

GAIA GHIRARDI

Curriculum Vitae

European University Institute

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Research Interests

social stratification, educational inequality, sociogenomics

Education

Ph.D. researcher in Political and Social Sciences

European University Institute, Florence

Thesis: “Gene-environment interaction and educational inequality”

Advisor: Fabrizio Bernardi

MSc of Research in Political and Social Science

European University Institute, Florence

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

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

Visiting Scholar (scheduled)

Institut National d’Etudes Démographiques (INED)

Invited by: Lidia Panico

Visiting Scholar (scheduled)

Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST)

Invited by: Felix Tropsch

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, ESSGN Conference, SISEC Conference**
Atlanta (US), London (UK), Amsterdam (NL) 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)

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