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CURRENT POSITION

11/2017-current **Doctoral Researcher**
Scuola Normale Superiore, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences

Research Fellow
Scuola Normale Superiore, Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS)

EDUCATION

11/2017 - current **Ph.D. in Political Science & Sociology, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy**
Thesis: “Affects into Action. Feminist Movements and the Production of Safer Spaces: a Comparative Research between Rome and Madrid”
Supervisor: Prof. Donatella della Porta Co-supervisor: Prof. Alice Mattoni

01/2017 – 02/ 2018 **M. A. in Gender Studies and Politics, University of Roma Tre**
Thesis: “A Sister-to-Sister Dialogue. Conversations around kitchen tables at the birth of Black Feminisms”
Supervisor: Alessandra Chiricosta Co-Supervisor: Serena Fiorletta

09/2014 – 12/2016 **M.A. in Culture, Education and Global Society, Curriculum: Sociology, University of Padova, awarded cum laude**
Thesis: “New Citizens, Old Barbarians? Nation, Sexual Politics, Racialization: the Italian Case”
Supervisor: Prof. Luca Trappolin

10/2010 – 10/2013 **B.A. in International Relations & Political Science, University of Padova, awarded cum laude**

ADDITIONAL METHODS AND METHODOLOGIES TRAINING

11-12/2021 Workshop Feminism as a Method, Scuola Normale Superiore

- Feminist Methods and Methodologies in Social Sciences and Social Movement Studies, Clare Hemmings, Luisa Passerini

05/2019 Research Design for Social Movement Studies, Cortona, Scuola Normale Superiore

05/2019 Course on Qualitative Data Analysis, Scuola Normale Superiore

- Workshop on MAXQDA, Alice Mattoni

04/2019 Workshop on Participatory Action Research and Social Movement Methods, Approaches and Practices, Scuola Normale Superiore

- PAR, Interviews and Participant Observation, Mayo Fuster Morell

04/2019 Introduction to Zotero Course, European University Institute

- Working with References, Archiving Data, Serge Noiret

- 02/2018 Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research, Scuola Normale Superiore
- Methods and Methodologies For the Study of Social Movements, Donatella della Porta
- 07/2018 Course on Participatory Action Research: Theories, Methods and Challenges – St. Mary’s College, University of Durham
- 05/2018 CES Summer School The Good, the Bad and the Monster. Queer, Crips and (Other) Misfits off the edge of the Map, University of Coimbra
- Workshop on embodied epistemologies and methodologies, Ana Cristina Santos, Zowie Davy, Lucas Platero, Ulrike Dahl
- 08/2017 Winter School Times and Spaces of Globalization: “Boundaries, Borders and Walls: What of Universality?”, University of Padova
- Introduction to postcolonial and decolonial methodologies, Lynn Mario de Sousa

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 11/2019-03/2020 **Scientific consultant**
Atelier « City » – The International Association of Women Philosophers
 Advisor for setting up a research project and publications exploring gendered political cultures and women activism in the urban context. Responsible for:
- Writing up literature reviews on feminist studies and urban sociology;
 - Conducting research on gender and urban contexts;
 - [archiving publications](#) on the nexus between gender politics and urban contexts;
- 2017-2018 **Scientific consultant**
Archive “Luciano Ferrari Bravo”, Padova
 Responsibilities included:
- Writing up literature reviews on Critical Theory and Gender Studies;
 - [Archive Research](#);
 - Drafting Research Notes on Urban Sociology and Municipalism; Productive and Reproductive Work; Transformation of the Neoliberal Model
- 06/2017-12/2017 **Trainee**
Scientific Journal DWF – donnawomanfemme, Rome
 Responsible for:
- Drafting research notes on annual special issues on gender and politics and feminist studies;
 - Supporting the writing and revisions of reports and publications;
 - Providing research assistance to desk-research;
 - Collaborating to dissemination of research findings;
 - Social media management;
- 03/2014-05/2014 **Trainee**
Interdepartmental Research Center “Giorgio Lago”, University of Padova
 Responsibilities included:
- Conducting research on political actors and the relationship between politics and journalism
 - Archive research
- 01/2014-06/2014 **Research trainee**
Project “The Vote Under Scrutiny”
Observatory on North-West Democracy (DANE), University of Padova, Corriere del Veneto
 Responsible for:
- Conducting research on Italian political parties across different dimensions (organizational structure, financing, territorial engagement, representation)
 - Fact-checking;
 - Writing Report and Data Analysis, Italian coordinator: prof. Marco Almagisti;

- Providing research assistance to senior researchers;

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Invited Guest lectures

- 2021: University of Venezia
MA/PhD level
Participatory and Feminist. A Methodological Proposal for the Study of Feminist Movements in Urban Contexts
- University Complutense of Madrid
MA/PhD level
Affects into Action. Feminist Movements and the Production of Safer Spaces in Urban Contexts: a Comparative Study between Italy and Spain
- European University Institute
PhD level
Feminism and Participatory Action Research
- Scuola Normale Superiore
MA Level
Participatory Action Research and Feminist Methodologies
- 2020: University of Glasgow
MA level/PhD Level
Feminist Movements and Anti Gender Campaigns in Italy
- Scuola Normale Superiore
PhD level
Participatory Action Research and Intersectionality for Social Movement Research
- 2019: Scuola Normale Superiore
MA level
Research Design for the Study of Feminist Movements and the Production of Safer Spaces in Urban Contexts
- Scuola Normale Superiore
BA level
Participatory Research Design. Studying Feminist Spaces through Participatory Action Research
- Scuola Normale Superiore
MA level
The Ethics of Doing Research. Researching Feminist Spaces as Safer Spaces in Urban Contexts
- 2018: University of Roma Tre
MA level
A Sister-to-Sister Dialogue. Conversations around kitchen tables at the birth of Black Feminisms
- University of Roma Tre

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Mapping Feminist Movements and Urban Contexts

2013

University of Padova

BA level

La violenza politica nella Padova degli anni '70: una memoria divisa.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2021 “Gendering Outcomes. Cross-Generational Differences in the Biographical Consequences of Feminist Activists in Feminist Spaces”, *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 14(3): 1180-2000.
- 2021. “A Space of One’s Own. Queering the Map, Challenging the Borders: the Production of Safe Spaces in Italian Urban Areas”, *Intersectional Perspective: Identity, Culture and Society*, 1: 30-52.
- 2021. “[In principio fu la città delle dame. Da Christine de Pizan agli spazi transfemministi: immaginari, genealogie, mutamento](#)”, *Tracce Urbane*, 9(1): 94-115.
- 2020. “[Trasformare la paura. Pratiche di resistenza femminista, emozioni e spazio urbano](#)”, *Lo Squaderno*, 57: 29-33. (with Chiara Belingardi, Federica Castelli, Serena Olcuire).

Book chapters

- Forthcoming. “Gender-Based Violence and Urban Spaces: From Security to Self-Determination. Insights From the Italian Debate” in: Bows, H. and Fileborn, B. *Geographies of Gender-Based Violence: A Multi-disciplinary Perspectives*. Bristol: Bristol University Press. (With Belingardi C., Castelli, F. and S. Olcuire).
- Forthcoming. “Eroticizing Politics. Sexuality and Leisure into Feminist, Lesbian and Queer People Political Participation within Safer Spaces”, in Blidon, M. and Brunn S. *Mapping LGBTQ Spaces and Places. A Changing World*. Berlin: Springer.
- Forthcoming. “The “S” Factor. The Production of Feminist and Queer Safer Spaces in Urban Contexts”, in Blidon, M. and Brunn S. *Mapping LGBTQ Spaces and Places. A Changing World*. Berlin: Springer.
- Forthcoming. “Via Modesta Valenti. La ricostruzione del concetto di casa nell’azione politica degli spazi femministi” in Burchi, S. *Sentirsi a casa*. Roma: Manifestolibri.
- 2021. “Il femminismo nero” in Castelli, F. and Carocci R. *Femminismi. Idee, movimenti, conflitti*. Roma: Nuova Delphi. (with Djamila Ribeiro).
- 2021. “[Le parole per dirlo. Uno sguardo femminista e de-coloniale sulla Sardegna](#)” in Ghisu, S. and Mongili, A. *Filosofia de logu. Decolonizzare il pensiero e la ricerca in Sardegna*. Milano: Meltemi.
- 2020. “[Casa libera tutte. La costruzione di spazi femministi più sicuri come pratica di r-esistenza nei contesti urbani](#)” in Coppola, M. M., Donà A., Poggio, B. and Tuselli A. (eds), *Genere e r-esistenza in movimento: soggettività, azioni e prospettive*. Trento: Università degli Studi di Trento.
- 2019. “[Mappe del desiderio. Spazi safe e pratiche transfemministe di riappropriazione dell’urbano](#)”, in Belingardi, C., Castelli C. and S. Olcuire (eds.), *La libertà è una passeggiata. Donne e spazi urbani tra violenza strutturale e autodeterminazione*, Roma: Iaph Italia.
- 2017. “[I movimenti degli anni '70 e la memoria divisa](#)” in Francioni, F. and Rosenkranz L. *I movimenti degli anni Settanta fra Sardegna e Continente*. Cagliari: Condaghes.

Articles

- 2021. “Editorial: International Feminism“ *DWF*, 129-130(1-2), 1-15.
- 2020. “[Scomode. Storie di università e pratiche femministe](#)”, *DWF*, 126(2): 3-12. (trad: Inconvenient & uncomfortable. Universities and feminist practices) (with Angela Adami, Irina Aguiari, Anastasia Barone, Francesca Feo, Rossella Ciccia, Anna Lavizzari)

- 2019. “Pantone Rubino Red. Come nasce un marchio femminista. *DWF*, 123(3), 30-37. (with Patrizia Cacioli).
- 2019. “[Cosa può un immaginario. Riflessioni sull’uso politico della fantascienza nei movimenti femministi contemporanei](#)” *DWF*, 121(1-2), 29-35.
- 2018. “[Parlare dall’isola, parlare nella resistenza. 1968...2018: voci e immagini di donne raccontano i femminismi in Sardegna](#)”, *Roots & Routes*, 28(8).

Entries

- Forthcoming. “Women’s Movement in Italy” in Snow, D., della Porta, D., Klandermans, B: and D. McAdam, *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Forthcoming. “Ni Una Menos/Non Una di Meno” in Snow, D., della Porta, D., Klandermans, B: and D. McAdam, *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. Oxford: Blackwell. (with Anastasia Barone).

Review articles/book reviews

- Forthcoming. “L’altra rivoluzione. Dal Sessantotto al femminismo” by Elisa Bellè, in *AG - About Gender*.
- 2020. “[Black Women’s Voice Reach Out the World](#)” by Djamilia Ribeiro, in *From the European South*, 7, 101-105.
- 2018. “[L’emersione imprevista. Il movimento delle lesbiche in Italia negli anni ’70 e ’80](#)” by Elena Biagini. In *DWF*.
- 2018. “[Writing for Freedom. Body, Identity and Power in Goliarda Sapienza’s Narrative](#)” by Alberica Bazzoni. In *DWF*.

Special Issues

- 2020. “Spaccademia. Pratiche femministe in università”, *DWF*, 126(2). (trad: Spaccademia. Feminist practices in Academia). (with Angela Adami, Irina Aguiari, Anastasia Barone, Francesca Feo, Rossella Ciccio, Anna Lavizzari)

Work in progress

- “The Feminist Time. Analysing Women’s Movement Temporalities”, target Journal: *Gender and Society* (with Anna Lavizzari).
- “Feminist Direct Social Action”, target journal *Mobilization*. (with Anastasia Barone).
- “Bridging Social Movement Studies and Affect Theory”, target journal *Social Movement Studies*.
- “Safer spaces across social movements: a gender perspective”, target journal *European Journal of Politics and Gender* (with Joana Hofstetter).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Intersezionalità e ricerca partecipativa. Una proposta metodologica applicata allo studio degli spazi femministi nei contesti urbani”, *AIS – Studi di Genere*, 6-7-12 2021, University Federico II of Naples.
- “The "S" Factor. Feminist Spaces and the Production of Safer Spaces in Urban Context”, *ECPR General Conference*, 30-08, 03-09 2021, online.
- “Feminist Direct Social Action. Insights From The Case Of Italy” *ESA Conference*, 31-08, 03-09 2021, online (with Anastasia Barone).
- “The "S" Factor. Feminist Movements and the Production of Safer Spaces in Urban Context” *ESA Conference*, University of Barcelona, 31-08, 03-09 2021, online.
- “The Production of Safer Spaces in Feminist Communities. Gendering Ethnography Through Participatory Action Research” *Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference*, University of Trento, 9-12 June 2021, online.

- “Feminist Communities as Safer Spaces: a Comparative Study Between Italy and Spain”, *ISA Forum of Sociology*, University of Porto Alegre, 23-27 February, 2021, online.
- “The Production of Feminist Spaces in Urban Contexts Between Italy and Spain”, *International Conference on Architecture and Gender*, University of Lisbon, 27-29 January, 2021, online.
- “Re-inventare l'autonomia. L'esperienza di Lucha Y Siesta e la metodologia femminista nel contrasto alla violenza di genere”, (with Simona Ammerata and Michela Cicculli) *ESPANET Italia*, University of Venezia, 18-19 September 2020, online.
- “Casa libera tutte. La costruzione di spazi più sicuri da parte dei movimenti femministi come pratica di resistenza nei contesti urbani”, *Genere e Resistenze in movimento*, University of Trento, 31-01 02-02, 2020.
- “I movimenti femministi e la politica dei luoghi. Tra violenza strutturale, spazi urbani e cambiamento delle opportunità politiche: Italia e Portogallo a confronto” *Libera università IpaZIA*, Florence, 30 November, 2019.
- “Maps of Desires. Building Feminist Safer Spaces Facing Urban Inequalities in Southern Europe”, *International Conference on Gender Studies*, University of Helsinki, 23-26 October, 2019.
- “Women’s Struggle Between Intersectionality and Transnationalism”, *International Conference on Democratic Confederalism*, Rome, 5-6-7 October, 2019.
- “Around the Kitchen Tables: the Production of Safer Spaces in Feminist Communities. Overcoming Hegemonies and Hierarchies Through Participatory Action Research”, *European Geographies of Sexuality Conference*, University of Prague, 26-28 September 2019.
- “Maps of Desires. Building Safe Spaces Through Feminist Alliances in Times of Inequalities: the Italian Case”. *Conference on Feminist Alliances*, Scuola Normale Superiore, 6-7 March, 2019.
- “Around the Kitchen Table. Differences that Matter: the Production of Safe Spaces issued by Feminist Communities in Italian Urban Areas”, *ESA Midterm Conference on Sexuality*, University of Krakow, 14-15 February, 2019.
- “A Sister-to-Sister Dialogue. The Role of Kitchen Tables Throughout Black Feminist Memory and History”, *Annual Conference on Black Feminism, Womanism and the Politics of Color in Europe*, Berlin, September 2018.
- “Difference that Matter: the Production of Safe Spaces by Queer and Feminist Communities”, *European Feminist Research Conference*, University of Gottingen, 12-15 September 2018.
- “Safe Spaces in Violent Times. Toward a Spatio-Political Analysis of Queer and Feminist Movements”, *Violence, Space and the Political*, National University of Ireland, Galway, 7-9 June 2018.
- “Mappe del desiderio. Movimenti femministi e pratiche di riappropriazione dell'urbano”, *La libertà è una passeggiata*, University of Roma Tre, 3 May, 2018.
- “Safe Spaces as Spaces of Contention. Toward a Feminist Approach on Contentious Politics”, *Graduate Network Conference*, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, 21-23 March 2018.
- “Nuovi civili, vecchi barbari? Nazione, sexual politics, processi di razializzazione: il caso italiano”, *Conferenza Nazionale delle Dottorande e dei Dottorandi di Scienze Sociali*, University of Padova, 12-14 June 2017.

DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH

- Forthcoming. “Safer Spaces and Transfeminist and Queer Communities” fanzine with activists of the space of Cagne Sciolte, Rome.
- 2020. “[Re-inventare l'autonomia. L'esperienza di Lucha Y Siesta](#)”, *Intersezionale*, (with Michela Cicculli and Simona Ammerata). 13.10.2020
- 2019. “[I movimenti femministi e la politica dei luoghi. Tra violenza strutturale, spazi urbani e cambiamento delle opportunità politiche: Italia e Portogallo a confronto](#)”, *il Giardino dei Ciliegi*, 12.12.2019.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021. Roundtable “Gender and Sexuality in The Neoliberal University” De Montfort University, 27-28 May.
- 2021. Talk: “Decoloniality and Privilege. Feminist Practices and critics to the world-system”, Feminist Publishing Fair, 19 April (with Rachele Borghi and Carolina Topini).
- 2020. Talk: “Separated at home. Domestic workers, feminists and women trade unionists”, *Giardino dei ciliegi*, 10 December. (with Beatrice Busi and Alessandra Pescarolo)

- 2020. Cosmos Talk: “Feminist Trouble: Intersectional Politics in Postsecular Times”, Scuola Normale Superiore, 23 June (with Eléonore Lépinard, Donatella della Porta, Anastasia Barone)

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDY

02/2022	Planned: Visiting research fellow – Department of Social Sciences Humboldt University, Berlin
03/2022	Planned: Visiting Research Fellow – Centre for Gender, Identity and Subjectivity, University of Oxford
01/2021-05/2021	Visiting PhD student – Department of Applied Sociology, Feminist Institute, University Complutense of Madrid

SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS

- 2021. Joint grant Scuola Normale Superiore & ERASMUS+ traineeship, for research stay at University Complutense of Madrid (€3600)
- 2017-2022. Fully-funded doctoral scholarship, Scuola Normale Superiore (Approx. €70000)
- 2012-2013. Sardinia Region, Education and University Department, Academic Excellence Award (€6000)
- 2011-2012. Sardinia Region, Education and University Department, Academic Excellence Award (€6000)
- 2010-2011. Sardinia Region, Education and University Department, Academic Excellence Award (€6000)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Scientific Coordinator & Organizer

- 2020. International Cycle of Seminars “Feminism as a Method. Feminist and Queer Epistemologies, Methodologies and Methods in Social Sciences”, 19 November, 10 December, 2021, Scuola Normale Superiore. (with Donatella della Porta and Anastasia Barone).
- 2020. Conference “Sciopero femminista. Riflessioni, pratiche e lotte collettive” (trad: The Feminist Strike. Collective reflections, practices and struggles), 21 February 2020, Scuola Normale Superiore. (with Angela Adami, Irina Aguiari, Anastasia Barone, Rossella Ciccio, Francesca Feo, Anna Lavizzari)
- 2019. Workshop “Participatory Action Research and Social Movement Methods, Approaches and Practices”, Scuola Normale Superiore, 11-12 April (with Alice Mattoni, Joana Hofstetter, Tobias Reinhardt).
- 2018. Book presentation “The persistence of global masculinism”, 14 November 2018, Scuola Normale Superiore. (with Francesca Feo and Amanda Haraldsson, EUI)

Session Organizer, Panel Chair and Discussant

- 2021. Panel “Feminist Movements and Health Practices” Discussant, Research Design Conference, 3 May, Scuola Normale Superiore.
- 2020. Panel “Peasants Movements and Prefigurative Politics” – Discussant, Research Design Conference, 8 May, Scuola Normale Superiore.
- 2020. Panel “Borders and Identity” – Chair and discussant, Conference the Nation and the Radical Left, 27 November, Scuola Normale Superiore.
- 2019. Talk “Toward a Framework for the Analysis of Inclusive Equality in Long-Term Care Policies: Investigating Long-Term Care Policies in Ireland and Italy” – Discussant, 13 March 2019, Scuola Normale Superiore.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2017/current Member of the Editorial Board of the Scientific Journal DWF – donnawomanfemme
- 2017/2019 Co-founder & coordinator of the Florentine Intersectionality and Gender (FIG) working group, Scuola Normale Superiore
- 2011/2013 Student representative, Department of Political Science, University of Padova
Student tutor, Department of Political Science, University of Padova

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).

Member of European Sociological Association (ESA), Research Network Sexuality RN23.

Member of the Network of Gender, Intersex, Feminist, Transfeminist and Sexuality Studies (GIFT).

Member of Italian Society of Political Science (SISP).

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native speaker), English (Fluent, C1), Spanish (good working knowledge, B2), French (good working knowledge, B1).

Softwares - qualitative analysis: MAXQDA.

REFERENCES

- 1) Prof. Donatella della Porta, Scuola Normale Superiore (donatella.dellaporta@sns.it)
- 2) Prof. Alice Mattoni, University of Bologna (alice.mattoni@unibo.it)
- 3) Prof. Emanuela Lombardo, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (elombardo@cps.ucm.es)
- 4) Prof. Lorenzo Bosi, Scuola Normale Superiore (lorenzo.bosi@sns.it)

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