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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

10/2025-present **Cultore della materia** [Subject matter expert] in Sociology
Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World
Università degli Studi di Padova

03/2025-02/2026 **Assegnista di ricerca** [Postdoctoral researcher]
Sapienza Università di Roma

EDUCATION

2025 **Ph.D. in Social Sciences, Università degli Studi di Padova**
Dissertation: *Bureaucrats of the Soul. The Infrastructures of Sacramental Penance in 18th-century Verona (circa 1750–1800).*
Supervisor: Matteo Bortolini; co-supervisor: Lucio Biasiori
Defense committee: Philip S. Gorski, Marco Santoro, Vincenzo Lavenia
Grade: excellent *cum laude*

9/2023-2/2024 **Visiting Assistant in Research, Department of Sociology, Yale University**
Sponsored by a Fulbright "Visiting Student Researcher" Scholarship

2021 **Laurea Magistrale, Sociology & Social Research, Università di Trento**
summa cum laude

2018 **Laurea Triennale, Scienze Sociologiche, Università degli Studi di Padova**
summa cum laude

INTERESTS

Historical and Cultural Sociology; Sociological Theory; Early Modern and Modern History; Sociology of Ideas and Intellectuals

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026 The materiality of salvation: Confessional booths and ecclesiastical governance in Verona, c. 1750–1800. *Church History* (online first)

2024 Saving one's face while saving one's soul? The refraction of tactical approaches to penance as a disciplinary device in Counter-Reformation Italy. *British Journal of Sociology*, *75*(5), 700–714

Winner, 2025 BJS Early Career Prize

REVIEW ESSAYS

2025 Quando i medievisti si fanno sociologi. *Reti Medievali Rivista*, *26*(2), 83–98

Infrastructure: from boundary object to bridging concept. *Journal of Classical Sociology*, *25*(2), 222–234

2023 Tre libri che parlano di libri e la sociologia della cultura. *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, *64*(3), 535–545 (with Matteo Bortolini)

2021 Finding sociology in its funding? Networks, relations, and key players in late 20th-century social science. *Sociologica*, *15*(3), 169–188 (with Matteo Bortolini)

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

R&R "*Imagined Anthropologists*. Origini e fortuna di Clifford Geertz nella sociologia culturale contemporanea" (with Matteo Bortolini)

Submitted "State Funding and Creative Autonomy in Contemporary Italian Art" (with Lorenzo Sabetta)

"Sulla soglia del confessionale. La penitenza sacramentale e le sue infrastrutture (Verona, c. 1750–1800)"

In preparation "Bureaucrats of the Soul: Delegation, Legibility, and the Infrastructures of Confession in Verona, 1767–1800" (Draft available)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

2024 Lavoro, professione e ozio nei manuali per la confessione della prima età moderna (XVI-XVII sec.). In G. Mari, F. Ammannati, S. Brogi, T. Faitini, A. Fermani, F. Seghezzi, A. Tonarelli (*Eds.*), *Idee di lavoro e di ozio per la nostra civiltà*. Firenze University Press, pp. 215–223

Culture, cognition, events, and infrastructures. In B. Grabher, I. A. Lamond (*Eds.*), *Events and Infrastructures: Critical Explorations*. Routledge, pp. 58–77 (with Lorenzo Sabetta)

2021 Teoria, metodo, puzzle: una riflessione sulla didattica della sociologia. In G. A. Fine, *Etnografia e Società*. Mimesis, pp. 291–316 (with Ghita Bordieri and Matteo Bortolini)

BOOKS & EDITED BOOKS

2023 *Insegnare la stratificazione sociale. Didattica esperienziale in un "campo di fragole."* Epokè

2021 G. A. Fine, *Etnografia e Società*, translated and edited by Ghita Bordieri, Giovanni Zampieri, and Matteo Bortolini. Mimesis

REVIEWS, INTERVIEWS, & OTHER WRITING

2025 Review of *Practicing Sociology* by David Stark (*Ed.*). *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, *66*(2), 439–441

Interview with Matthew Norton. *Newsletter of the ASA Culture Section*, *41*(1), 7–11

2024	Beyond the 'Dangers of Geertzism.' Giovanni Levi in conversation with Giovanni Zampieri. *Sociologica*, *18*(1), 103–116
2023	Testi invisibili, immagini visibili. *Il Tascabile*, Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani
2022	Introduction to the Flashback. Setting the scene for John R. Hall's 'The spectacle of performance.' *Sociologica*, *16*(3), 105–107
	Review of *Being in Flux* by Rein Raud. *Quaderni di Teoria Sociale,* 2, 285–289

GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

2026	**Travel Bursary** to attend the British Journal of Sociology Conference (£250)
2025	**Richard Sutch Student Travel Award** to attend the 50th SSHA Annual Meeting
	Student Forum Travel Award to attend the 120th ASA Annual Meeting ($250)
	BJS Early Career Prize (£500)
	Registration Grant to attend the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology
2024	**Travel Bursary** to attend the Inaugural British Journal of Sociology Conference (£250)
2023	**Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher Scholarship** jointly awarded by The U.S.–Italy Fulbright Commission and The U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs ($16,000)
	Registration Grant to attend the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology
2021-24	**PhD Scholarship**, Università degli Studi di Padova (€15.343 per year; 3 years)
2017	«**Mille e una Lode» Award**, Università degli Studi di Padova (€1000)

PRESENTATIONS (* = online)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Bureaucrats of the Soul: Delegation, Legibility, and the Infrastructures of Confession in Verona, 1767–1800.

- ~ St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge, UK, April 28, 2026
- ~ SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, November 21, 2025
- ~ ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, August 11, 2025

Rethinking The Words and the Worlds. Mobilizing the Emic/Etic Distinction as a Tool for Theory-Work.

- ~ British Journal of Sociology Conference, LSE, London, UK, April 23, 2026
- ~ ISA Sociological Theory Midterm Conference, Innsbruck, Austria, July 3, 2025

Fixing the Black Box? The Maintenance of Confessional Booths as Infrastructural Repair in 18th-century Italy.

- ~ ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco, July 10, 2025

Saving One's Face While Saving One's Soul? The Refraction of Tactical Approaches to Penance as a Disciplinary Device in Counter-Reformation Italy.

- ~ Foucault 40 Years After World Congress, Universität Innsbruck, Austria, June 21, 2024*

- ~ Inaugural British Journal of Sociology Conference, LSE, London, UK, April 15, 2024
- ~ ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, June 29, 2023

Sealing Charisma in Wax. Licenses to Hear Confessions, Reference Letters, and the Delegation of Interpretive Power in 18th-Century Verona.

- ~ Catholicism in Transit: Exploring Mobility and Exchange in the Early Modern World, September 20, 2024*
- ~ Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University, USA, January 30, 2024

Sorting Sins Out. Manuals for Confession, Classificatory Scripts, and the Emergence of an Interpretive Infrastructure in Early Modern Italy.

- ~ Center for Cultural Sociology's Supper Club, Yale University, USA, October 31, 2023

Judge, Physician, Teacher, and Father. Metaphors of the Habitus in Early Modern Manuals for Confessors (1563–1750).

- ~ ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, June 26, 2023
- ~ Workshop for the Early Modern Period, University of Cambridge, UK, May 16, 2022*

AS ORGANIZER

Writing Culture for the Public

- ~ Early Career Professionalization Panel, Culture Section, ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, August 9, 2025 (with Manning Zhang)

Author-Meet-Critics: Routledge Handbook of Academic Knowledge Circulation

- ~ Panel, ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco, July 10, 2025 (with Matteo Bortolini)

Histories of Sociology, Sociologies of History. Exploring the Intersections of Biographies and Fields at a Crossroads

- ~ Panel, ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco, July 7, 2025

Sources, Data, and Methods for the History of Sociology

- ~ Series of online seminars, ISA History of Sociology Research Council (RC08), October 16 and December 13, 2024 (with Matteo Bortolini)*

Publishing on Culture: Meet the Editors

- ~ Online event, Culture & Contemporary Life series, ASA Culture Section, May 21, 2024*

SEMINARS & BOOK PRESENTATIONS

A History of the Western Sacred: From Babylon to Beyoncé. A Seminar with Philip S. Gorski

- ~ Discussant, with Paolo Costa, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, June 17, 2026

Split Horizon: Las Vegas and the Modern Condition. A Seminar with Isaac Ariail Reed

- ~ Discussant, with Matteo Bortolini, Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy, June 8, 2026

Oaths and Vows: Words as Genesis. A Seminar with Adam B. Seligman

- ~ Discussant, with Enzo Pace, Kristina Stöckl, Matteo Bortolini, Andrea Caracausi, Roberto Alciati, Valeria Fabretti, and Michele Basso, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, May 23, 2025

Dove si incontrano storia e sociologia? Due discipline al crocevia

- ~ Seminar with Gerardo Ienna, Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy, May 24, 2024

Il campo religioso reloaded

- ~ Seminar with Roberto Alciati and Emiliano Urciuoli, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, March 12, 2024

Presentation of the book Etnografia e Società

- ~ With Gary Alan Fine, Ghita Bordieri, Marco Marzano, and Andrea Cossu, 9th International Conference on Ethnography and Qualitative Research, Trento, Italy, June 9, 2023
- ~ With Gary Alan Fine, Ghita Bordieri, and Matteo Bortolini, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, June 3, 2022*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

2025-	**Associate Managing Editor**, *Sociologica*
2024-26	**Co-editor**, ASA Culture Section Newsletter
2024-25	**Graduate student representative**, ASA Culture Section Council
2024	**Member**, Pedagogy Committee, *Sociological Forum*
2023-24	**Committee member**, *Culture and Contemporary Life* series, ASA Culture Section
2021-22	**Graduate student representative**, Università degli Studi di Padova
2021	**Research assistant**, Professor Andrea Cossu, Università di Trento
2016-18	**Student representative**, Scienze Sociologiche, Università degli Studi di Padova

Reviewer for *Sociologica*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (* = held in English)

AS LECTURER

- ~ *Academic Writing Workshop*
  Università degli Studi di Padova, November-December 2024, 12 hours*

AS A GUEST LECTURER

- ~ *Coding Qualitative Data. Ideas, Practices, and Tools*
  Sistemi di Innovazione Sociale e Strategie di Ricerca, Sapienza Università di Roma, March 13, 2025
- ~ *«It could work!» Practicing Interdisciplinarity through Seminars, Workshops, and Research**
  Doctoral Program in Social Sciences, Università degli Studi di Padova, February 26, 2025 (with R. Mussinatto, M. Campopiano, and T. Testolin)
- ~ *Material Constraints and Social Interactions*
  Logica delle scienze sociali, Università degli Studi di Padova, May 11, 2022; May 17, 2023
- ~ *Explanation and Interpretation*

Logica delle scienze sociali, Università degli Studi di Padova, March 22, 2023

~ *The Molding of Cultural Objects between Creation and Production**
Ideas, Culture, and Society, Università degli Studi di Padova, March 22, 2023

~ *Ten Lies of Ethnography*
Metodi e tecniche della ricerca sociale II, Università degli Studi di Padova, March 1, 2023 (with G. Bordieri); March 2, 2022

~ *Harold Garfinkel and the Social Order**
Sociology, LUISS University, Rome, November 2, 2022 (with M. Bortolini)

~ *Sorting Sins Out. Manuals for Confession, Disciplinary Networks, and the Emergence of a Classificatory System in Early Modern Italy**
Sorting Things Out: The Philosophy and Sociology of Classification, Scuola Galileiana di Studi Superiori, Padova, April 4, 2022

~ *Herbert Blumer and Symbolic Interactionism*
Metodi e tecniche in ambito costruttivista ed interazionista, Università degli Studi di Padova, March 31, 2022 (with C. Masaro)

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

2023-27 Member of the Departmental Development Project (PSD) *Circu.I.T.I.N.G.*, Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, Università degli Studi di Padova

2023- Co-founder and member of *tra.dis.c.o. – tra discipline, campi e oggetti* [*between disciplines, fields, and objects*]

Working group sponsored by the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World at Università degli Studi di Padova, which hosts a series of seminars featuring national and international speakers, financed via the "Cultural Initiatives and Innovative Student Projects" competitive grant of the Università degli Studi di Padova (2024-26: €2700)

2023- Social Science History Association (SSHA)

2022- American Sociological Association (ASA). *Sections*: Comparative-Historical Sociology, Sociology of Culture, Theory, History of Sociology and Social Thought

2022- International Sociological Association (ISA). *Research Committees*: Historical Sociology, Sociological Theory, History of Sociology and Social Thought