

Alice Biscuola

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Political Studies

Oct 2026 - Current

NASP - University of Milan and Pavia

Master's degree in Global Politics and Society

2021 - 2024

Università degli Studi di Milano

Final grade: 110/110 with honors | Dissertation: *Keeping up with societal development? The politics of paternity leave in Spain*. Supervisor: Professor Matteo Jessoula; Co-supervisor: Professor Ilaria Madama.

Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences

2018 - 2021

Università degli Studi di Milano

Final grade: 110/110 with honors | Dissertation: *L'Italia non è un paese per padri: politiche di conciliazione e congedo di paternità nel modello di welfare sudeuropeo* (Italy is not a country for fathers: reconciliation policies and paternity leaves in the Southern European welfare model). Supervisor: Professor Matteo Jessoula.

Erasmus Exchange scholarship

Sep 2019 - Jan 2020

Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow (Assegnista di Ricerca)

May 2024 - Sep 2026

Università degli Studi di Milano | PRIN 2022 project PRIN202223MJESS_01 *Governing the "Just Transition": Eco-social politics and policies in the EU*. PI: Professor Paolo Graziano.

As a junior researcher I analyzed the political implications of the just transition pathways, with a focus on the socio-economic impact of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) and the Farm to Fork strategy's environmental criteria on farming communities and agricultural sector, focusing on the Italian case; I conducted comparative policy analysis of the Just Transition Fund spending priorities across EU27, with a focus on Italy and Spain. The research drew on qualitative comparative analysis, policy document analysis and process tracing.

Deliverable: Le "proteste dei trattori" in ottica eco-sociale: un'analisi del caso italiano (Working Paper).

Visiting Researcher - Master thesis abroad scholarship

Oct - Nov 2023

Institut de Govern i Politiques Públiques (IGOP), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

My research was focused on the politics of degenderization and on policy outcomes on the gendered division of unpaid labor among mother and fathers. Professor: Danislava Marinova.

Deliverable: Keeping up with societal development? The politics of paternity leave in Spain (Master thesis).

Social Policy Assistant - Erasmus+ Traineeship scholarship

Apr - Jul 2023

Social Platform, Brussels

I conducted policy analysis and drafted position papers on several social policy related issues (European Job Guarantee, Minimum Income Directive, social dimensions of the Green Transition). I contributed to a DG Regio Just Transition Platform paper on the inclusion of hard-to-reach groups. I supported the organization of internal meeting and high-level conferences.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION ACTIVITIES

Teaching assistant and tutoring (Cultrice della materia)

Apr - Sep 2026

Università degli Studi di Milano

Art. 45 of the General University Regulation. Tutor for the course Comparative Welfare States within the Master *Economics and Political Science* (LM-56/LM-62), I provided students assistance and supervised examinations (20 hours). Responsible for the course: Professor Matteo Jessoula.

Master course Economics and Political Science

9 Mar 2026

Università degli Studi di Milano

A.A. 2025/2026, lesson: Research frontiers – “Eco-Social Policies” for the course Comparative Welfare States within the Master *Economics and Political Science* (LM-56/LM-62) at Università degli Studi di Milano with Novelli L. (2 hours). Responsible for the course: Professor Matteo Jessoula.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles and book chapters

- Biscuola, A. (2026). Condivisione della cura e superamento del modello Sud Europeo? La politica del congedo di paternità in Spagna. *Politiche Sociali*. 3/2026. ISSN 2284-2098.
- Natili, M.; Soler Buades, L.; Biscuola, A. (forthcoming 2026). Mapping Minimum Income Schemes in 25 European Countries: A Comparative Typology. In Jessoula, M. and Natili, M. (Eds) *Reforming Minimum Income Schemes in Europe. Policy trajectories and political drivers*, Edward Elgar Publishing (contract signed in October 2025, Expected delivery June 2026).
- Jessoula, M.; Biscuola, A.; Novelli, L. (under review at *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*). Towards A Green and Just Transition In Agriculture? Political and Institutional Constraints on a Systemic Transformation.
- Jessoula, M.; Biscuola, A.; Bozzi, M.; Funari, P.; Novelli, L. (forthcoming 2026). *L'Italia e le sue classi sociali tra lavoro, identità e nuove appartenenze*. L'Italia delle classi sociali. Annale della Fondazione. A cura di Fasano, L.; Roncaglia, A.; Serughetti, G. *Feltrinelli Editore Milano*. ISBN: 978880799113

Working papers and other publications

- Biscuola, A. (2025) Le “proteste dei trattori” in ottica eco-sociale: un’analisi del caso italiano. Working Paper.
- Biscuola, A. (2024). Il congedo di paternità in spagna: un passo verso il modello dual earner/dualcarer?. *OCIS-Social Cohesion Paper* 2/2024.
<https://osservatoriocoesionesociale.eu/osservatorio/il-congedo-di-paternita-in-spagna-un-passo-verso-il-modello-dual-earner-dual-carer/>
- Natili, M.; Biscuola, A. (2021). Il congedo di paternità per una nuova cura della famiglia. *Altreconomia*.

CONFERENCES

- ESPAnet Italia 2026** - Università Sapienza Roma 9 - 11 Sep 2026
Presenter: *De-familialization or de-genderization? Transforming care in Southern Europe between domestic politics and EU's pressure* | Session: The role of the EU union in caregiving and parenting: what direction are family policies taking?
- X Convegno SISEC 2026** - Università degli Studi di Firenze 28 - 31 Jan 2026
Presenter: *La transizione verde in agricoltura: coalizioni, conflitti e risposte di policy* | Session: Transizione giusta e futuro del lavoro: digitalizzazione, ecologia/energia, innovazione partecipativa.
- ESPAnet Italia 2025** - Politecnico di Torino 16 - 18 Sep 2025
Presenter: *Le "proteste dei trattori" in ottica eco-sociale: un'analisi del caso italiano* | Session: Implementing or resisting the green transition? Eco-social policies and politics in Europe.
- ESPAnet Italia 2024** - Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II 4 - 6 Sep 2024
Presenter: *Keeping up with societal development? The politics of paternity leave in Spain* | Session: Path departure in mature welfare states. Investigating policy change in traditionally neglected policy sectors.

SEMINARS

- Welfare and Public Policy Seminars Series** - Università degli Studi di Milano 26 Feb 2026
Presenter: *Classi sociali e welfare. Trent'anni di oblio?* (with Jessoula, M.; Bozzi, M.; Funari, P.; Novelli, L.).
- Welfare and Public Policy Seminars Series** - Università degli Studi di Milano 26 Nov 2025
Presenter: *Towards a "green" and "just" transition in agriculture? Political constraints on a systemic transformation.*

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZATION

- Welfare and Public Policy Seminars Series** - Università degli Studi di Milano Sep 2025 - Current
Scientific board
- ESPAnet Europe 2025** - Università degli Studi di Milano 27 - 29 Aug 2025
Staff, coordination of keynote speakers stay.
- ESPAnet Italia 2023** - Università degli Studi di Milano 13 - 15 Sep 2025
Staff, support and coordination of volunteers, welcome desk.
- EUROSHIP Project Final Conference** - European Parliament (Brussels) 8 Jun 2023

“Closing gaps in social protection against poverty in Europe”

Member of the organizing committee and supported with communication.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian | Native Speaker

English | C2

Spanish | C2

French | B1