

CURRICULUM VITAE

ALICE MERLER

Contact Information

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About myself

Current	PhD candidate in Political Studies (POLS) – NASP University of Milan, Italy Areas of interest: social policy and comparative welfare states
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Education

Jul 2023 – Jul 2026	Master's degree in Economics and Political Science (EPS) University of Milan, Italy Dissertation: <i>"Healthcare universalism in Southern European welfare regimes: the politics of the GeSY reform in Cyprus"</i> . Supervisor: Matteo Jessoula Final grade: 110/110 <i>cum laude</i>
Aug 2024 – Dec 2024	Erasmus+ exchange programme University of Oslo, Norway
Jul 2020 – Sep 2023	Bachelor's degree in International Studies University of Trento, Italy Final grade: 110/110 <i>cum laude</i>

Digital skills

Data analysis and statistical software: Excel, Stata, SPSS, R
Microsoft PowerPoint
Microsoft Word

Languages

Italian	Native
English	C1
German	C1
Russian	B2
Spanish	A2

Work experience

Sep 2025 – Dec 2025	Embassy of Italy – MAECI-CRUI traineeship Nicosia, Cyprus • Assisted in researching and analysing political, economic and social developments in the country
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- Supported the preparation of briefing notes, reports and background materials for diplomatic activities
- Contributed to the organisation of cultural and institutional events
- Managed external communication channels, including social media content and press releases
- Provided administrative and organizational support to daily office activities
- Contributed to drafting an informational guide for Cyprus. Available online: <https://piano-export.gov.it/diplomazia-della-crescita>

Apr 2025 – Sep 2025

European Social Observatory (OSE) – traineeship
Brussels, Belgium

- Contributed to EU-funded research on social policy through data collection, analysis, and synthesis, supporting work for DG EMPL
- Assisted in drafting policy briefs, research reports, and comparative country profiles for EU-level analysis
- Contributed to the work of the European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAN)
- Co-authored a publication on long-term care settings across European countries
- Contributed to a joint research project with the ILO on social protection for seasonal workers

Jun 2023 – Sep 2023

Secretary – University of Trento
Trento, Italy

- Provided information and support to students and academic staff
- Answered phone calls and managed institutional emails
- Monitored student access to the faculty building
- Oversaw classroom conditions and logistics

Volunteering

2016 – 2019

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Trento, Italy

- Provided study support to children with certified learning difficulties
- Tutored students from primary to secondary school
- Organised events and activities for children

Publications

European Commission: Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAN), Ghailani, D., Durri, I., Merler, A., Peña-Casas, R., Spasova, S., & Konstantinidou, D. (2026). *Long-term care settings for older people: an analysis covering 38 European countries*, Publications Office of the European Union.
<https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2767/0696787>

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Role: contributor