Gaia Ghirardi

Curriculum Vitae

European University Institute
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Research Interests

social stratification, educational inequality, sociogenomics

Education

2020

Ph.D. researcher in Political and Social Sciences
European University Institute, Florence
Thesis: "Gene-environment interaction and educational inequality"
Advisor: Fabrizio Bernardi

2020–2021

MSc of Research in Political and Social Science
European University Institute, Florence

2017–2020

M.A. Sociology, *(with distinction)*
University of Trento & University of Bamberg (Double degree program)
Thesis: "Unequal since the beginning? How early childcare amongst under-threes affects children's cognitive and socio-emotional skills in Germany"
Advisors: Prof. Corinna Kleinert & Moris Triventi

2014–2017

B.A. Sociology, *(with distinction)*
University of Milano Bicocca
Thesis: "The relation between cultural capital and achievement in Italy: an analysis of PISA 2015 data"
Advisor: Maurizio Pisati

Visiting positions and Exchanges

2022

Visiting Scholar
Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED)
Invited by: Lidia Panico

2022

Visiting Scholar
Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST)
Invited by: Felix Tropf

2016

Exchange Semester at Political Sciences Department
University of Vienna

Research Assistant Jobs

2019 2020
Student Research Assistant
University of Bamberg
NORFACE project: Life-Course Dynamics of Educational Tracking (LIFETRACK)
Steffen Schindler

2019
Student Research Assistant
University of Bamberg
DFG Project: Recent Immigration Processes and Early Integration Trajectories in Germany (ENTRA)
Cornelia Kristen

Teaching Assistant Jobs

2019 2020
Tutor Quantitative Methods at University of Trento
Department of sociology, BA level
Quantitative Methods in Sociology, Enrico Rettore
Quantitative Methods in International Studies, Stefano Benati

Academic Services Experiences

2021
Co-organizer working group and seminars at European University Institute
CLIC, DISTANT CLIC and Inequality Working Group (IWG)
Sponsors: Fabrizio Bernardi and Juho Härkönen

Trainings

2022
Introduction to Social Science Genetics
University of Oslo
Felix Tropf

2021
Nature and Nurture: Twin Research and Human Genetics
VU Amsterdam Summer School

2020
Introduction to Sociogenomics
The Silver Beach Institute
Robbee Wedow and Andrew Grotzinger

2019
Panel Data Analysis
GESIS Training Course in Mannheim
Josef Brüderl

Awards and Scholarships

2021
Travel Award (Dronkers Award), *ISA RC28: Accumulation and compensation of inequalities, Turku, Finland*

2019
Price for the best Poster Presentation, *4th NEPS Conference, LIfBi, Bamberg, Germany*

2019
Double-degree scholarship, *University of Trento*

2016 ━━━━ **Merit-based scholarship**, *University of Milano Bicocca*

━━━━ Working in progress

Ghirardi G., Baier T., Kleinert C., Triventi M., "Is early formal childcare a potential equalizer? How attending childcare and education centres affects children's cognitive and socio-emotional skills in Germany"

━━━━ Conferences

2022 ━━━━ **PAA Annual Conference, ISA RC28 Spring Meeting, ECSR Annual Conference**
Atlanta (US), London (UK), Amsterdam (NL) - *Oral Presentations*
European Social Science Genomics Network (ESSGN) Conference, SISEC Conference
Bologna (IT) - *Oral presentations*

2021 ━━━━ **ISA RC28 Spring Meeting, ECSR Annual Conference**
Online, Turku (FI) - *Oral Presentations*

2019 ━━━━ **NEPS Conference**
Bamberg (DE) - *Poster Presentation*

━━━━ Invited Talks

2022 ━━━━ **Do high-SES parents compensate for genetic risk for poor educational achievement in offspring?**, *VU University Amsterdam*

2022 ━━━━ **Does family socioeconomic background moderate the genetic association on education and income?**, *European University Institute*

━━━━ Additional Skills

Languages   Italian (Native), English (Competent)
Programming   Stata (Competent) LaTeX(Competent) R (Basic) SPSS (Basic)