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Research interests

Socio-economic Inequalities; Well-being; Inequality of Opportunity; Climate change; Just Transition

Current position

2024 - 2026 **Post-doctoral research fellow, University of Florence**
Project: Social policies for adaptation and transition in Tuscany

The project aims at exploring who is most likely to be affected by climate change and transition risks therefore assessing the efficacy of the social protection policies currently at work in Italy, with a focus on Tuscany.

Education

2020 – 2024 **Tuscan Universities - Siena, Florence, Pisa** – Florence, Italy
PhD in Economics
Supervisor: Paolo Brunori

Thesis: **Unfair inequality: the definition of merit, the role of country of birth and the cumulative disadvantage**

PhD defense committee: Paul Hufe, Flaviana Palmisano, Simone D'Alessandro

2017 – 2019 **Bocconi University** – Milan, Italy
MA in Economics and Management of Government and International Organizations
Supervisor: Carlo Devillanova. *Final grade: 105/110.*

Thesis: **The migration decision of trafficked Nigerian women: fieldwork with the rescued.**

2013 – 2017 **University of Bari** – Bari, Italy
BA in Economics and Business Administration
Supervisor: Paolo Brunori. *Final grade: 109/110.*

Thesis: **Estimation of the "Toil Index" of R.H. Frank: Italy, 1989-2014**

Visiting research periods

Oct - Dec 2024	London School of Economics and Political Science – London, United Kingdom
Sep - Dec 2022	London School of Economics and Political Science – London, United Kingdom
Feb - June 2022	Paris School of Economics – Paris, France

Other relevant experience

May 2025	Guest lecturer School of Political Science “Cesare Alfieri”, University of Florence Session on <i>Technological change and inequality</i> within the course <i>Global Inequalities</i> taught by Paolo Brunori
Sep 2024 - June 2025	Orientation expert School of Political Science “Cesare Alfieri”, University of Florence Deliver high school outreach activities in Tuscany on the topic “The future of work” with a focus on the impact of green transition and AI on the labour market
May 2024	Guest lecturer School of Political Science “Cesare Alfieri”, University of Florence Session on <i>Multidimensional poverty</i> within the course <i>Global Inequalities</i>
April 2024	Teaching Assistant School of Political Science “Cesare Alfieri”, University of Florence Led exercise class for the <i>Political Economy</i> course
Sep 2020 - Feb 2021	Teaching assistant, Public Finance (BSc), Bocconi University Mentor: Alessandra Casarico (Bocconi University)
May - Sep 2020	External research collaborator, IRPET Mentors: Maria Luisa Maitino, Letizia Ravagli, Nicola Sciclone (IRPET - Istituto Regionale Programmazione Economica della Toscana). Research project: analysis of determinants of supply and demand of formal child care services Main tasks: data management and statistical analysis, report writing
2019	Research assistant, Forum Disuguaglianze e Diversità Research project: <i>Life debts and Modern Slavery</i> funded by Fondazione Roberto Franceschi Onlus Main tasks: data collection through personal interview survey to Nigerian women victims of sex trafficking, data management and analysis

- 2019 **Research assistant intern, ICRIOS - nvernizzi Center for Research on Innovation, Organization, Strategy and Entrepreneurship**
Research project: *Creare valore con la cultura in carcere*
Main tasks: literature review on impact measurement of rehabilitative activities in jailhouses, data management and analysis, draft report writing

Work in progress

Born to struggle: inequality of opportunity in income, health and education

Valentini, A., Brunori, P., Consolo, A.

Playing the birth lottery in Europe

Valentini, A., Brunori, P., Ferreira, F. and Salas-Rojo, P.

Mind the bottlenecks: the social cost of narrow definitions of merit

Valentini, A.

Publications

- 2025 **Disuguaglianze e integrazione dei migranti regolari in Italia**
Valentini A., Brunori P., Pettini A.
in Crimini e caporali. Lo sfruttamento nell'epoca del lavoro flessibile
Futura Editrice ISBN: 9788823025400
- 2025 **Review of the most likely risks and shocks in Europe**
Palencia-Esteban, A., Valentini, A.
SPES Focus- Work Package 6, project SPES - Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios. Florence: University of Florence.
- 2024 **Una lettura multidimensionale della povertà: la deprivazione cumulata**
La povertà e l'inclusione sociale in Toscana - Settimo Rapporto 2023
ISBN: 9788894721270
- 2023 **Fenomeni di polarizzazione nel mercato del lavoro**
Valentini, A.
Nota di lavoro 23/2023, IRPET.
- 2022 **Accesso ai servizi per la prima infanzia in Toscana: opportunità, necessità, disponibilità, costi.**
Maitino, M., Ravagli, L., Valentini, A.
Rivista delle politiche sociali. RPS N. 2/2022 ISBN: 9788823024472

- 2019 **Creare valore con la cultura in carcere: 1° Rapporto di Ricerca sulle Attività Trattamentali negli Istituti di Pena a Milano.**
 Co-author of the second part of the volume **Creare valore con la cultura in carcere**
 Giordano, F., Perrini, F., Langer, D., Pagano, L.
EGEA spa ISBN: 9788823817128

Conferences and Seminars

- 2025: Renaissance in Economics (Florence, Italy), AISRe 2025 (Pescara, Italy)
- 2024: Poverty, Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility: Measurement Issues, Empirical Evidence and Policies, Sapienza University (Italy); ifo Conference on Understanding Socio-Economic Inequalities with Novel Data and Methods (Munich, Germany); 17th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (IT17) - Inequality and Big Challenges (Alba di Canazei, Italy)
- 2023: HILDA Survey Research Conference (Melbourne University); School of Economics Brown Bag Seminar, University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia); 10th Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality - ECINEQ 23 (Aix-en-Provence, France); PhD annual meeting (Certosa di Pontignano, Italy); CISEPS 2023 Annual Workshop - Tackling Inequality: Challenges, Research, and Policies (Milan, Italy); 16th Winter School on Inequality and Collective Welfare Theory (IT16) - Inequalities, social norms and migration (Alba di Canazei, Italy)
- 2022: International Inequalities Institute (LSE) Doctoral Seminar (London, UK); PhD annual meeting, (Certosa di Pontignano, Italy)
- 2020: XIII Conferenza ESPAnet - Il welfare state di fronte alle sfide globali (online)

Skills and others

Programming languages, software and tools

R, Stata, Python, \LaTeX

Languages

Italian, English, French

Reviewer

Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society; Review of Development Economics; Baltic Journal of Economics

Media

La deprivazione cumulata Una lettura multidimensionale della povertà

Abbasso la meritocrazia? L'equivoco di una giustizia sociale basata sul merito,
Menabò di Etica e Economia, 14.03.2023

<https://www.forumdisuguaglianzediversita.org/disuguaglianze-debiti-e-tratta-diventano-oggetto-di-due-tesi-di-laurea-magistrale/>

References

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