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Bio
Alessandra Gaia (Ph.D.) is *Research Fellow* at the University of Milan-Bicocca. Previously she was Research Fellow at the *European Social Survey Headquarters* (City, University of London), Survey Manager at the *UCL Centre for Longitudinal Studies* and Research Officer at the *Institute for Social and Economic Research* of the *University of Essex*. She is principal investigator of the project *Ageing in a DIGITAL world. A study on multiple dimensions of inequality, in old AGE (DIGITAL-AGE)*, general secretary of the *European Survey Research Association* and advisory editor for the journal *Quality and Quantity: International Journal of Methodology*. Her research interests are in the area of methodology of social research and in the field of population ageing.

She obtained the Italian national scientific accreditation (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale, ASN) for associate professor for the sector general sociology (14/C1) – valid from 01/02/2022 to 01/02/2031.

Academic employment

06/2018 – date	Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Milan-Bicocca.
03/2018 – date	Research Associate, Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex (unpaid honorary position).
11/2017 – 05/2018	Research Fellow, European Social Survey Headquarters, Department of Sociology, City, University of London.
05/2016 – 09/2017	Research Officer, Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex.
11/2015 – 05/2016	Research Associate (Survey Manager), Centre for Longitudinal Studies, UCL Institute of Education, University College London.

Education

2015	Ph.D. in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca
2009	MSc in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University
2006	BSc in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University

Research visits

2019   Visiting Researcher, The National Institute for Demographic Studies. INED, Paris.
2013 – 2014   Visiting Student, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex

Exchange student

2008 – 2009   Exchange student, Carlos III University of Madrid
2005   Exchange student, Erasmus University of Rotterdam

Research grants

- Principal Investigator: "Ageing in a DIGITAL world. A study on multiple dimensions of inequality, in old AGE, during and after the Covid-19 pandemic (DIGITAL-AGE)", €135.171.
- Named researcher: "Digital by default: older people, digital public services, and risk of social exclusion", Principal Investigator Prof. Emanuela Sala (University of Milano-Bicocca), €220.620.
- Co-Investigator and work Package leader: "ACTIVE ageing in changing societies. Older people's social and digital resources in pandemic and post-pandemic ITaly (ACTIVE.IT)" Principal Investigator: Prof. Emanuela Sala (University of Milano-Bicocca), €200.000.
- Named researcher: "The value of digital data: enhancing citizens' awareness and voice about surveillance capitalism (VDATA)", Principal Investigator: Prof. Guido Legnante (University of Pavia), €199.895.

Collaboration in national and international research projects

Team member of the project: "Aging in a Networked Society. Older people, social networks, and well-being", Principal Investigator: Prof. Emanuela Sala (University of Milan-Bicocca).

Team member of the project: "Understanding household finance through better measurement", Principal Investigator: Prof. Annette Jäckle (University of Essex).

Team member of the project: "Methodological innovations in data collection in longitudinal studies", Principal Investigators: Prof. Annette Jäckle, Prof. Michaela Benzeval (University of Essex), and Prof. Kate Tilling (University of Bristol).

Survey Manager of *Next Steps* (age 25 survey), (UCL Institute of Education) (2017-2018), Director: Prof. Lisa Calderwood.

Team member of the "European Social Survey", (European Social Survey Headquarters, City, University of London) (2015-2016), Director: Prof. Rory Fitzgerald.

Publications and reports

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Lynn, P., Bianchi, A. and **Gaia, A.** 2023. The impact of day of mailing on web survey response rate and response speed. *Social Science Computer Review. Social Science Computer Review*, doi: 10.1177/08944393231173887

Boerio, P., Garavaglia, E., **Gaia, A.** 2023. Active ageing in Europe: are changes in social capital associated with engagement, initiation and maintenance of activity in later life? *Ageing and Society*, *43*(5), 1122-1140. doi:10.1017/S0144686X21001021

Sala, E., **Gaia, A**. and Cerati, G. 2023. Are social media users more satisfied with their life than non-users? A study on older people in Italy. *Ageing and Society, 43*(1), 76-88. doi:10.1017/S0144686X21000416

Gaia, A., Garavaglia, E., Caliandro A. 2022. Il valore dei dati digitali: uno studio sui lavoratori anziani in Italia. *Salute e Società,* 2022(3):26-44, doi: 10.3280/SES2022-003003

Gaia, A. 2021. COVID-19 virus diffusion in Italy: data quality and methodological challenges. *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, 62(1):11-37, doi: 10.1423/100620

Gaia, A., and Sala, S. 2021. Introduction. *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, 62(1):7-10

Gaia, A., Sala, E. and Cerati, G. 2021. Social networking sites use and life satisfaction. A quantitative study on older people living in Europe, *European Societies*, 23(1): 98–118, DOI: 10.1080/14616696.2020.1762910

Wenz, A., Al Baghal, T. and **Gaia, A.** 2021. Language proficiency among respondents: implications for data quality in a longitudinal face-to-face survey. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology,* 9(1): 73–93. DOI: https://doi-org.proxy.unimib.it/10.1093/jssam/smz045

Sala, E., **Gaia, A.**, and Cerati, G. 2020. The grey digital divide in Social Networking Site use in Europe. Results from a quantitative study. *Social Science Computer Review*. https://doi.org/10.1177/0894439320909507 (Online first).

Sala, E., and **Gaia, A.** 2019. Older people's use of Information and Communications Technologies in Europe. The Italian case. *Autonomie Locali e Servizi Sociali*, 2: 163–183. DOI: 10.1447/95863.

Gaia, A., and Al Baghal, T. 2019. The Longitudinal Item Count Technique: a new technique for asking sensitive questions in surveys. *Methods Data Analysis* 13(1):111–37. DOI: https://doi.org/10.12758/mda.2018.09.

Thornby, M., Calderwood, L., Kotecha, M., Beninger, K., and **Gaia, A.** 2018. Collecting data linkage consents in a mixed mode survey: Evidence and lessons learnt from Next Steps. *Survey Methods: Insights from the Field (SMIF).* doi: 10.13094/SMIF-2018-00004.

Book chapters

Gaia, A. 2021. The Item Count Technique. In P. A. Atkinson, A. Cernat, S. Delamont, J. W. Sakshaug, R. Williams (eds.), *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*, Vol. 5, pp. 2537-2544. London, UK: SAGE Publishing. ISBN: 1473965004.

Gaia, A. 2021. Social Desirability Bias and Sensitive Questions in Surveys. In P. A. Atkinson, A. Cernat, S. Delamont, J. W. Sakshaug, R. Williams (Eds.), *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*. Vol. 9, pp. 4539-4545. London, UK: SAGE Publishing. ISBN: 1473965004.

Jäckle, A., Couper. M. P., **Gaia, A.**, and Lessof, C. 2021. "Improving survey measurement of household finances: A review of new technologies and data sources" in P. Lynn *Advances in Longitudinal Survey Methodology*, Wiley Series in Survey Methodology.

Book

Gaia, A. 2011. *Prevention of Child Abandonment, Analysis of a Development Project in Braşov, Romania*. Saarbrücken, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing. ISBN: 978-3845472584.

Work in progress (Revise and Resubmit)

Burton, J., Crossley, T. F., Fisher, P., **Gaia, A.**, and Jäckle, A. Understanding and reducing income reporting error in household surveys. Revise and resubmit at *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*

Work in progress

Gaia, A., Sala, E., Respi, C., and Legnante G. Experimental evidence on the effect of motivational statements to reduce item non-response in an opt-in panel

Bianchi, A., Lynn, P., and **Gaia, A**. Targeted timing of mail invitation: impact on web surveys response rate and response speed

Working papers and reports

Lynn, P., Bianchi, A. and **Gaia, A.** 2021. The impact of day of mailing on web survey response rate and response speed. Understanding Society Working Paper Series 2021-07. Available at: https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/research/publications/546995

Burton, J., Crossley, T. F., Fisher, P., **Gaia, A.**, Jäckle, A. 2020. Understanding and reducing income reporting error in household surveys. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Jäckle, A., **Gaia, A.**, Lessof, C., and Mick P. C. 2019. A review of new technologies and data sources for measuring household finances: implications for total survey error. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Gaia, A. 2017. The Effect of Respondent Incentives on Panel Attrition in a Sequential Mixed-mode Design. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Gaia, A. (ed.) 2017. Understanding Society Innovation Panel Wave 9: Results from Methodological Experiments. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Thornby, M., Calderwood, L., Kotecha, M., Beninger, K. and **Gaia, A**. 2017. Collecting Multiple Data Linkage Consents in a Mixed Mode Survey: Evidence and Lessons Learnt from Next Steps. London: Centre for Longitudinal Studies.

Jäckle, A., **Gaia, A.** and Benzeval, M. 2018. The use of new technologies to measure socio-economic and environmental concepts in longitudinal studies. London: UCL Institute of Education.

Jäckle, A., **Gaia, A.** and Benzeval, M. 2017. Mixing Modes and Measurement Methods in Longitudinal Studies. London: UCL Institute of Education.

User manuals

Jäckle, A., **Gaia, A.**, Al Baghal, T., Burton, J. and Lynn, P. 2017. *Understanding Society The UK Household Longitudinal Study Innovation Panel, Waves 1-9, User Manual*. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Villar, A., Sommer, E., Finnøy, D., **Gaia, A.,** Berzelak, N., and Bottoni, G. 2018. CROss-*National Online Survey (CRONOS) Panel Data and Documentation User Guide*. London: ESS ERIC.

Teaching (as lecturer)

2022	Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis, lecturer for the course: "Quantitative methods for surveying hard-to-reach populations" (17.5 hours)
2022	Northern Bridge Consortium (AHRC), Durham University, lecturer for the course "Introduction to Survey Methodology", addressed to PhD students (6 hours).
2021	European Survey Research Association, lecturer for the course: "The Item Count Technique" (3 hours)
2021	Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis, lecturer for the course: "Quantitative methods for surveying hard-to-reach populations" (17.5 hours)
2020 – 2021	University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Sociology, invited lecturer for the class: "Methods and techniques: Surveying the homeless population" within the course Methodology in Urban Studies, PhD programme in Urban Studies (36th cycle) (2 hours)
2020 – 2021	University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Sociology, Course lecturer (Docente a contratto) for the course: "Laboratorio: Capitale Sociale e Sistemi Socio-Economici Locali", Laurea Magistrale in "Analisi dei processi sociali". (16 hours)
2017 – 2018	City University of London, Department of Sociology. Course leader and lecturer for the Master of Science course: "Survey Research Methods".

Teaching (as teaching assistant)

2022 – 2023	University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Sociology, Course lecturer (tutor) for the course: "Capitale Sociale e Sistemi Socio-Economici Locali", Laurea Magistrale in "Analisi dei processi sociali".
2021 – 2022	University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Sociology, Course lecturer (tutor) for the course: "Capitale Sociale e Sistemi Socio-Economici Locali", Laurea Magistrale in "Analisi dei processi sociali".
2016 – 2017	University of Essex, Department of Sociology. Teaching Assistant for the Master of Science course: "Applied Sampling".
2015 – 2016	University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Sociology. Teaching Assistant
2014 – 2015	University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Sociology. Teaching Assistant
2014	Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis, Teaching Assistant for the course: "Applied research methods with hidden, marginal and excluded populations".
2015	Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis, Teaching Assistant for the course: "Applied research methods with hidden, marginal and excluded populations".
2012 – 2013	University of Milan Bicocca, Department of Sociology, "Cultore della materia": "Metodologia della ricerca sociale" (Servizio Sociale) and "Metodologia della ricerca sociale ed organizzativa" (Scienza dell'Organizzazione).

Scientific organisation of conferences, conference sessions and workshops

Chair of the conference session "When and how to contact survey respondents" for the 10th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 2023, Milan (scheduled)

Co-Chair of the conference session "Quantitative and qualitative methods to survey hard-to-reach populations" for the 10th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 2023, Milan (with D. Zaccaria) (scheduled)

Chair of the conference session "Cohort studies in times of COVID-19" for the 9th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 2021, Online

Co-chair of the conference session "Non-response in longitudinal studies" for the 9th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 2021, Online (with P. Lynn and A. Bianchi)

Member of the scientific organising committee and head of the logistic organising committee of the workshop "Older People, Social Networks and Well-Being" University of Milan-Bicocca, 21st September 2020

Scientific organisation of the CLOSER Workshop on "Mixing modes and measurement methods in longitudinal studies" 6th November 2016 (co-organized with A. Jäckle and M. Benzeval)

Scientific organisation of the CLOSER Workshop on "New technologies to measure non-health topics in longitudinal studies" 4th May 2017 (co-organized with A. Jäckle and M. Benzeval)

Chair of the conference session "Measurement issues in household surveys" organised for the 7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 2017, Lisbon, Portugal

Departmental seminars and invited talks

Panel member of the roundtable: "Panel: Survey Methods and Digital Data", Research Network 21: Quantitative Methods of the European Sociological Association, Salamanca, Spain, 7th October 2022.

"The Longitudinal Item Count Technique: a method to survey hard-to-reach populations". Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, July 2022.

"The Item Count Technique: a method to survey hard-to-reach populations" *Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis*, July 20th 2020, Colchester, UK.

"Ageing in a networked society". *Departmental seminar,* The French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) 21st May 2019, Paris, France.

"Estimating the correlation of paying for sex and risky behaviors in presence of item missing data. Evidence from Natsal-2". *Departmental seminar*, University College London, Centre for Sexual Health & HIV Research. 25th May 2015, London, UK.

"L'effetto del passaggio ad un disegno di rilevazione multicanale (*mixed-mode*) sul logorio del campione". *Departmental seminar*, University of Milan-Bicocca, February 2015, Milan, Italy.

Speaker at national and international conferences and workshop

"Experimental evidence on the effect of motivational statements to reduce item non-response in an opt-in panel" *10th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference*. 17-21 Jul 2023, Milan, Italy. (scheduled)

"Targeted timing of mail invitation: impact on web surveys response rate and response speed" *10th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference*. 17-21 Jul 2023, Milan, Italy. (scheduled)

"Coverage rate in web surveys in Europe" *Research Network 21: Quantitative Methods of the European Sociological Association*, Salamanca, Spain, 6th October 2022.

"Coverage rate and coverage bias in web surveys in Europe" *The 10th International Conference on Social Science Methodology (RC33) Logic and Methodology in Sociology*. 8 September, 2021, Online.

"Coverage rate and coverage bias in web surveys in Europe" *15th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Online.*

"The impact of day of mailing on response rate and response speed" *9th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference.* Online.

"Coverage rate and coverage bias in web surveys in Europe" *9th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference.* Online.

"Ageing in a networked society: Social Networking Sites use and life satisfaction in Europe", Workshop on «Social Infrastructure and cognitive abilities in an ageing population», 1st June 2021.

"Data collection innovations in large scale surveys. A comparative review on Italy and the United Kingdom" *Midterm conference, AIS (Associazione Italiana di Sociologia) Metodologia*, 30th March 2021, online.

"Is life satisfaction associated with Social Media use? A study on the old age population in Italy" 13th *ESPANET Italia Conference*, 17th–19th September 2020, online.

"L'utilizzo delle ICT da parte della popolazione anziana: Risultati di una ricerca svolta dal Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca sociale dell'Università di Milano Bicocca" *Live webinar: Anziani online: accesso e uso, vantaggi, svantaggi e ruolo dell'alfabetizzazione digitale*. 29th May 2020, Online.

"Le nuove tecnologie e il benessere degli anziani" *Workshop: Anziani, nuove tecnologie, e relazioni sociali*. University of Milano-Bicocca, 13th January 2020, Milan, Italy.

"Older people and Social Networking Sites Use. A study on older people's patterns of SNS use in Europe". *14th Conference of the European Sociological Association*, 20-23 August 2019, Manchester, UK. (21/07/2019)

"An application of the Longitudinal Item Count Technique to measure sexual orientation in a large scale general population survey". *8th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference.* 15-19 Jul 2019, Zagreb, Croatia.

"The association between Social Networking Sites (SNSs) use and old people health and wellbeing". *8th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference.* 15-19 Jul 2019, Zagreb, Croatia, 17th July 2019.

Is Social Networking Sites use associated with life-satisfaction? A quantitative study on older people living in Europe. *Workshop: "La qualità della vita interconnessa: generazioni a confronto"*, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca, 3rd July 2019, Milan, Italy.

The effect of Social Networking Sites use on life-satisfaction among the older population in Europe (poster) *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics for the European Region*, 23rd – 25th May 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden.

The use of Social Networking Sites among the Older Population in Europe: An Analysis of CSIS data (oral poster) *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics for the European Region*, 23rd – 25th May 2019 Gothenburg, Sweden.

A Comparison of Self-reported Sexual Identity Using Direct and Indirect Questioning. *7th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference* 17-21 Jul 2017, Lisbon, Portugal.

Measuring income in household surveys: evidence from a collection of experiments. *7th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference* 17-21 Jul 2017, Lisbon, Portugal.

A Comparison *of Self-reported Sexual Identity Using Direct and Indirect Questioning.* Understanding Society Conference 2017. 11th-13th Jul 2017. Colchester, UK.

Does the Switch to a Mixed-mode Design Increase Panel Attrition? *CLOSER Workshop: Mixing modes and measurement methods in longitudinal studies*, CLOSER, 3rd November 2016, London, UK.

A Comparison of Self-reported Sexual Identity Using Direct and Indirect Questioning. *Research Network 21 (Quantitative methods) of the European Sociological Association (ESA)* 13th – 15th Oct 2016, Nikosia, Cyprus.

The influence on substantive results of the sampling strategies adopted in qualitative and quantitative paradigms: Evidence on men who pay for sex. *9th International Conference on Social Science Methodology, The International Sociological Association (ISA)* 11-16 Sept 2016, Leicester, UK.

Hard to reach populations and sensitive questions in surveys: evidence on self-reported sexual identity in the UK. *InGrid Summer School "Reaching out to hard-to-survey groups among the poor"* Louvain, 2016.

Does the switch to a mixed-mode design increase panel attrition? Evidence from the UKHLS Innovation Panel. *5th Panel Survey Methods Workshop*, Berlin, 2016.

Estimating the correlation between sensible behaviours dealing with item missing data. *12th Conference of the European Sociological Association*, Prague, 2015.

Does the switch to a mixed-mode design increase panel attrition? Evidence from the UKHLS Innovation Panel. *6th European Survey Research Association Conference*, Reykjavik, 2015.

Estimating the correlation between sensible behaviours dealing with item missing data. *6th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference* 13-17 July 2015, Reykjavik, Island.

Does the switch to a mixed-mode design increase panel attrition? Evidence from the UKHLS Innovation Panel. *Understanding Society Conference 2015*, Colchester, UK.

Does a mixed-mode design increase panel attrition? Evidence from the UKHLS Innovation Panel *Internet Survey Methodology Workshop*, Bolzano, December 2014.

The effect of a Sequential Mixed-Mode Design on Panel Attrition: Evidence from an Experiment of the Understanding Society Innovation Panel. *Internet Survey Methodology Workshop* 1-4 December 2014, Bolzen, Italy.

Escort's websites: A source of data for prostitution studies? *Workshop on Advanced Research Methods* 14 Sept 2012, Urbino, Italy.

Dissemination activities

Co-organisation of the event: "Presentation of the project DIGITAL-AGE", 05th July 2023. Libreria Les Mots, Milan, Italy

Organisation of the event: "L'invecchiamento attivo nella società post-pandemica", 22nd September 2022. Libreria Les Mots, Milan, Italy.

Scientific organisation of the event: "Anziani e Covid-19" on the occasion of the launch of the project "ACTIVE ageing in changing societies. Older people's social and digital resources in pandemic and post-pandemic Italy (ACTIVE IT)", 10th June 2022, University of Milano-Bicocca.

Talk to the general public: "I dati digitali nella ricerca sociale". Milan Digital week. "Dati digitali e ricerca sociale: sfide di equità e sostenibilità". 18th March 2021. Online event.

Organisation of the event: "Dati digitali e ricerca sociale: sfide di equità e sostenibilità". Milan Digital Week 2021, 18th March 2021. Online event.

Talk to the general public: "*Divario digitale grigio* e benessere degli anziani". Milan Digital week. "Anziani online: accesso e suo, vantaggi, svantaggi e ruolo dell'alfabetizzazione". 19th March 2021. Online event.

Talk to the general public: "L'uso delle nuove tecnologie e il benessere degli anziani". Milan Digital week. "Anziani online: accesso e suo, vantaggi, svantaggi e ruolo dell'alfabetizzazione". 29th May 2020. Online event.

Talk to the general public: "Gli anziani e l'utilizzo delle tecnologie dell'informazione e della comunicazione", 14th, 21st, 28th October 2020, Università della terza età, Arcore, MB.

Talk to the general public: "La condizione della donna Indiana" (The status of women in India) The Italian secretary of medical students, Circolo la Giovane Italia, Parma, Italy, 11 Mar 2010.

Talk to the general public: "Prevention of child abandonment. Analysis of a development project implemented in Braşov, Romania". Giornata dei Talenti, Nuova Accademia delle Belle Arti, December 2009, Milan, Italy.

Press: non academic writing

Gabriele Cerati, Alessandra Gaia, Emanuela Sala (2020, March 27th) "Rischio esclusione sociale per gli anziani senza rete" *La voce* Retrieved from: https://www.lavoce.info/archives/64408/rischio-esclusione-sociale-per-gli-anziani-senza-rete/

Gaia, A., Sala, E., Cerati, G. (2021, May 28th) "L'utilizzo dei Social Media e il benessere degli anziani", *Neodemos*, Retrieved from: https://www.neodemos.info/2021/05/28/lutilizzo-dei-social-media-e-il-benessere-degli-anziani/

Fellowships and awards

"Premio Giovani Talenti 2019", 3rd place, prize addressed to assegnisti di ricerca and researchers under the age of 36 to recognise the quality, originality and impact of scientific production (premio destinato a ricercatori al di sotto di 36 anni titolari di Assegno di Ricerca di tipo A o B, o di posizioni RTDA, RTDB e RU per riconoscere qualità, originalità e impatto della produzione scientifica) – €1000

ESRA Travel and Stay Grant 2019. Grant to attend the 8th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) – €500

European Consortium for Social Research (ECSR) Internship grant. Grant to undertake a visiting period at INED – €1400

University of Essex – Proficio Course Development Grants (2016) grant to develop a 20 hours course in Research Methods – £1.800 – declined due to incompatibility

InGRID visiting grant (2015), grant to undertake a research visit at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) of the University of Essex, with the project "A comparison of self-reported sexual identity using direct and indirect questioning" – €2.436 – declined due to incompatibility

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) grant for the reimbursement of expenses pertaining to the participation in the 4th GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology, 2015.

European Commission, Erasmus for Traineeship Scholarship (2014) €1.440.

Selected project in the Understanding Society Innovation Panel Competition 2014 (with Noah Uhrig). Project title: "A comparison of self-reported sexual identity using direct and indirect questioning".

European Commission, Scholarship for Short Term Scientific Mission under the COST action IS1209 "Comparing European Prostitution Policies: Understanding Scales and Cultures of Governance" €2.000

University of Milan-Bicocca, Ph.D. in "Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research" scholarship (2011 – 2014).

University of Milan-Bicocca, Ph.D. in "Urban and Local European Studies" scholarship (2011 – 2014) – declined due to incompatibility

Catholic University and University of Milan-Bicocca, PhD scholarship (2011 -2014) – declined due to incompatibility

Referee activities and services to the research community

General Secretary of the *European Survey Research Association (ESRA)* (since 2021)

Associate editor of: *Survey Research Methods* (rivista di classe A per i settori concorsuali 14/C1, 14/C2, 14/C3, 13/D1, 13/D2, 13/D3,13/D4).

Member of the editorial board of: *Quality and Quantity. International Journal of Methodology* (rivista di classe A per i settori concorsuale 14/C1, 13/D1, 13/D2, 13/D3,13/D4)

Peer review for: *European Journal of Population; International Journal of Social Research Methodology; International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (three times since 2019)*; Survey Research Methods* (four times since 2020)*; Social Science Computer Review; Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia; Quality and Quantity. International Journal of Methodology* (twice since 2021)*; Computers in Human Behaviour*; *Criminal Justice and Behavior; Archives of Public Health; Aging and Mental Health; CLS working paper series*.

Peer review for book proposals: *SAGE*.

Reviewer for grant applications: *Independent External Experts for the COST Open Call 2020-1 Evaluation; Independent External Experts for the COST Open Call 2021-1 Evaluation; Independent External Experts for the COST Open Call 2022-1 Evaluation.*.

Editor of the collection of articles: "Data quality during the Covid-19 pandemic in Italy. Challenges and solutions", *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, (rivista di classe A per il settore concorsuale 14/C1).

Member of the local organising committee for the 10th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 2023, Milan, Italy.

Editor of the website: https://ageingsocieties.unimib.it and responsible for the social media: https://twitter.com/ageingsocieties and https://www.facebook.com/ageingsocieties.

Professional association memberships

European Sociological Association (ESA), European Survey Research Association (ESRA), The International Sociological Association's (ISA) research committee RC33 on Logic and Methodology.

Additional training

07/2019	"Advanced Social Network Analysis". Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis.
10/2018	"Multilevel modelling", University of Bristol, Online course
03/2017	"Question Testing Methods", University of Essex, Colchester
06/2016	"Reaching out to hard-to-survey groups among the poor", InGrid Summer School, Leuven.
01/2016	"Supervising Quantitative Research Degrees", Administrative Data Research Network, CALLS Hub, Centre for Longitudinal Studies, CLOSER, NCRM, UK Data Service and Understanding Society, London.
08/2015	"Item non-response and multiple imputation", GESIS Summer School, Cologne.
02/2014	"Designing effective web surveys", Courses in Applied Social Surveys (CASS), London.
07/2013	"Choosing the right software tool for implementing web surveys", Short course of the European Survey Research Association, Ljubljana.
07/2012	"Applied research methods with hidden, marginal and excluded populations", Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, 1 week intensive course.
04/2011	"Human rights in Europe", Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan.

05/2006   "Africa economies, conflicts, reforms and cooperation in the African area". Bocconi University, Milan in collaboration with Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan, Italy.

Other activities:

I collaborated as a research assistant to the following volumes:

United Nations (2009) Child Adoption: Trends and Policies. New York: United Nations. ISBN: 9789211514667.

World Food Programme (2009) World Hunger Series: Hunger and Markets. London: Earthscan. ISBN:978-1844078370.

Non-academic employment

07 – 09/2011   Research Assistant, Synergia S.r.l., Milan.
05 – 06/2011   Ethical Information Analyst. Covalence Ethical Quote. Geneva.
04/2010 – 04/2011 Research Assistant. Intesa Sanpaolo Research Centre, Milan.
01 – 04/2010   Project Officer. Project for People ONLUS, Milan.
06 – 08/2009   Research Assistant. United Nations Headquarter, Department of Economics and Social Affairs, New York.
07 – 09/2008   Research Assistant. The World Food Programme of the United Nations, Rome.

Softwares

Good knowledge of STATA, SPSS, Gephi, and Qualtrics. Basic knowledge of R-Studio.