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Formation

Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences, University of Messina. Thesis: The Conflict of Interpretations on the Role of Death in Heidegger and Marcuse. Grade: 110/110 cum laude (2018-2021)

Master's Degree in Cognitive Sciences and Decision-Making Processes, University of Milan. Thesis: Elderly People "Tired of Living" and "Wish to Die": A Critical Analysis of the Phenomenon and Discussion of Its Ethical and Social Implications. Grade: 104/110 (2021-2024)

Actual position

PhD Student in Sociology at the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.

Cycle: XL; Specialization: GSPS-05/A - General Sociology; Supervisor: Professor Luigi Tronca (University of Verona); Co-supervisor: Professor Sandro Stanzani (University of Verona).

Publications

Grasso, G. (2025). Elderly people "tired of living" and "wish to die": A critical analysis of the phenomenon and discussion of its ethical and social implications. *Notizie di Politeia*, 41, 134–153.

Grasso, G., & Stanzani, S. (2026). Italian Caregivers: Interpreting Their Role and Using Support Services. In D. Bramanti, F. Ferrucci, & L. Tronca (Eds.), *From Caregiver to Caregiving. Care Relationships, Social Capital, and Welfare Policies* (pp. 117–132). EDUCatt.

Participation in conferences and seminars

Participation and contribution to the 2nd International Conference "Thinking about Care, Inhabiting Care. Phenomenology of the Encounter: Perspectives, Experiences, and Practices," held at the University of Bari "Aldo Moro," in the afternoon session of November 27. The conference was sponsored by the University of Bari "Aldo Moro" in collaboration with FFA Sostegno, CIRLaGE, Progetto VERSO, the Laboratory of Phenomenology and Human Sciences, and the Italian Philosophical Society – Bari Section. Presentation title: "Care as an Event in the Relational Space: The Potential of the Day Center."

Participation, with a poster presentation, in the conference "Doing Sociological Research on Families. Challenges and Perspectives," University of Turin, December 11-12, 2025. The conference was organized by the University of Turin, the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, the University of Milan, the University of Milan-Bicocca, the University of Eastern Piedmont, the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, and the University of Macerata. Poster title: "Care as a Cultural Product in Italy: Caregiving Practices and Values."

Participation, with an oral presentation, in the seminar "Social Capital in Care Practices in Italy: Social Support in the World of Work and Frail Health," organized by the Department of Human Sciences of the University of Verona, Verona, December 15, 2025. Presentation title: "Caregiving in Italy: Definition and Quantification of the Phenomenon Through EHIS-ISTAT Data."

Participation, with a contribution, in the event "Mors tua, thesis mea," organized by the Italian Network of Death and Oblivion (NIMO), Antonio Pasqualino International Puppet Museum, Palermo, March 20-22, 2026. Presentation title: "Bureaucratizing Death or Reconfiguring Social Bonds? A Sociological Reflection on the 'Wish to Die'"

Participation, with a contribution, in the 8th Conference of the Italian Scientific Society of Sociology, Culture and Communication (SISCC) "Crash! Rethinking Humanity between Narratives and Conflicts," University of Roma Tre, June 17-19, 2026. The conference was organized by the Italian Scientific Society of Sociology, Culture and Communication (SISCC) and the University of Roma Tre. The presentation will be titled: "The Empowerment of Caregiving Practices in Family Caregiving: From Analysis to Network Intervention. The Urgency of a Paradigm Shift."

Academic and research experiences

Curricular internship — Department of Oncology and Hemato-Oncology, University of Milan | 12/2023–02/2024

Preparation of a scientific manuscript for a national journal. Supervisor: Prof. Virginia Sanchini

Visiting PhD Researcher — Faculty of Nursing, Université de Montréal & Research Centre of the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal | 03/2026–05/2026
Supervisor: Prof. Anne Bourbonnais.

RESEARCH PROJECT OF RELEVANT NATIONAL INTEREST (PRIN) - 'Social capital as a resource for care practice in Italy: Care and social support in the pandemic period' - Prot. 2022B58JHF, Funded by the European Union - NextGenerationEU, Ministry of Universities and Research, Italia Domani - NATIONAL RESILIENCE AND REHABILITATION PLAN (PNRR) - Mission 4 'Education and Research' - Component 2, Investment 1. 1, 'Fund for the National Research Programme and Projects of Significant National Interest (PRIN)', Directorial Decree no. 104 of 2 February 2022, Public Notice for the presentation of Research Projects of Significant National Interest (PRIN) to be financed under the PNRR. CUP (University of Verona): B53D23019350006. Principal Investigator: Prof. Donatella Bramanti (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan). Associated Investigator: Prof. Fabio Ferrucci (University of Molise). Associated investigator: Prof. Luigi Tronca (University of Verona). Member of the Research Unit of the University of Verona.

Editorial experience

Copyeditor — Italian Sociological Review | 2026–present

Editorial Board Member — Italian Sociological Review | 2026–present

SkillsMethods

Social Network Analysis: Skills in social network analysis; advanced use of software such as UCINET6 and Social Network Visualizer.

Quantitative Analysis: Skills in descriptive and inferential data analysis, using open-source software such as PSPP and Jamovi for dataset management, performing statistical tests (t-test, ANOVA, regression, etc.), and producing graphical and tabular output.

Language Skills

English: B2 (Upper-Intermediate)

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