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EDUCATION

MSc Sociology – University of Oxford, St Cross College | Oct 2024 – to be completed Sept 2026

- Modules: Sociological Analysis; Methods for Social Research; Advanced Statistical Methods; Fairness, Accountability and Transparency in Machine Learning.
- Thesis: Exploring the relationships of COVID-19 pandemic strains and norm deviation in Italy: testing General Strain Theory.

BSc Sociology – Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan | Sept 2021 – Jul 2024

- *Grade: 106/110*
- Key Modules: Applied Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods, Anthropology, Social Psychology, Public Law, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Urban/ Cultural/Labour/ Religious Sociology.
- Thesis: Performance Society, Psychopolitics and Loss of Contemplative Life: A Theoretical Analysis of Byung-Chul Han.

Social Anthropology – University of Oxford, Department of Continuing Education | Jun 2021

- Key Modules: Ethnicity and Globalisation; Political Anthropology; Kinship; Religion and Landscape; Personhood.

EXPERIENCE

Junior Researcher – FBK Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies, Trento | Jun 2026 - Present

- Collaborating in social, territorial cohesion, and education policy evaluations through data management, mixed-methods data collection and analysis, and the drafting of research reports and dissemination materials.

Research Assistant – FBK Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies, Trento | Dec 2025 – Jun 2026

- Supported research teams for qualitative data collection, experimental survey design for RCTs, and literature review for the evaluation of education-based projects SPARKLE, Compiti@Casa and PoliMin.

Reviewer – The Sociological Review | Jan 2025 – Jun 2025

- [“Anxiety Culture: The New Global State of Human Affairs”](#)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Academic Project – Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford | Jan 2025 – Mar 2025

- Conducted an independent research project auditing Affectiva’s Emotion Recognition Technology, creating a Model Card based on patent analysis and using the FAT framework and MIT AI Risk Repository to evaluate deployment risks in schools, algorithmic biases and adolescent safety harms.

Academic Project – Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan | Sept 2023 – May 2024

- Contributed to the “Young Workers & Unions” project with CISL-Felsa by leading participant recruitment, conducting qualitative interviews and focus groups, coding and analysing qualitative data using NVivo, and final report writing.

Academic Project – Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan | Feb 2022 – May 2022

- Collaborated on a research project on European identity among university students in Milan, contributing to survey design, online data collection (CAWI), statistical analysis in SPSS, and final report writing.

VOLUNTEERING

Sighted Guide – MyVision Oxfordshire, Oxford | Nov 2024 – Nov 2025

- Providing one-to-one support for a visually impaired student, preventing loneliness and isolation.

- Conducted qualitative market research to improve service.
- Contributed to community fundraising initiatives, fostering awareness and community engagement.

Care Assistant - Piccola Casa di San Vincenzo, Cagliari | 2018 – 2021

- Supported elderly residents with daily activities and mealtime assistance.
- Fostered social engagement through music sessions and shared readings.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Skills: Knowledge in R, SPSS, NVivo, Zotero, Canvas, Mural, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word).

Courses: Workplace Health and Safety Training, FBK IRVAPP; Research Integrity and Ethical Training, University of Oxford.

Languages: Italian (native), English (IELTS Band 8), Modern Standard Arabic (beginner).