minor degree Interdisciplinary specialisation DiLPO
2018 – 2019 University of Milan, Milan, Italy
18 ECTS
Focus: Gender studies in economic, sociological and legal prospective.

Languages

- Italian Mother tongue
English CEFR C1 level

Experiences abroad

- Visiting Madrid, Spain
2024 – 2025 Hosting institution: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
6months
Erasmus+ Dublin, Ireland
2020 Hosting institution: University College Dublin
4months

Publications

- 2026 Tell me more: Findings from a Scoping Review on the Reporting of Field Experiments in Sociology
With: Argentin, G., Abbiati, G. M., Azzolini, D., Ballarino, G., Manzella, E., Pellegrini, M. and Vergolini, L.
https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/85u4w_v1
- 2025 La Segregazione Scolastica in Italia. Un'analisi longitudinale dei dati INVALSI, 2010-2019.
With: Abbiati, G. M. and Ballarino, G.
www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.12828/116732
- 2023 Parents and teachers' compensatory strategies during COVID-19 school closures: A scoping review
With: De Gioannis, E. and Ballarino, G.
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11159-023-10011-3>