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PhD researcher interested in education, social stratification and mobility.

My research interests lie in educational and achievement inequalities related to social and migration backgrounds, with an attention on the role of education policies, implemented both at the school and national-level in Italy and across European countries, in addressing these disparities. I am also interested in the school-to-work transition and in early-career occupational outcomes among graduates. Broadly, my main research goal is to investigate how educational attainment and school-related factors contribute to the reproduction of social inequalities across generations, including those experienced by migrants.

My methodological interests are related to quantitative methods of social science research, with a particular focus on longitudinal and multilevel techniques of analysis.

Education

University of Milan, Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences *Oct 2024 – ongoing*
Ph.D. in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research

- **Research Proposal Title (preliminary):** A Way Out of Unequal Achievements. Inequalities in Learning Outcomes: The Role of School Contexts and Education Policies in Europe
Supervisor: Prof. Triventi Moris

University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research *Sept 2022 – Sept 2024*
MA in Sociology and Social Research (LM-88)

- **Thesis Title:** Educational Inequalities by Migration Background: Disentangling the Role of Family and School-Related Factors in Italian Upper Secondary Education
Supervisor: Prof. Triventi Moris

University of Padua, Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology and Applied Pedagogy *Oct 2019 – Oct 2022*
BA in Sociological Sciences (L-40)

- **Thesis Title:** Second-Generation Immigrants and Their Educational Pathways: The Role of Family and Teachers
Supervisor: Prof. Allievi Stefano

High School Diploma from Liceo D. G. Fogazzaro, Vicenza *2014 – 2019*
Human Sciences Curriculum

Research Experience

Research Assistant and Intern *Ghent, Belgium*
Department of Sociology at University of Ghent, *Aug 2023 – Sept 2023*
Faculty of Social and Political Sciences

For the MA curricular internship I worked as a Research Assistant and Intern for the Research Group *Cultural*

Diversity: Opportunities & Socialisation, Research Area: Education and Youth (external Supervisor for the curricular internship: Prof. Stevens A. J. Peter).

I was employed in the *EdisTool* project aimed at testing and evaluating a training tool for reducing ethnic discrimination within the field of education. The *EdisTool* project is also broadly concerned with measuring and reducing ethnicity-related inequalities in various fields other than education (e.g. health care, labour market, housing). Stakeholders from these various fields could evaluate findings from the research project and implement specific policies.

Conferences & Workshop Presentations

INTEDU - AISSEC Workshop on “Inequality and Education: Measurement, Evidence, and Policy” 5-6 June 2025, Modena

- Presented Paper (within the Session “School and Pre-School”): *Bridging or Widening the Gap? The Role of School-Level Resources for Migrant and Native Student Achievement in Italy*

ECSR-CCA-NASP Joint Spring School “Integration Across Generations: Exploring the Educational, Occupational and Family Trajectories of Migrants” 7-10 April 2025, Turin

- Presented Paper: *Intervening Along the Achievement Path: The Role of School Context on Academic Achievement Disparities by Migration Background in Italian Upper Secondary Education*

SISEC Conference 29-31 Jan 2025, Pavia

- Presented Paper (within the Session “Inequalities in Education: Academic Achievement, Schools’ Organisations and Actors, Labor Market Returns”): *Bridging or Widening the Gap? The Role of School-Level Resources for Migrant and Native Student Achievement in Italy*

Recognitions & Rewards

Ph.D. Paper Award - Titled “Bridging or Widening the Gap? The Role of School-Level Resources for Migrant and Native Student Achievement in Italy” (co-authored with Fedeli, E. and Triventi, M.) June 2025

Granted during the INTEDU AISSEC 2025 Workshop and Conference in Modena

Merit-based Scholarship *L. Giuriato* (among Master’s Degree students in the Department of Sociology and Social Research) March 2024

Granted by University of Trento, in collaboration with Cassa Centrale Banca

Merit-based Scholarship *Mille e una Lode* July 2022

Granted by University of Padua

Community Service

ISA RC28 Spring Meeting (2025 - Milan)
“Dynamics of Social Stratification: Education, Markets and Families”

Part of the Organizing Committee & Staff Volunteer

Digital & Computational Skills

Advanced knowledge of STATA

Moderate knowledge of R/R-Studio, Atlas.ti and LimeSurvey

Basic knowledge of Python and LaTeX

Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office packages and Zoom

Languages

Italian (mother tongue)

English (professional knowledge)