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## ALBERTO AZIANI

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

#### Current

2024-ps **Associate Professor**  
Sociology of Law and Deviance (14/GSPS-07/B)  
Department of Sociology and Social Research at the University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan

#### Prior

2024-26 **Contract Lecturer**, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

2024 **Assistant Professor**, Sociology of Law, Deviance and Social Change, *tenure-track*, full time, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

2019-24 **Assistant Professor**, Sociology of Law, Deviance and Social Change, *fixed-term*, full time, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

2017-24 **Senior Researcher**, Transcrime, Joint Research Center on Innovation and Crime of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, the Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna and the Università degli Studi di Perugia

2017-19 **Post-Doc**, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

2012-17 **Researcher**, Transcrime, Joint Research Center on Transnational Crime of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Università degli Studi di Trento, Milan

2012 **Researcher and consultant**, Laboratorio di Economia, Antitrust, Regolamentazione-Lear, Brussels

2011 **Statistic research assistant** (intern), Statistic and Survey Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna

#### Other Affiliations

2024-ps Research Counselor, [Center for Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection](#), Michigan State Uni.

2017-ps Consultant, [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#)

2015-ps Contributor, [BOTEC Analysis](#)

2020-24 Researcher and analyst, [Crime&tech](#)

2019-22 Co-founder, International Observatory on Cannabis CBD

- 2015-24 Affiliate, [Department of Sociology](#), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- 2015-16 Researcher, [Marron Institute of Urban Management](#), Crime and Justice Program, New York Uni.

### Visiting

- 2015-16 **Visiting Scholar**, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, New York

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## EDUCATION

- 2014-17 **International Ph.D. in Criminology**  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Milan, Italy
- 2009-12 **Master of Science in Economic and Social Sciences**  
Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi Milan, Italy
- 2011 **Exchange semester, Master of Science in Economics**  
Universiteit van Amsterdam Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2006-09 **Bachelor in Business Administration and Management**  
Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi Milan, Italy

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## CORE FIELDS OF STUDY

Illegal Markets	Transnational Trafficking	Migrant Smuggling
Systemic Violence	Illegal Governance	Money Laundering
Illicit Financial Flows	Homicides	Crime Forecasting

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2025 Andrei, F., **Aziani, A.** (2025). [Cocaine Declared Purity, Perceived Quality, Sales, and Revenues on the Darknet](#). *Deviant Behavior*, 1–19.
- 2025 **Aziani, A.**, Jofre, M., & Mancuso, M., [Convergence Between Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking of Goods: Text Analysis of Open-Source Data](#). *International Migration Review*, 59(3), 1259-1292.

- 2025 **Aziani, A.**, Lo Giudice, M.V. & Shadman Yazdi, A., [Conspiracy to Commit: Information Pollution, Artificial Intelligence, and Real-World Hate Crime](#). *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, 31, 421-449.
- 2025 Nazzari, M., **Aziani, A.** [From \(Possible\) Detection to Action: The Real-World Impact of Suspicious Transaction Reports in Italy](#). *Crime Law Soc Change*, 83(44), 1-22.
- 2025 Screen, P., **Aziani, A.**, [Transnational cocaine trafficking: multiple data sources for network construction](#). *Global Crime*, 1-27.
- 2024 Screen, P.W., Bright, D., & **Aziani, A.**, [The Criminal Activities and Operational Roles of Australian Neo-Jihadists: A Network Perspective](#). *Global Crime*.<sup>1</sup>
- 2024 Jofre, M., **Aziani, A.**, & Villa, E., [Terrorist Financing and the Use of Traditional and Emerging Financial Technologies](#). *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- 2023 **Aziani, A.**, [The heterogeneity of human smugglers: A reflection on the use of concepts in studies on the smuggling of migrants](#). *Trends in Organized Crime*. 26, 80-106.<sup>2</sup>
- 2023 **Aziani, A.**, Bertoni, G.A., Jofre, M., & Riccardi, M., [COVID-19 and Organized Crime: Strategies employed by criminal groups to increase their profits and power in the first months of the pandemic](#). *Trends in Organized Crime*, 26, 114-135.
- 2023 **Aziani, A.**, Caulkins, J.P., [Changing Dynamics of Drug Overdoses in the United Kingdom: An Attempt to Replicate the Jalal et al. Findings of Steady Exponential Growth](#). *International Journal of Drug Policy*. 19(2023) 104146, 1-8.
- 2023 **Aziani, A.**, Mancuso, M., [Modern Slavery](#). *Dizionario di dottrina sociale della Chiesa. Le Cose Nuove del XXI Secolo*, 2023(2), 58-67.
- 2023 **Aziani, A.**, Persurich, C., [Homicide clearance: Discretionary and non-discretionary factors](#). *European Journal of Criminology*. 20(3), 947-972.
- 2023 Favarin, S., Berlusconi, G., **Aziani, A.**, & Corradini, S., [Transnational Trafficking Networks of End-of-Life Vehicles and E-Waste](#). *Global Crime*, 24(3), 215-237.<sup>3</sup>
- 2022 **Aziani, A.**, [What happens when the police go on strike? Homicides increase. Evidence from Ceará, Brazil](#). *Global Crime*, 23(4), 365-391.
- 2022 **Aziani, A.**, Ferwerda, J., & Riccardi, M., [Who are our owners? Exploring the ownership links of businesses to identify illicit financial flows](#). *European Journal of Criminology*, 19(6), 1542-1573.
- 2022 Giommoni, L., Berlusconi, G. & **Aziani, A.**, [Interdicting International Drug Trafficking: A Network Approach for Coordinated and Targeted Interventions](#). *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, 28, 545-572.
- 2021 **Aziani, A.**, [Implicazioni Criminologiche della Regolamentazione del Mercato della Cannabis in Italia](#), *I Quaderni di Scienza & Vita*, 22(Nov.), 65-77.
- 2021 **Aziani, A.**, [Traffici illeciti](#), *Dizionario di dottrina sociale della Chiesa. Le Cose Nuove del XXI Secolo*, 2021(1), 216-224.
- 2021 **Aziani, A.**, Berlusconi, G., & Giommoni, L., [Quantitative Application of Enterprise and Social Embeddedness Theories to the Transnational Trafficking of Cocaine in Europe](#). *Deviant Behavior*, 42(2), 245-267.

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<sup>1</sup>2025 UCSC High Quality Publication Awards

<sup>2</sup>2022 UCSC High Quality Publication Awards

<sup>3</sup>2024 UCSC High Quality Publication Awards

- 2021 **Aziani, A.**, Calderoni, F., & Dugato, M., [Explaining the Consumption of Illicit Cigarettes](#). *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 37(3), 751–789.
- 2021 Campedelli, G.M., **Aziani, A.**, & Favarin, S., [Exploring the Immediate Effects of COVID-19 Containment Policies on Crime: an Empirical Analysis of the Short-Term Aftermath in Los Angeles](#). *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 46, 704–727.
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, [Violent disequilibrium: The influence of instability in the economic value of cocaine markets on homicides](#). *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 74(3), 245–272.<sup>4</sup>
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, Dugato, M., & Meneghini, C., [A methodology for estimating the illicit consumption of cigarettes at the country level](#), *Global Crime*, 21(2), 154–184.
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, Favarin, S., & Campedelli, G. M., [A Security Paradox. The Influence Of Governance-Type Organized Crime Over the Surrounding Criminal Environment](#). *The British Journal of Criminology*, 60(4), 970–993.
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, Favarin, S., & Campedelli, G. M., [Security Governance: Mafia Control over Ordinary Crimes](#). *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 57(4), 444–492.
- 2020 Campedelli, G.M., Favarin, S., **Aziani, A.**, & Piquero, A.R., [Disentangling community-level changes in crime trends during the COVID-19 pandemic in Chicago](#). *Crime Science*, 9(21), 1–18.
- 2020 Dugato, M., **Aziani, A.**, [Measuring \(Transnational\) Organized Crime as an Indicator of Global Justice](#). *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, 13(2), 211–231.
- 2020 Favarin, S., **Aziani, A.**, [The Global Waste Trafficking and Its Correlates](#). *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 36(3), 351–383.
- 2020 Meneghini, C., **Aziani, A.**, & Dugato, M., [Modeling the structure and dynamics of transnational illicit networks: an application to cigarette trafficking](#). *Applied Network Science*, 5(21), 1–27.
- 2017 Berlusconi, G., **Aziani, A.**, & Giommoni, L., [The determinants of heroin flows in Europe: A latent space approach](#). *Social Networks*, 51(Oct.), 104–117.
- 2017 Giommoni, L., **Aziani, A.**, & Berlusconi, G., [How do illicit drugs move across countries? A network analysis of the heroin supply to Europe](#). *Journal of Drug Issues*, 47(2), 217–240.
- 2016 Transcrime–Research Centre on Transnational Crime. [An European outlook on the illicit trade in tobacco products](#). *Trends in Organized Crime*, 19(3–4), 300–328.

## Refereed Book Chapters

- 2025 **Aziani, A.**, [Cocaine Trafficking in Europe](#). In: Cutrona, S.A. and Rosen, J.D. (eds) *Cocaine: The Global Reach of the World's Most Lucrative Illicit Drug* (255–280). University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.
- 2023 **Aziani, A.**, [Sottobosco](#). In: Pastorello, A. (eds) *Selvario. Guida alle parole della selva* (509–513). Mimesis, Sesto San Giovanni.
- 2022 **Aziani, A.**, Guerette, R.T., [Future Directions in the Study of Displacement and Convergence Among Transnational Crime Flows](#). In: Savona, E.U., Guerette, R.T., Aziani, A. (eds) *The Evolution of Illicit Flows* (215–230). Sustainable Development Goals Series. Springer, Cham.
- 2022 Bertoni, G.A., **Aziani, A.**, [Displacement of Human Smuggling: An Exploratory Analysis of the Effects of Law 82/2016 in Egypt](#). In: Savona, E.U., Guerette, R.T., Aziani, A. (eds) *The Evolution of Illicit Flows* (103–123). Sustainable Development Goals Series. Springer, Cham.

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<sup>4</sup>2021 UCSC High Quality Publication Awards

- 2022 Guerette, R.T., **Aziani, A.**, [The Displacement and Convergence of Transnational Crime Flows](#). In: Savona, E.U., Guerette, R.T., Aziani, A. (eds) *The Evolution of Illicit Flows* (9–25). Sustainable Development Goals Series. Springer, Cham.
- 2022 Savona, E.U., Guerette, R.T., & **Aziani, A.**, [Introduction to “The Evolution of Illicit Flows: Displacement and Convergence Among Transnational Crime”](#). In: Savona, E.U., Guerette, R.T., Aziani, A. (eds) *The Evolution of Illicit Flows* (1–5). Sustainable Development Goals Series. Springer, Cham.
- 2017 Calderoni, F., Dugato, M., Aglietti, V., **Aziani, A.**, & Rotondi, M., [Price and Non-price Determinants of the Illicit Cigarette Trade: Analysis at the Subnational Level in the EU](#). In: Savona, E., Kleiman, M., Calderoni, F. (eds) *Dual Markets* (267–286). Springer, Cham.

## Books

- 2022 **Aziani, A.**, [Violenza e Mercati Illegali: Teorie a Analisi della Realtà Italiana](#). Ricerche di Sociologia. Vita e Pensiero, Milan.
- 2018 **Aziani, A.**, [Illicit Financial Flows: An Innovative Approach to Estimation](#). Springer, Cham.<sup>5</sup>

## Conference Proceedings, Scientific Reports & Other Publications

- 2025 UNODC (contributor as member of the Core team), [Opiates and Methamphetamine Trafficking on the Balkan Route: Drug Flows, Illicit Incomes and Illicit Financial Flows](#). United Nations Publication, Vienna.
- 2024 Lo Giudice, M.V., Shadman Yazdi, A., **Aziani, A.**, Evangelatos, S., Gousetis, N., Nikolopoulos, C., [Informative \(Dis\)information: Exploring the Correlation Between Social Media Disinformation Campaigns and Real-World Criminal Activity](#). 2024 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Electronic Engineering, Information Technology & Education (EEITE), Chania, Greece, (pp. 1–6).
- 2024 McDevitt, A. (contributor as member of the Transcrime–Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore’s team) [Risks of illicit financial flows in Africa: Understanding vulnerabilities to corrupt money flows in nine countries](#). Transparency International, Berlin, ISBN: 978-3-96076-251-5.
- 2023 Evangelatos, S., Papadakis, T., Gousetis, N., Nikolopoulos, C., Troulitiaki, P., Dimakopoulos, N., ... & **Aziani, A.**, [The Nexus Between Big Data Analytics and the Proliferation of Fake News as a Precursor to Online and Offline Criminal Activities](#). 2023 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData) (pp. 4056–4064). IEEE Computer Society.
- 2022 Jofre, M., **Aziani, A.**, Terrorist financing threats and trends. Report for the European Commission, CTC project, ISFP programme, Grant Agreement No 101036276.
- 2022 UNODC (contributor as member of the Transcrime–Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore’s team), [The impact of COVID-19 on organized crime](#). Research in Brief, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna.
- 2021 Ludden, V., Sharp, F., Landes, F., Colaiacomo, E., Aparicio Jodar, L., Muller, P., Meiske, D., **Aziani, A.** & Riccardi, M., [Final Evaluation of the Hercule III Programme](#). Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, ISBN: 978-92-76-42978-4.
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, [Emerging policy implications: On what is relevant for the design of effective smoking cessation policies](#). In: Aziani, A., Carbone C., Favarin S., Corradini S., (eds) *A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Australia*. Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and BOTEC Analysis, Milan and Los Angeles, ISBN: 978-88-99719-23-4.

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<sup>5</sup>2020 UCSC High Quality Publication Awards

- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, [Executive Summary](#). In: Aziani, A., Carbone C.; Favarin S., Corradini S., (eds) *A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Australia*. Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and BOTEC Analysis, Milan and Los Angeles, ISBN: 978-88-99719-23-4.
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, [Introduction to 'A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Australia'](#). In: Aziani, A., Carbone C., Favarin S., Corradini S., (eds) *A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Australia*. Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and BOTEC Analysis, Milan and Los Angeles, ISBN: 978-88-99719-23-4.
- 2020 Carbone C., **Aziani, A.**, & Favarin S., [Analysis and Findings. The identification of the historical drivers of smoking cessation in Australia](#). In: Aziani, A., Carbone C., Favarin S., Corradini S., (eds) *A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Australia*. Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and BOTEC Analysis, Milan and Los Angeles, ISBN: 978-88-99719-23-4.
- 2020 Carbone C., Favarin S., **Aziani, A.**, & Corradini, S., [National Profile: An overview of the markets for tobacco products and ANDS](#). In: Aziani, A., Carbone C., Favarin S., Corradini S., (eds) *A multi-disciplinary study into the drivers of smoking cessation in Australia*. Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and BOTEC Analysis, Milan and Los Angeles, ISBN: 978-88-99719-23-4.
- 2019 Prieger, J. E., Kleiman, M.A., Kulick, J., **Aziani, A.**, Levi, M., Hampsher, S., Manning, C., & Hahn, R., [The impact of E-cigarette regulation on the illicit trade in tobacco products in the European Union](#). BOTEC Analysis monograph with [Appendices](#), SSRN Scholarly Paper, ID 3435177.
- 2019 **Aziani, A.**, Dugato, M., [Cigarette Trafficking: Introducing the Transnational Dimension of Cigarette Trafficking in Europe and Beyond](#). In Aziani, A., Dugato, M. (eds) *ITTP NEXUS in Europe and Beyond*, Transcrime - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, ISBN: 978-88-99719-14-2.
- 2019 Meneghini, C., Dugato, M., & **Aziani, A.**, [Connections: Explaining the Factors Driving Illicit Flows of Cigarettes](#). In Aziani, A., Dugato, M. (eds) *ITTP NEXUS in Europe and Beyond*, Transcrime - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, ISBN: 978-88-99719-18-0.
- 2019 **Aziani, A.**, Mancuso, M., & Cinciripini, L., [North-Eastern Route: Mapping Cigarette Trafficking Along the North-Eastern Route](#). In Aziani, A., Dugato, M. (eds) *ITTP NEXUS in Europe and Beyond*, Transcrime - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, ISBN: 978-88-99719-15-9.
- 2017 **Aziani, A.**, Kulick, J., Norman, N., & Prieger, J.E., [Empty Discarded Pack Data and the Prevalence of Illicit Trade in Cigarettes](#). SSRN Scholarly Paper, ID 2906015.
- 2015 Transcrime. [European Outlook on the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products](#). Transcrime — Università degli Studi di Trento, Trento, ISBN: 978-88-8443-583-5.
- 2015 UNODC, [Drug Money: the illicit proceeds of opiates trafficked on the Balkan route](#). UNODC Research, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna.
- 2014 Calderoni, F., Angelini, M., **Aziani, A.**, De Simoni, M., Mancuso, M., Rotondi, M., Santarelli, E., & Vorraro, A., [Lithuania. The Factbook on the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products 6](#). Transcrime - Università degli Studi di Trento, Trento, ISBN: 978-88-8443-517-0.
- 2013 Calderoni, F., **Aziani, A.**, & Favarin, S., [Poland. The Factbook on the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products 4](#). Transcrime - Università degli Studi di Trento, Trento, ISBN: 978-88-8443-505-7.
- 2013 Caneppele, S., Savona, E.U., & **Aziani, A.**, [Crime Proofing of the New Tobacco Products Directive-Proofing the EU Commission proposal for a revised Tobacco Products Directive against the risks of unintended criminal opportunities](#). Transcrime - Joint Research Centre on Transnational Crime, Milan, ISBN: 978-88-8443-494-4.



## Theses

- 2017 **Aziani, A.**, *Shrinking businesses and expanding graveyards: how fluctuations in the value of cocaine markets influence the recourse to lethal violence*. PhD, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milan. Cycle XXIX, a.y. 2016/17. Supervisor: Professor Francesco Calderoni, Examining Committee: Professors Letizia Paoli (chair), Marcelo Aebi, and Tom Vander Beken.
- 2012 **Aziani, A.**, *Coca and Cocaine in Peru: a Policy Analysis*. MSc, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi Milan. a.y. 2010/11. Supervisor: Professor Paolo Pinotti, Discussant: Professor Riccardo Puglisi.
- 2009 **Aziani, A.**, *Demography and politics. The consequences of population ageing on political dynamics: social implications and future projections*. BSc, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan. a.y. 2008/09. Supervisor: Professor Guido Alfani.
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## ONGOING RESEARCH

### Research Currently Under Review

- **Aziani, A.**, Calderoni, F., Mafia, Homicides, and Illicit Markets in Italy.
- Jofre, M., **Aziani, A.**, Nazzari, M. Cryptocurrency and the Financing of Right-Wing Extremism: A Blockchain-Based Analysis.
- Sidoti, C., **Aziani, A.**, Dugato, M. Crime Influencers in Social Media Platforms: The Commodification of Violence in Italian Trap Culture.

### Work in Progress

- Impact of information pollution on geographic distribution of offline crimes  
Method: *explainable machine learning*
  - Income distribution in cyber criminal networks  
Method: *descriptive statistics & qualitative analyses*
  - Money laundering and trafficking risks for firms registered in Free Trade Zones  
Method: *business structures analysis & geographic analysis*
  - Estimate of the number of mafia members  
Method: *capture-recapture approach*
  - Cannabidiol as a smoking cessation tool: users' attitudes and characteristics  
Method: *logistic regressions on primary data*
  - Overlaps between criminal and legitimate determinants of the structure of the trafficking of waste  
Method: *social network analysis*
  - Gangs' security governance provision in Rio de Janeiro  
Method: *pre-post analysis*
  - Prediction of hidden links in drug trafficking networks  
Method: *explainable machine learning*
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## TEACHING

### Ph.D.

- 2022-23 Seminars on problem formulation, identification of knowledge gaps, definition of research questions. International PhD in Criminology, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2019-23 Seminars on the development and management of project proposals to be submitted to public and private institutions, or considered for funding on competitive calls involving peer review. International PhD in Criminology, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

### Postgraduate Programs / Specialization Schools

- 2025-ps Educazione alla cura: devianza, mutamento sociale e connessioni salutogeniche (12 hours; in Italian). *Scuola di Specializzazione in Psicologia della Salute*, University of Bergamo.
- 2025-ps Sociology of deviance for forensic psychiatry (6 hours; in Italian). *School of Specialization in Psychiatry*, University of Milano-Bicocca (Monza / San Gerardo).

### Master's Degree

- 2024-ps Dinamiche Socio-Economiche e Organizzazioni Criminali [*Socio-Economic Dynamics and Criminal Organizations*] (56 hours; in Italian). MSc in Security, Safety, Deviance and Risk Management, University of Milano-Bicocca.
- 2015-ps Laboratorio di Scrittura Scientifica [*Workshop on Scientific Writing*] (10 hours; in Italian). MSc in Public Policies, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2024-ps Workshop on Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing (24 hours; in English). MSc in Security, Safety, Deviance and Risk Management. University of Milano-Bicocca.
- 2022-24 Inferential Analysis of Crime (20 hours + 10 hours lab; in English). MSc in Public Policies, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2018-24 Complex Criminal Phenomena (60 hours; 40 in Italian, 20 in English). MSc in International Cooperation Policies for Development, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2015-17 Teaching Assistant for Professor Ernesto U. Savona's course 'Complex Criminal Phenomena.' MSc in International Cooperation Policies for Development. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2013-15 Student tutor, MSc in Public Policies, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

### Bachelor's Degree

- 2024-ps Devianza e Controllo Sociale [*Deviance and Social Control*] (56 hours; in Italian). BSc in Sociology, University of Milano-Bicocca.
- 2018-24 Criminalità Organizzata, Terrorismo, Corruzione [*Organized Crime, Terrorism, Corruption*] (40 hours; in Italian). BSc in Sociology, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

### Foreign and Supranational Educational Institutions

- 2021 Lecturer of Module 6 (Lessons: S1 Drug consumption and drug trafficking; S2 Impacts and consequences of drug markets; S16 Cocaine trafficking: types of drugs, routes, smugglers), *European Border and Coast Guard Standing Corps Basic Training Programme (Cat.1)*, European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX), online.
- 2020-21 Lecture of 'Marchés Illégaux', module of the course *Analyse de la criminalité économique et organisée (SA20)*, MSc in *Droit en criminologie et sécurité presso Ecole des Sciences Criminelles, Faculté de droit, des sciences criminelles et d'administration publique*, Université de Lausanne.



2015-16 Teaching Assistant for Professor Mark A.R. Kleiman's course 'Drug Policy' (support in course design and selection of reading materials), *Wagner Graduate School of Public Service*, New York University.

### Lecturer Upon Invitation

2018-24 'Illegal Drug Markets, Drug Trafficking and Their Analysis', *MSc in Scienze delle Amministrazioni e delle Organizzazioni Complesse*, Università degli Studi di Palermo.

2022 'The Italian Mafias', *Student Association Crime Does Pay*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

2018 'Quantitative approaches to the study of organized crime, *Master APC – Analisi, prevenzione e contrasto della criminalità organizzata e della corruzione*, Università di Pisa.

2017 'Psychoactive Substances and Drug Addiction', *MSc in Public Policies*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan.

2016 'The Study of Transnational Drug Trafficking through the Use of Network Analysis', *MSc in Public Policies*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan.

2015 'Does size matter? A Social Network Analysis of Heroin Trafficking in Europe with Binary and Weighted Networks', *MSc in Public Policies*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan.

2014 'Overview on the ITTP', *MSc in International Cooperation Policies for Development*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan.

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## APPOINTED RESPONSIBILITIES

### University Services

2025-ps Member of the [Research Commission](#), Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca.

2025-ps Member of the **Quality Monitoring Committee of the Bachelor's Degree in Sociology**, University of Milano-Bicocca.

2025-ps Member of the **Committee for the Evaluation and Approval of Educational Individual Plans**, Master's Degree Course Security, Safety, Deviance and Risk Management, University of Milano-Bicocca.

2024-ps Vice-President of the Teaching Coordination Council for the Master's Degree Course [Security, Safety, Deviance and Risk Management](#), University of Milano-Bicocca.

2024-ps Coordinator for Internships and Placement, Master's Degree Course [Security, Safety, Deviance and Risk Management \(ARCO curriculum\)](#), University of Milano-Bicocca.

2020-ps Member of the [Faculty Board of the International PhD Program in Criminology](#); ii) Operational Coordinator of the didactic activities of the PhD program (a.y., 2020-2024), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

2022-24 Member of the **Quality Monitoring Committee of the Bachelor's Degree in Sociology**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

2019-21 Co-responsible for the Laboratory '[Public Policy and Political Dimension of Financial Markets](#)' within the *Oeconomicae et pecuniariae quaestiones* initiative, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

## Evaluation Committees

- 2025 Member of the [Evaluation Committee for the Selection Procedure \(D.D. n. 4724/2025\)](#) for five Research Fellowships, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna.
- 2025 Member and Secretary of the [Evaluation Committee for the Departmental Call for MUR Postdoctoral Research Proposals \(PNRR Funds\)](#), Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca.
- 2020-ps Member of the Evaluation Committee for admission to the second and third year of the [International PhD Program in Criminology](#) (cycles XXXV, XXXVI, XXXVII, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XL).
- 2020-24 Member of the **Evaluation Committee for admission to the International PhD Program in Criminology** (cycles XXXVI, XXXVII, XXXVIII, XL), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2017-24 Member of the **Evaluation Committee for admission to the Master's Degree in Public Policies** (PoliSi and CrimeSec), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2014-17 Member of the **Examination Committee** for the master courses *Fenomeni Criminali Complessi, Modelli Applicati all'Analisi Criminale, Criminologia*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

## Dissertations Supervision

- PhD **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore** (Milan), International PhD in Criminology: Gaia Michelazzi (XL cycle); Clara Rondani (XXXIX cycle); Phillip W. Screen (XXXVIII cycle); Giovanni Nicolazzo (XXXVII cycle).  
**Université de Lausanne (UNIL)** (Lausanne), Doctorat en Criminologie: Tosi Rodriguez (Member of the thesis committee, 2025-present).  
**Flinders University** (Adelaide), Department of Criminology: Final thesis evaluation (anonymous).
- MSc Paola Ieraci (2025); Giulia Monverde (2025); Giovanni Piacentini (2025); Gabriele Pironato (2025); Francesca Pozzi (2025); Virginia Prato (2025); Sara Urbano (2025); Elisa Bertini (2024); Francesco Venturini (2024); Eva Anna Blöchl (Double Degree, 2023); Ilaria Gerosa (2023); Alessia Bercé (2023); Francesca Ricciardi (2021); Federico Mazzenga (2020); Carlotta Cuciniello (2019); Arianna Paralovo (2019).
- BSc Letizia Bianchin (2025); Anna Elisabetta Devitini (2025); Matilde Lanzetti (2025); Diletta Silvia Lusenti (2025); Irene Missaglia (2025); Gabriele Sapini (2025); Arianna Scaglia (2025); Alessia Colturi (2024); Anna Elizabeth De Rienzo (2024); Delia Iacobelli (2024); Tommaso Mussetti (2024); Rebecca Panciera (2024); Carlotta Ravizza (2023); Giorgia Mattioni (2023); Elisa Ferrari (2022); Virginia Slater (2021); Barbara Callegarin (2020); Federica Eucherio (2020).

## Project Evaluations

- 2025 University Call for MUR PNRR Post-Doctoral Researcher Positions, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca.
- 2024-25 Austrian Science Fund (FWF) ASTRA Awards.
- 2024 European Research Council (ERC), Established by the European Commission. Panel SH3, Consolidator Grant.
- 2020 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Swiss National Research Council.

## Other Reviews

Global Organized Crime Index by the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (2023 and 2025 editions).

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## EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

### Scientific Journals

- 2025-ps **Associate Editor**, *Frontiers in Sociology*, Frontiers, (Class A, Area 14C)
- 2023-ps **Editorial Board Member**, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, Nature, (Class A, Area 14C2)
- 2023-ps **Editorial Board Member**, *Justicia*, Universidad Simón Bolívar de Colombia
- 2021-ps **Editorial Board Member**, *Global Crime*, Taylor & Francis, (Class A, Area 14)
- 2020-ps **Editorial Board Member**, *Crime, Law and Social Change*, Springer, (Class A, Area 14)
- 2018-ps **Editorial Board Member**, *Trends in Organized Crime*, Springer, (Class A, Area 14)
- 2021-24 **Associate Editor**, *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, Springer, (Class A, Area 14)
- 2021-23 **Managing Editor**, *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, Springer, (Class A, Area 14)

### Books and Monographs

- 2022 Savona, E.U., Guerette, R.T., & **Aziani, A.** (eds), *The Evolution of Illicit Flows: Displacement and Convergence Among Transnational Crime*. Sustainable Development Goals Series. Springer, Cham, ISBN: 978-3-030-95300-3.
- 2020 **Aziani, A.**, Carbone C., Favarin S., & Corradini S. (eds), *A Multi-Disciplinary Study Into the Drivers of Smoking Cessation in Australia*. Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and BOTEC Analysis, Milan and Los Angeles, ISBN: 978-88-99719-23-4.
- 2019 **Aziani, A.**, Dugato, M. (eds), *ITTP NEXUS in Europe and Beyond*, Transcrime - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, ISBN: 978-88-99719-10-4.

### Refereeing

Asian Journal of Criminology; China Economic Review; Cogent Economics & Finance; Contemporary Drug Problems; Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest; Crime & Delinquency; Crime, Law and Social Change; Crime Science; Criminology & Criminal Justice; Dizionario di dottrina sociale della Chiesa. Le cose nuove del XXI secolo; Economic Inquiry; Economia Politica; European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research; European Journal of Criminology; Geographical Research; Global Crime; Global Perspective; Governance; Humanities and Social Science Communications; International Archives of Public Health and Community Medicine; International Criminology; International Journal of Drug Policy; Journal of Baltic Studies; Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse; Journal of Criminal Justice; Journal of Economic Criminology; Journal of Experimental Criminology; Journal of Human Trafficking; Journal of Illicit Economies and Development; Journal of Money Laundering Control; Journal of Safety Science and Resilience; Nature Cities; PeerJ; PLOS One; Political Geography; Public Health; Review of Economic Analysis; The Social Science Journal; Theoretical Criminology; Trends in Organized Crime.

### Book Manuscript Reviewer

Palgrave Macmillan.

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## RESEARCH PROJECTS, GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

Independently or as a representative of the hosting University

## Principal Investigator

- 2022-24 [FERMI: Fake nEws Risk Mitigator](#)  
Funded by European Commission, Horizon Europe (Call: HORIZON-CL3-2021-FCT-01, Topic:FCT-01-03). Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore is WP Leader, Hochschule Fur Den Offentlichen Dienst In Bayern coordinates the project, €345,903
- 2023 [Overdose in Europe: Analysis of Mortality Rates from 1990 to 2020 \[Overdose in Europa: Analisi dei tassi di mortalità dal 1990 al 2020\]](#)  
Funded by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, €4,566
- 2022-23 [Institutional Capacity and Illicit Financial Flows in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)  
Funded by IDB – Inter-American Development Bank, €32,235
- 2021-23 [Illicit Financial Flows and Businesses' Ownership Structures \[Flussi finanziari illeciti e strutture societarie\]](#)  
Funded by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, €3,788
- 2022 [Violence and Illegal Markets \[Violenza e Mercati Illegali\]](#)  
Funded by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, €2,488
- 2020 [A Multi - Disciplinary Investigation Into the Drivers of Smoking Cessation in Australia](#)  
C. Carbone Co-PI. Developed by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore on behalf of BOTEK Analysis. Funded by Foundation for a Smoke Free World, €93,877
- 2019-21 [Flows: Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows \(Humans and Goods\)](#)  
Funded by PMI Impact, Second Funding Round, €522,600
- 2019-21 [How Online Technologies Are Transforming Transnational Organized Crime \(Cyber-TNOC\)](#)  
Funded by the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore collaborated in the project, Cardiff University coordinated the project, €5,368
- 2017-19 [NEXUS - ITTP Nexus in Europe and Beyond](#)  
M. Dugato Co-PI. Funded by PMI Impact, First Funding Round, €759,585
- 2017-19 The analysis of criminal markets.  
Funded by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Post-doctoral fellowship
- 2017-18 [The Impact of E-Cigarette Regulation on ITTP in the EU](#)  
Funded by PMI Impact, First Funding Round. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore collaborated in the project, BOTEK Analysis coordinated the project, €58,500
- 2015 [Heroin Trafficking along the Balkan Route: An Economic Assessment \(part 2\)](#)  
Funded by the UNODC, €32,000
- 2014-16 The Economic Costs of Organized Crime in Mexico and Colombia  
Funded by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, PhD Scholarship
- 2012-13 [Crime Proofing of the New Tobacco Products Directive](#)  
Research line manager, S. Caneppele PI. Funded by PMI, €19,250

## Researcher

- 2023-24 [Communicating Science. Mediation and mediators of scientific knowledge in complex society \[Comunicare la scienza. Mediazione e mediatori del sapere scientifico nella società complessa\]](#)  
Funded by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- 2022-24 [TENACITY – Travel Intelligence Against Crime and Terrorism](#)  
*Responsible for project proposal.* Funded by the European Commission, Horizon Europe (Call: HORIZON-CL3-2021-FCT-01, Topic: FCT-01-01).
- 2021-23 [CTC - Cut the Cord](#)  
Funded by European Commission - Internal Security Fund (Call: ISFP-2020-AG-TERFIN)
- 2016-19 [PROTON - Modelling the PRocesses leading to Organised crime and TerrOrist Networks](#)  
Funded by European Commission - Horizon 2020 (Call: H2020-FCT-2015, Topic: FCT-16-2015)
- 2015-17 [The Balanced Recipe - Dual Markets](#)  
Funded by PMI and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

- 2014-15 [European Outlook on the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products](#)  
Funded by PMI
- 2014 [Heroin Trafficking along the Balkan Route: An Economic Assessment \(part 1\)](#)  
Funded by the UNODC
- 2012-13 [The Fact Book on the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products](#)  
Funded by PMI

## Consultant

- 2025 **Illicit Financial Flows - Development and consolidation of practical methodological guidelines**  
Funded by the UNODC, €30,000
- 2024-25 [Opiates and Methamphetamine Trafficking on the Balkan Route: Drug Flows, Illicit Incomes and Illicit Financial Flows](#)  
G. Berlusconi and L. Giommoni Co-PI. Funded by the UNODC, €80,000
- 2022 [REAP - Rallying Efforts to Accelerate Progress to Curb Inequalities in Africa - Calculation of Proxy Variables for IFFs Risks](#)  
Funded by Transparency International, €12,500
- 2022 [REAP - Rallying Efforts to Accelerate Progress to curb inequalities in Africa - Provision of a methodology for the analysis of illicit financial flows related to corruption, tax evasion and tax avoidance](#)  
Funded by Transparency International, €10,000
- 2021 [Statistics and data for measuring illicit financial flows in the Asia-Pacific region \(2023K\)](#)  
Funded by the UNODC, €8,335
- 2021 [Final Evaluation of Hercule III Programme](#)  
Funded by European Commission - DG TAXUD. Consultancy provided through Rambøll Management Consulting A/S and Crime&tech srl, €13,300
- 2020 [Monitoring and Analyzing the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic On Organized Crime Infiltration in the Legal Economy and Illegal Governance](#)  
Funded by the UNODC, €8,500
- 2020 [Developing Indicator on Illicit Financial Flows and Monitoring Them in Latin America \(Illicit Income Management\)](#)  
M. Riccardi Co-PI. Funded by the UNODC, €9,728
- 2018 [Developing Indicators on Illicit Financial Flows and Monitoring Them in Latin America \(Illicit Income Generation\)](#)  
Funded by the UNODC, €8,292
- 2015-16 [Empty Discarded Pack Data and the Prevalence of Illicit Trade in Cigarettes](#)  
Funded by Cornerstone Research, €15,000

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## CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

### Invited Presentations

#### Academic

- 2025 "Illicit trade: What do we want to know next?", Keynote at 2025 GLITSS Annual Conference: *The Causes of Illicit Trade*, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy and online, in English.
- 2024 Discussant: "Lifting the Veil of Legitimacy: Investigating the Structure of 'Ndrangheta Penetration of Legal-Market Businesses Using Open-Source Business Register Data" by Niles Breuer and Zora Hauser, *CRIMGOV 2024 Workshop*, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom, in English.

- 2024 "Best Practices and Issues in Applying Qualitative and Quantitative Social Network Analysis" round table with David Bright and Edward Kleemans, *ESC-EuroCrim European Working Group on Organized Crime and Criminal Networks Roundtable Session*, Pre-Conference Meeting, Bucharest, Romania, in English.
- 2024 "Disinformazione, Devianza e Criminalità" with S. Favarin and M. Riccardi, *Comunicare la Scienza*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy.
- 2023 "Publishing Organized Crime Research: Meet the Editors" with E.U. Savona, *23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Florence, Italy, in English.
- 2022 "Do Bottom-Up Approaches Solve Issues in the Estimate of IFFs? Partially", *Illicit Financial Flows and the Impact on Developing Countries*, Alta Scuola di Economia e Relazioni Internazionali (ASERI), Milan and online, in English.
- 2021 "Displacement and Convergence of Transnational Crimes", Keynote at *Addressing Smuggling and Trafficking in North Africa: Policy Implications*, American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt and online, in English.
- 2021 Keynote: "Introducing Project FLOWS and its key findings", international conference *Illicit Flows in the Mediterranean: Vulnerabilities, Asymmetries and the Limits of Criminal Justice Responses*, The Siracusa International Institute, online event, in English.
- 2020 "Relevance of Convergence and Displacement of Migration Flows", *Migration to Europe: Converging Crimes and Diverging Policies?*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, online, in English.
- 2020 "Disentangling Community-Level Changes in Crime Trends During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Chicago" with G.M. Campedelli, S. Favarin, and A.R. Piquero, *Online Symposium on COVID-19 and Crime*, UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science, online, in English.
- 2020 "Exploring the Effects and Theoretical Implications of SARS-CoV-2 Containment Policies: An Empirical Analysis of Crime in Los Angeles" with G.M. Campedelli and S. Favarin, *Online Symposium on COVID-19 and Crime*, UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science, online, in English.
- 2019 "Presentation of Project FLOWS – Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows", *International Experts Meeting on Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy, in English.
- 2019 "Cyber-Enabled TransNational Organised Crimes (TNOC) – Transnational Drugs Trafficking", with L. Giommoni and G. Berlusconi, *Transnational Organised Crime Meeting*, Cardiff, United Kingdom, in English.
- 2018 "Misurare i Flussi Finanziari Illeciti: la sfida delle Nazioni Unite per il 2030, Target 16.4", *Festival della Sociologia*, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Narni, Italy.

#### **Public & Institutional Engagement**

- 2025 "Illicit financial flows and institutional capacities in Latin America and the Caribbean" with M. Riccardi, *UNCTAD-UNODC Task Force on the statistical measurement of illicit financial flows (IFFs)*, online, in English.
- 2024 "From (Possible) Detection to Action: The Real-World Impact of Suspicious Transaction Reports in Italy" with M. Nazzari, *AML Policy Research Workshop*, Tirana, Albania, in English.
- 2024 "Afghanistan Crocevia Criminale. Il Narcotraffico e le Responsabilità Occidentali" at *L'Impegno di Tutti*, *Festival Internazionale dell'Antimafia*, Milan, Italy.
- 2023 "The Evolution of Illicit Flows: Displacement and Convergence Among Transnational Crime" with E.U. Savona and R.T. Guerette, *17<sup>th</sup> United Nations Library Author Talks Series*, Vienna, online, in English.
- 2023 "Transcrime Analytics: Innovative Approaches on Money Laundering, Corruption and Illicit Financial Flows" with E.U. Savona and M. Riccardi, *Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions Governance Events*, World Bank Group, online, in English.
- 2023 "Joining Forces: How Artificial Intelligence Helps the Fight Against Disinformation", *High-Level Webinar*, The Lisbon Council, online, in English.
- 2022 "Current Situation Concerning the Illicit Financial Flows and Their Estimate (SDG16)", *2021 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Expert Group Meeting*, online, in English.
- 2022 "The Determinants of Cigarette Trafficking at the National and International Level", *Conference on Combating Trafficking in Tobacco Products and Liquor*, Quito, Ecuador, online, in English.
- 2022 "Implicazioni Criminologiche della Regolamentazione del Mercato della Cannabis in Italia", *Cannabis, Pro e Contro. È una Droga Leggera? Legalizzarla È Davvero Utile?*, Associazione Scienza e Vita, online.



- 2021 "MOSAIC: Mapping with Open Source Analysis to Investigate Crime. A Machine Learning Approach to the Study of Crime Convergence", *Nexis Data for the Analysis of Big Data Webinar*, online, in English.
- 2021 "Recovery Fund: una grande occasione per l'Italia o per le Mafie?", *XVII Rassegna di Iniziative sui Temi della Lotta alla Mafia*, Università degli Studi di Pavia, Pavia, Italy.
- 2020 "How Has Organized Crime Evolved Over the Years: What Did Not Change, What Did Change, and What Has Changed Due to COVID", *UNTOC 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties*, UNODC, Vienna, Austria, online, in English.
- 2019 "Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows Related to Human Smuggling and Drug Trafficking", *It Takes A Global Network To Combat Illicit Trade*, PMI Impact, Bratislava, Slovakia, in English.
- 2018 "Hints for Future Economic Estimates of Corruption in the Framework of Illicit Financial Flows Measurement", *Expert Meeting on Statistical Methodologies for Measuring Illicit Financial Flows*, UNECA, UNCTAD, and UNODC, Geneva, Switzerland, in English.
- 2018 "Methodological Approach to Estimate Value of IFFs Due to Drugs Trafficking Income Management", *Measuring Illicit Financial Flows Related to Criminal Activities*, UNODC and UNCTAD, Mexico City, Mexico, in English.
- 2018 "Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products – NEXUS in Europe and Beyond" with M. Dugato, *OLAF Unit D.4 Customs and Tobacco Anti-Fraud Policy Meeting*, European Anti-Fraud Office, Brussels, Belgium, in English.
- 2018 "Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products: Nexus in Europe and Beyond" with E.U. Savona, *PMI Impact First Funding Round Grantee Meeting*, Geneva, Switzerland, in English.
- 2017 "Corruption and Infiltration: Assessing the Risks", *2<sup>nd</sup> Cyprus Police International Conference*, Cypriot Police Command, Nicosia, Cyprus, in English.
- 2017 "Assessing the Risk of Organised Crime Infiltration in Public Procurement: An Empirical Analysis of Expo 2015 in Milan", *XI National Anti-Corruption Conference*, MANS and US Embassy in Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro, in English.
- 2017 "Hubs and Flows: A Transnational Approach to Analyse the Illicit Tobacco Market" with M. Dugato, *White Smoke Conference*, European Anti-Fraud Office and Italian Agency of Excise, Customs, and Monopolies, Bari, Italy, in English.
- 2014 "The Balkan Route and Illicit Financial Flows: An Analysis" with E.U. Savona and L. Giommoni, *SELEC-UNODC Conference on Illicit Financial Flows*, Bucharest, Romania, in English.

## Conferences Presentations

- 2025 "Approcci inter- e multidisciplinari per fare ricerca criminologica online", round table with Filippo Andrei, Elena Pavan, Alberto Acerbi, and Anita Lavorgna, *38<sup>th</sup> Congresso della Società Italiana di Criminologia. Criminologia nella società digitale: Sfide e confronti nel nuovo millennio*, Università di Trento, Trento.
- 2025 "Conspiracy to commit: Information pollution, artificial intelligence, and real-world hate crime", with M.V. Lo Giudice & A. Shadman Yazdi, *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Athens, Greece, in English.
- 2025 "Trafficking ADHD Medication on the Darknet Market", with F. Andrei & A. Lavorgna, *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Athens, Greece, in English.
- 2024 "Cocaine Trafficking: Link Prediction and Global Network Reconstruction", *79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Criminological Research and Education Matters: People, Policy, and Practice in Tumultuous Times*, San Francisco, CA, United States of America, in English.
- 2024 "Conspiracy to Commit: Information Pollution, Artificial Intelligence, and Real-World Hate Crimes", with M.V. Lo Giudice & A. Shadman Yazdi, *79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Criminological Research and Education Matters: People, Policy, and Practice in Tumultuous Times*, San Francisco, CA, United States of America, in English.
- 2024 "The Criminal Activities and Operational Roles of Australian Neo-Jihadists: A Network Perspective", with P.W. Screen & D. Bright, *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Bucharest, Romania, in English.
- 2024 "What Do Suspicious Transaction Reports Actually Capture? Evidence from Italy", with M. Nazzari, *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology*, Bucharest, Romania, in English.

- 2024 "Informative (Dis)Information: Exploring the Correlation Between Social Media Disinformation Campaigns and Real-World Criminal Activity", with M.V. Lo Giudice, et al., EEITE 2024 - 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Electronic Engineering, Information Technology & Education, 2024, Crete, Greece, in English.
- 2023 "The Nexus Between Big Data Analytics and the Proliferation of Fake News as a Precursor to Online and Offline Criminal Activities", with S. Evangelatos, et al., IEEE BigData 2023: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Conference on Big Data, Sorrento, Italy, in English.
- 2023 "Exploring the Nexus between Information Pollution and Offline Criminal Events", 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Seeking Justice: Reconciling with our Past, Reimagining the Future, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2023 "Crime Influencers in Social Media Platforms: The Commodification of Violence in Trap Culture", with C. Sidoti & M. Dugato, 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Seeking Justice: Reconciling with our Past, Reimagining the Future, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2023 "Transnational Trafficking Networks of End-of-Life Vehicles and E-Waste", with S. Favarin, G. Berlusconi, S. Corradini, 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Seeking Justice: Reconciling with our Past, Reimagining the Future, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2023 "Financing of Right-Wing Extremism through Cryptocurrency and Crowdfunding", with M. Jofre & M. Nazzari, 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Seeking Justice: Reconciling with our Past, Reimagining the Future, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2023 "The Involvement of Mafia Groups and Organized Networks of White-Collar Criminals in Waste Crimes", with S. Favarin, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy, in English.
- 2023 "Power Structures and Earnings in Cybercrime: Insights from the CONTI Ransomware Group", with M. Nazzari, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy, in English.
- 2023 "Crime Influencers in Social Media Platforms: The Commodification of Violence in Italian Trap Culture", with C. Sidoti & M. Dugato, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy, in English.
- 2023 "Cryptocurrencies and crowdfunding for the financing of right-wing extremism", with M. Jofre & M. Nazzari, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy, in English.
- 2023 "Changing Dynamics of Drug Overdoses in the United Kingdom: An Attempt to Replicate the Jalal et al. Findings of Steady Exponential Growth", with J.P. Caulkins, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ISSDP Conference, Leuven, Belgium, Poster Session, in English.
- 2023 "What Do Suspicious Transaction Reports Actually Capture? Evidence from Italy", with M. Nazzari, 4<sup>th</sup> International Research Conference on Empirical Approaches to Anti-Money Laundering, Nassau, Bahamas in English.
- 2022 "Smuggling of migrants and the convergence with other transnational crimes: an open source media analysis", with M. Jofre & M. Mancuso, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Malaga, Spain, in English.
- 2022 "The contribution of European criminology to the Horizon Europe Research Programme", with M. Riccardi, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Malaga, Spain, in English.
- 2022 "Understanding emerging terrorist financing threats and schemes for the development of innovative investigative tools", 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Malaga, Spain, in English.
- 2021 "COVID-19 and Organized Crime: Strategies employed by criminal groups to increase their profits and power in the first months of the pandemic", with M. Jofre, G.A. Bertoni, M. Riccardi, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, online in English.
- 2021 "Human Smugglers' Heterogeneity: A Reflection on the Use of Concepts in the Study of the Smuggling of Migrants", 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, online in English.
- 2020 "Who Are Our Owners? Exploring the Cross-Border Ownership Links of European Businesses", with M. Riccardi & J.Ferwerda, Inaugural Global Research Conference on Empirical Approaches to Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crime, Nassau, Bahamas, in English.
- 2020 "Disentangling community-level changes in crime trends during the COVID-19 pandemic in Chicago", with G.M. Campedelli, S. Favarin, A.R. Piquero, 2020 CrimCon - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Criminology Consortium, online in English.

- 2020 "Crime Displacement: The unintended consequences of an anti-human smuggling law in Egypt", with G.A. Bertoni, 2020 CrimCon - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Criminology Consortium, online in English.
- 2020 "Exploring the Effects and Theoretical Implications of Sars-CoV-2 Containment Policies: An Empirical Analysis of Crime in Los Angeles", with G.M. Campedelli & S. Favarin, 2020 CrimCon - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Criminology Consortium, online in English.
- 2020 Moderator: "Corruzione, Flussi Finanziari Illeciti e Impatto sull'Economia 'Reale'" at *Politiche Pubbliche e Dimensione Politica dei Mercati Finanziari*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan and online.
- 2020 "The global illicit waste trafficking and its correlates: An analysis of 148 countries in the Global North and in the Global South", 2020 CrimCon - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Criminology Consortium, online in English.
- 2019 "Ten Years of Crime Displacement in North Africa and in the Mediterranean Sea: Human Smuggling and Drug Trafficking", 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Ghent, Belgium, in English.
- 2019 "Security Governance: Mafia Control Over Ordinary Crimes", with S. Favarin & G.M. Campedelli, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Ghent, Belgium, in English.
- 2019 "Testing the effectiveness of transnational drug trafficking enforcement strategies: A social network analysis", 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Ghent, Belgium, in English.
- 2019 "Displacement of Human Smuggling in North Africa and in the Mediterranean Sea. Preliminary findings from the Flows Project", 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Criminology in the New Era: Confronting Injustice and Inequalities, San Francisco, CA, United States of America, in English.
- 2019 "Security Governance: Mafia Control Over Volume Crimes", 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Criminology in the New Era: Confronting Injustice and Inequalities, San Francisco, CA, United States of America, in English.
- 2018 "Mapping and Quantifying Transnational flows of illicit cigarettes from Middle-East, North African and East European countries to the EU: Findings from the Nexus Project", with M. Dugato, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Sarajevo, Bosnia ed Erzegovina, in English.
- 2018 "Monitoring and Counteracting Transnational Flows of Illicit Cigarettes by Combining Research and Technology", with M. Dugato & C. Meneghini, World Customs Organization PICARD Conference 2018, Malatya, Turkey, in English.
- 2018 "Explaining the Consumption of Illicit Cigarettes: A Subnational Level Analysis", 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Institutions, Cultures and Crime, Atlanta, GA, United States of America, in English.
- 2018 "A New Methodology to Identify, Map, and Quantify Transnational Traffic of Cigarettes: Findings from the Nexus Project", 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Institutions, Cultures and Crime, Atlanta, GA, United States of America, in English.
- 2017 "The Influence of Market Mechanisms and Social Relationships On Transnational Drug Trafficking. A Latent Space Analysis of Heroin and Cocaine Flows to Europe", 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Cardiff, the United Kingdom, in English.
- 2017 "The Determinants of the Illicit Trade and Consumption of Tobacco Products in the EU: An Analysis at The Sub-National Level", with F. Calderoni & M. Dugato, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Cardiff, the United Kingdom, in English.
- 2017 "An Analysis of Transnational Business Ownership Links to Investigate Money Laundering, Tax Evasion and Understand Cross-Border Illicit Financial Flows", 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Cardiff, the United Kingdom, in English.
- 2017 "Shrinking Businesses and Expanding Graveyards: How Fluctuations in the Value of Cocaine Markets Influence the Recourse to Lethal Violence", 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Crime, Legitimacy and Reform, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2017 "The Recruitment of Members from Organized Crime and Terrorist Groups: First Results from European Union PROTON Project", 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Crime, Legitimacy and Reform, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.

- 2017 "Who Are Our Owners? An Analysis of Businesses' Shareholding Links to Detect Money Laundering and Tax Evasion", 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Crime, Legitimacy and Reform, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2017 "The Recruitment into Organized Crime Groups: A Quantitative Exploration of the Criminal Career of Members of the Italian Mafias", 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - Crime, Legitimacy and Reform, Philadelphia, PA, United States of America, in English.
- 2016 "Empty Discarded Pack Data and the Prevalence of Illicit Trade in Cigarettes", with J. Kulick, N. Norman & J.E. Prieger, 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference, Washington DC, United States of America, in English.
- 2016 "The Criminal Consequences of Regulating Problematic Goods and Services", 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - The Many Colors of Crime and Justice, New Orleans, LA, United States of America, in English.
- 2016 "New Data on the Prevalence of Illicit Trade in Cigarettes", with J.E. Prieger, J. Kulick & N. Norman, 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - The Many Colors of Crime and Justice, New Orleans, LA, United States of America, in English.
- 2016 "New Data on the Prevalence of Illicit Trade in Cigarettes", with J.E. Prieger, J. Kulick & N. Norman, 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Washington DC, United States of America, in English.
- 2016 "Comparing the Determinants of Heroin and Cocaine Flows to Europe Using a Latent Space Model", with G. Berlusconi & L. Giommoni, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Illicit Networks Workshop, London, the United Kingdom, in English.
- 2015 "Not All Roads Lead to Rome: A Social Network Analysis of the Opiate Trafficking along the Balkan Route", 9<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Ghent, Belgium, in English.
- 2015 "Does Size Matter? The Determinants of Heroin Flows in Europe", 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Illicit Networks Workshop, Centre international de criminologie comparée (CICC), Tiotià:ke/Montreal, Canada, in English.
- 2015 "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: A Multitemporal Estimate of the Cocaine Trade", 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology - The Politics of Crime & Justice, Washington DC, United States of America, in English.

## Conference Organization

- 2025 Member of the scientific committee of the international conference 19<sup>th</sup> *International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP)* 2026, Perth, Australia, in English.
- 2025 Local Chair of the international conference 3<sup>rd</sup> *GLITSS Annual Conference: The Causes of Illicit Trade*, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, in English.
- 2025 Member of the scientific committee of the international conference 18<sup>th</sup> *International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP)* 2025, Manchester, United Kingdom, in English.
- 2024 Member of the scientific committee of the international conference 17<sup>th</sup> *International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP)* 2024, Tiotià:ke/Montreal, Canada, in English.
- 2021 Member of the organizing committee of the international conference *Addressing Smuggling and Trafficking in North Africa: Policy implications*, American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, in English.
- 2021 Member of the scientific committee and organizer/moderator of the session "Data, analysis and research to understand the infiltration of organized crime into the legal economy" at the international conference 5<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics: Global Challenges and Experiences*, UNODC & INEGI, Mexico City, Mexico and online event, in English.
- 2021 Member of the organizing committee of the international conference *Illicit Flows in the Mediterranean: Vulnerabilities, Asymmetries and the Limits of Criminal Justice Responses*, The Siracusa International Institute, online event, in English.
- 2020 Member of the organizing committee of the webinar *Migration to Europe: Converging Crimes & Diverging Policies?*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, online event, in English.
- 2020 Member of the organizing committee of the seminar series: "Politiche Pubbliche e Dimensione Politica dei Mercati Finanziari: La Legittimità (Normativa ed Etica) dei Flussi Finanziari Globali e il Loro Governo", Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan and online events, in Italian.

2019 Member of the organizing committee of the international experts meeting *Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows*; Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, in English.

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2025-ps [COST - Action: Globalization, Illicit Trade, Sustainability and Security \(GLITSS\)](#)
- 2025-ps [Global Initiative Network of Experts of the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime](#)
- 2023-ps [European Working Group on Organized Crime and Criminal Networks](#)
- 2021-ps [ESC Working Group on Crime, Criminal justice and COVID-19 pandemic](#) (Funding Member)
- 2021-ps Task Force on the statistical measurement of Illicit Financial Flows, UNODC & UNCTAD
- 2025 **Invited Speaker:** "Illicit financial flows and institutional capacities in Latin America and the Caribbean" with M. Riccardi, *UNCTAD-UNODC Task Force on the statistical measurement of illicit financial flows (IFFs)*, online, in English.
- 2021 **Invited Speaker:** "Current Situation Concerning the Illicit Financial Flows and Their Estimate (SDG16)", Expert Group Meeting (EGM), 2021 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), online.
- 2021 **Expert** for "Measuring Illicit Financial Flows from illegal markets - Presentation of results from pilot studies in four countries of Latin America", UNODC and Center of Excellence for Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice (CdE), online.
- 2017-ps [European Society of Criminology](#)
- 2015-ps [American Society of Criminology](#)
- 2015-ps [Illicit Networks Workshops](#)
- 2020-24 [TOM – The Ownership Monitor](#)
- 2017-21 Statistical Methodologies for Measuring Illicit Financial Flows, UNODC & UNCTAD
- 2018 **Expert** for [Expert meeting on statistical methodologies for measuring illicit financial flows \(IFFs\) \(SDG 16.4.1\)](#), UNECA, UNCTAD and UNODC, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2018 **Expert** for [Measuring Illicit Financial Flows Related to Criminal Activities for Sustainable Development Goals Indicator 16.4.1](#), UNODC, Center of Excellence for Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice (CdE) and UNCTAD, Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2017 **Expert** for [Expert Consultation on the Sustainable Development Goals Indicator on Illicit Financial Flows](#), UNODC and UNCTAD, Vienna, Austria.
- 2014-16 Statistical initiatives at the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)
- 2016 **Expert** for [Study on the International Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes \(ICCS\)](#), Quality Circle, participating in discussions and online conferences.
- 2014 **Expert** for [National Statistical Program \(PSN\) 2014-2016; Justice and Security Sector](#), Quality Circle, Meetings in Rome and via remote connection from ISTAT territorial offices.
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## MEDIA COVERAGE

3oScience News; L'Adige; ANSA; Avvenire; Brainfactor; Bulgarian National TV; Corriere della Sera; Corriere del Trentino; Dataroom; Il Dolomiti; EuNews; La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno; Libero Quotidiano; Mediatrends; Le Monde; Ouest-France; RAI - TGR Lombardia; La Regione; La Repubblica; Il sussidiario.net; tv4; Radio Marconi; Il T; Radio Vaticano; Vatican News.