

LIDIA CERIANI

CURRICULUM VITAE – AUGUST 2026

summary

Lidia Ceriani is an Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) at the University of Verona. Her research focuses on measuring poverty and inequality and examining how public policies influence household welfare. Before joining Verona, she taught at the University of Bologna and at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Europe. From 2017 to 2024, she served as Assistant and then Associate Professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. Prior to transitioning to academia, she worked as an Economist at the World Bank in the Poverty and Equity Global Practice, contributing to the 2017 World Development Report. Earlier in her career, she lectured at Bocconi University, where she taught Public Economics and Principles of Economics. Her research has been published in leading international journals, including *World Development*, the *Review of Income and Wealth*, the *Journal of Economic Inequality*, and the *Journal of Development Studies*. She is Section Editor for Economics of the *Italian Journal of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Studies* (Rivista Italiana di Economia Demografia e Statistica). Lidia holds a Ph.D. in Public Economics from the University of Pavia and a B.A. in Economic and Social Sciences from Bocconi University, Milan, where she graduated with highest honors.

research interests

Poverty and inequality measurement; multidimensional well-being; distributional impact of public policy; applied welfare economics.

present positions

Oct. 2025 – present: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), University of Verona, Verona, Italy.
Jan. 2025 – present: Adjunct Professor, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
Aug. 2017 – present: Consultant, The World Bank, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, Washington DC, USA.
2026 – present: Section Editor for Economics, *Italian Journal of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Studies* (Rivista Italiana di Economia Demografia e Statistica), SIEDS.

national scientific qualification

Italian National Scientific Qualification (*Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale*) for Associate Professor in the following Academic Recruitment Fields:

13/A1 – Political Economy, effective from 03/10/2022
13/A3 – Public Economics, effective from 29/09/2022
13/D2 – Economic Statistics, effective from 17/06/2026

past positions

Aug. 2024 – Jul. 2025: Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna, Italy.
Aug. 2020 – Aug. 2024: Associate Professor, NTL, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA.
Aug. 2017 – Jul. 2020: Assistant Professor, NTL, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA.
Sep. 2016 – Jul. 2017: Economist, The World Bank, Development Economics Department, Washington DC, USA.
Sep. 2014 – Aug. 2016: Extended Term Consultant, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA.
Sep. 2012 – Aug. 2014: Short Term Consultant, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA.
Sep. 2008 – Aug. 2012: Lecturer, Department of Institutional Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi Uni-

versity, Milan, Italy.

education

2003 – 2006: Ph.D. in Public Economics, University of Pavia, Italy.

2004 – 2005: First-year Ph.D. coursework, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

1998 – 2003: Degree in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy (110/110 *magna cum laude*).

honors and awards

Gold Medal for Best Graduates, Bocconi University (A.Y. 2001/02)

Prize “Roberto Franceschi” for the best Bocconi University undergraduate dissertation in Development Economics (A.Y. 2001/02)

Bocconi fellowship for teaching and research assistantship, Department of Economics (A.Y. 2003/04)

Three-year fellowship (2004–2007), Ph.D. program in Public Economics, University of Pavia

publications in refereed journals

Ceriani, L., C. Gigliarano and P. Verme (2025) “Optimizing Data-Driven Weights in Multidimensional Indexes,” *Economics Letters*, 255, 112499, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2025.112499>

Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2024) “Gini on Mutability,” *METRON*, 82, 269–292, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40300-024-00279-2>

Ceriani, L., S. Olivieri and M. Ranzani (2023) “Housing, Imputed Rent, and Household Welfare,” *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 21, 131–168, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-022-09545-7>

Hlasny, V., L. Ceriani and P. Verme (2022) “Bottom Incomes and the Measurement of Poverty and Inequality,” *Review of Income and Wealth*, 68(4), 970–1006, <https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12535>

Bolch, K.B., L. Ceriani and L.F. López-Calva (2022) “Arithmetics and Politics of Domestic Resource Mobilization for Poverty Eradication,” *World Development*, 149, 105691, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105691>

Ceriani, L., S. Scabrosetti and F. Scervini (2022) “Inequality, Privatization, and Democratic Institutions in Developing Countries,” *Hacienda Pública Española/Review of Public Economics*, 240(1), 85–109, <https://dx.doi.org/10.7866/HPE-RPE.22.1.4>

Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2022) “Population Changes and the Measurement of Inequality,” *Social Indicators Research*, 162, 549–575, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-021-02849-7>

Ceriani, L. and C. Gigliarano (2020) “Multidimensional Well-Being: A Bayesian Networks Approach,” *Social Indicators Research*, 152, 237–263, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-020-02432-6>

Balcázar, C.F., L. Ceriani, S. Olivieri and M. Ranzani (2017) “Rent-Imputation for Welfare Measurement: A Review of Methodologies and Empirical Findings,” *Review of Income and Wealth*, 63(4), 881–898, <https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12312>

Ceriani, L. and C. Gigliarano (2015) “An Inter-temporal Relative Deprivation Index,” *Social Indicators Research*, 124(2), 427–443, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-014-0791-7>

Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2015) “Individual Diversity and the Gini Decomposition,” *Social Indicators Research*, 121, 637–646, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-014-0656-0>

Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2014) “The Income Lever and the Allocation of Aid,” *Journal of Development Studies*, 50(11), 1510–1522, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2014.951037>

Ceriani, L., C. Fiorio and C. Gigliarano (2013) “The Importance of Choosing the Data Set for Tax-Benefit Analysis,” *International Journal of Microsimulation*, 6(1), 86–121, <https://doi.org/10.34196/ijm.00078>

Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2012) “The Origins of the Gini Index: Extracts from *Variabilità e Mutabilità* (1912) by Corrado Gini,” *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 10(3), 421–443, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-011-9188-x>

Ceriani, L. and M. Florio (2011) “Consumer Surplus and the Reform of Network Industries: A Primer,” *Journal of Economics*, 102(2), 111–122, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00712-010-0172-x>

Ceriani, L. and S. Scabrosetti (2011) “Labour Tax Reforms and Poverty in Europe,” *Rivista di Diritto Fi-*

chapters in books

- Hlasny, V., L. Ceriani and P. Verme (2023) “Bottom Incomes and the Measurement of Poverty,” in J. Silber (Ed.) *Handbook of Research on Measuring Poverty and Deprivation*, Ch. 15, Edward Elgar, 161–170, <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800883451.00025>
- Ceriani, L. (2018) “Vulnerability to Poverty: Empirical Findings,” in C. D’Ambrosio (Ed.) *Handbook of Research on Economic and Social Well-Being*, Ch. 12, Edward Elgar, <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781781953716.00017>
- Bossert, W., L. Ceriani, S.R. Chakravarty and C. D’Ambrosio (2014) “Intertemporal Material Deprivation,” in A. Lemmi and G. Betti (Eds.) *Poverty and Social Exclusion: New Methods of Analysis*, Routledge, 128–142.
- Artoni, R. and L. Ceriani (2012) “Il debito pubblico in Italia e in Belgio,” in G. Arachi, A. Casarico, L. Ceriani, C. Devillanova, C. Fumagalli, P. Profeta and A. Zanardi (Eds.) *Economia pubblica e istituzioni. Scritti di e per Roberto Artoni*, Percorsi, Il Mulino, Bologna, 169–178.
- Ceriani, L. (2006) “South Korea,” in L. Bernardi, A. Franchini and P. Shome (Eds.) *Tax Systems and Tax Reforms in South and East Asia*, Routledge, London and New York.

edited books

- Arachi, G., A. Casarico, L. Ceriani, C. Devillanova, C. Fumagalli, P. Profeta and A. Zanardi (Eds.) (2012) *Economia pubblica e istituzioni [Public Finance and Institutions]*, Percorsi, Il Mulino, Bologna.

working papers and policy reports

- Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2020) “Excess Mortality as a Predictor of Mortality Crises: The Case of COVID-19 in Italy,” *GLO Discussion Paper Series*, 618, Global Labor Organization.
- Ceriani, L. and M. Ranzani (2019) “Evaluating the Accuracy of Homeowners’ Self-Assessed Rent in Metropolitan Lima,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, 8983.
- Ceriani, L. and P. Verme (2018) “Risk Preferences and the Decision to Flee Conflict,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, 8376.
- Ceriani, L., G. Inchauste and S. Olivieri (2015) “Understanding Poverty Reduction in Sri Lanka: Evidence from 2002 to 2012/13,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, 7446.
- Ceriani, L., R. Doronzo and M. Florio (2009) “Privatization, Unbundling, and Liberalization of Network Industries: A Discussion of the Dominant Policy Paradigm in the EU,” *DEAS Working Papers*, 2009-09.
- Ceriani, L. (2007) “Vulnerability to Poverty,” *CRISS Working Paper*, 22-2007.

work in progress

- Ceriani, L., L.F. López-Calva and K.B. Bolch “The Middle Class in the BRICS: Definition and Recent Evolution.”
- Ceriani, L., L.F. López-Calva and S.D. Restrepo-Oyola “Territorial Inequalities: A Note on State Discontinuity.”
- Bossert, W., L. Ceriani and C. D’Ambrosio “The Concentration of Political Influence and Gini’s Notion of Transvariation.”
- Bolch, K.B., L. Ceriani, I. Gill and L.F. López-Calva “Measuring the Global Middle Class.”

research projects and consultancies

- Dec. 2022 – present:* Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Global Practice. Measurement and analysis of the middle class on a global scale.
- Apr.–May 2022:* Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Global Practice. Design of a training course on distributional analysis for senior policymakers and government officials in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (project leader: M. Ranzani).
- May–Jun. 2020:* Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Global Practice. Distributional impact and elasticity of electricity tariffs in Pakistan (project leader: S. Redaelli).
- Mar.–Jun. 2019:* Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Global Practice. Update of the poverty profile for

Pakistan (project leader: S. Redaelli).

Mar. 2018: Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Global Practice. Data analysis and drafting of two papers on rent imputation (project leader: S. Olivieri).

Feb. 2018: Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Global Practice. Background note “Top Income and Wealth in ECA: A Survey” for Bussolo, M., M. Dávalos, V. Peragine and R. Sundaram (2018) *Toward a New Social Contract: Taking on Distributional Tensions in Europe and Central Asia*, World Bank (project leader: M. Bussolo).

Sep. 2012 – Aug. 2014: Consultant, World Bank Group, ECA-PREM. Distributional and policy impact analysis, Western Balkans and EU12 countries (project leader: C. Ruggeri Laderchi).

May 2009 – Dec. 2017: EUROMOD Updating, European Commission (Seventh Framework Programme). Preparation of the annual tax-benefit model report for Italy.

May 2010 – May 2011: Project Coordinator and Analyst, “The Role and Impact of Labour Taxation Policies,” commissioned by the European Commission DG Employment. Analysis of the labour-market impact of taxation policies and catalogue of post-1990 labour tax and social security reforms in 28 EU Member States plus Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Serbia and the United States (Econpubblica, Bocconi University).

Sep. 2007 – Sep. 2008: Research Assistant, “Understanding Privatisation Policy: Political Economy and Welfare Effects,” European Commission (Sixth Framework Programme). Data collection and analysis, background papers (project leader: M. Florio).

Sep. 2006 – Sep. 2007: Research Assistant, CRISS (Inter-university Welfare State Research Center; Universities of Siena, Rome La Sapienza and Bocconi). Background papers for “Inequality: Mechanisms, Effects and Policies.”

Sep. 2003 – Sep. 2004: Research Assistant, CNEL (Italian National Council for Economics and Labour). European policy, public finance, social security funds, fiscal system.

visiting positions

Jun. 2018: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Università degli Studi dell’Insubria, Varese, Italy.

Jan.–Sep. 2007: Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside, USA (invited by Prof. Prasanta Pattanaik).

teaching experience

University of Verona; 2025 – *present*:

DOCTORAL

Inequality – Ph.D. in Economics and Finance (Spring 2026)

GRADUATE

Business Statistics – M.Sc. in Corporate Governance and Business Administration; M.Sc. in Marketing and Business Communication (Fall 2025)

University of Bologna; 2025 – *present*:

GRADUATE

Public Economics – M.Sc. in Politics, Administration and Organization (Spring 2025, 2026)

Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe, Bologna; 2024 – 2025:

GRADUATE

International Economics (Fall 2024)

Georgetown University, Washington DC; 2017 – 2024:

GRADUATE

Game Theory for Policymakers – M.S. Foreign Service (Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022)

Analytical/Statistical Skills – M.S. Foreign Service (Fall 2019)

Economics of Development: Poverty Alleviation – M.A. Global Human Development (Spring 2018–2024)

Governance in Development: Thinking Strategically – School of Foreign Service (Spring 2021–2024)

UNDERGRADUATE

Economics of Diversity (Fall 2021; Spring 2022, 2023, 2024)
Researching Inequality (Fall 2017, 2018)
Economics of the Public Sector (Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021; Spring 2023)
Game Theory for Policymakers (Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024; Fall 2022)
International Development Organizations Research Agenda (Spring 2018–2022; Fall 2022)

Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Varese; A.Y. 2017/18:

DOCTORAL

Understanding Poverty: Measurement and Policies – Ph.D. in Economics

Bocconi University, Milan; 2007 – 2012:

UNDERGRADUATE

Public Economics (Scienza delle Finanze) – multiple sections, A.Y. 2007/08–2011/12

Principles of Economics (Principi di Economia) – multiple sections, A.Y. 2007/08–2011/12

conferences
workshops
and invited
presentations

2026

Invited presenter, Seminar Series of the Economics Department 'Marco Biagi', University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. "Forbes List of Billionaires Evolution of Global Wealth Concentration, 1996–2024", Modena, Italy, February 10th.

2025

Invited discussant, book presentation of G. Gabbuti (Ed.) *Non è giusta. L'Italia delle disuguaglianze* (Laterza, 2025). Biblioteca Walter Bigiavi, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy, December 15th. Discussants: L. Ceriani and G. Pignataro; chair: S. Toso.

2023

ECINEQ, 10th Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Aix-en-Provence, France, July. "Measuring the Global Middle Class" (with K.B. Bolch, I. Gill, L.F. López-Calva).

2020

Invited lecture on Inequality and the SDGs, University of Luxembourg (Prof. C. D'Ambrosio), with the Chambre des Salariés, CREA, the EIB Institute, LIS, LISER and STATEC, Luxembourg, March (cancelled due to COVID-19).

2019

IARIW–World Bank Conference on Poverty Measurement, Washington DC, November. "The Inequality of Extreme Incomes" (with P. Verme).

ECINEQ, 8th Meeting, Paris, France, July. "Weights in Multidimensional Indices of Wellbeing: A New Approach" (with C. Gigliarano).

UNDP Consultation on Topics for the Next Regional Human Development Report, Buenos Aires, Argentina, May.

2017

ECINEQ, 7th Meeting, New York, USA, July. "Inequality, Privatization and Democratic Institutions in Developing Countries" (with S. Scabrosetti and F. Scervini); "Decisions under Uncertainty: Are Victims of Conflict Quantile Maximizers?" (with P. Verme).

2016

SIEP, Italian Society of Public Economics, Lecce, Italy, September. "World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law"; "Arithmetics and Politics of Domestic Resource Mobilization" (with L.F. López-Calva and K.B. Bolch).

UNU-WIDER Symposium on the Political Economy of Social Protection in Developing Countries, Mexico City, Mexico, February. "The Arithmetics and Politics of Domestic Resource Mobilization" (with K.B. Bolch and L.F. López-Calva).

2013

ECINEQ, 5th Meeting, Bari, Italy, July. "Subjective and Objective Well-Being: A Bayesian Networks Approach" (with C. Gigliarano); "The Income Lever and the Allocation of Aid" (with P. Verme).

2011

ECINEQ, 4th Meeting, Catania, Italy, July. "An Inter-temporal Relative Deprivation Index" and "Multi-

variate Well-Being Analysis: A Bayesian Networks Approach” (both with C. Gigliarano); “The Distributional Impact of Privatization in Developing Countries: The Role of Democratic Institutions” (with S. Scabrosetti).

MEEW Workshop, Milan, Italy, June. “The Distributional Impact of Privatization in Developing Countries: The Role of Democratic Institutions” (with S. Scabrosetti).

2010

SSCW, 10th International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Moscow, Russia, August. “An Inter-temporal Relative Deprivation Index” (with C. Gigliarano).

IARIW, 31st General Conference, St. Gallen, Switzerland, August. “An Inter-temporal Relative Deprivation Index” (with C. Gigliarano).

GRASS IV Workshop, Modena, Italy, September.

2006–2009

ISER, University of Essex, EUROMOD advanced training course, October 2009.

CEPS/INSTEAD, Ateliers de Recherche, September 2009.

Fourth Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory, Alba di Canazei, Italy, January 2009.

IARIW, 30th General Conference, Portorož, Slovenia, August 2008.

ECINEQ, 2nd Meeting, Berlin, Germany, July 2007.

ECINEQ Summer School, “New Perspectives on the Study of Inequality, Poverty and Redistribution,” Palma de Mallorca, Spain, July 2006.

Luxembourg Income Study Summer Workshop, Luxembourg, June 2006.

editorial and professional service

Section Editor for Economics, *Italian Journal of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Studies* (Rivista Italiana di Economia Demografia e Statistica), Società Italiana di Economia, Demografia e Statistica (SIEDS), 2026–present. <https://www.rieds-journal.org/rieds/about/editorialTeam>

Editorial Board Member, *Italian Journal of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Studies* (Rivista Italiana di Economia Demografia e Statistica), 2023–2026.

Editorial Assistant, *Review of Income and Wealth*, 2008–2014.

External Examiner, Ph.D. program, Department of Economics and Law, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, 2026.

External Examiner, Ph.D. in Methods and Models for Economic Decisions, University of Insubria, Varese, Italy, 2019 and 2021.

Referee for: *Journal of Economic Inequality*; *Review of Income and Wealth*; *Hacienda Pública Española/Review of Public Economics*; *Metroeconomica*; *Review of Development Economics*; *Oxford Development Studies*; *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*; *European Planning Studies*; *Italian Journal of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Studies*.

professional memberships

Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)

International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)

Società Italiana di Economia, Demografia e Statistica (SIEDS)

Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica (SIEP)

skills

Software: Stata, R (advanced); Mathematica (working knowledge); L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office (advanced)

Languages: Italian (native); English (full professional proficiency – language of instruction and research since 2007); Spanish (reading proficiency, conversational); French (intermediate spoken and reading, basic writing)