Gaia Ghirardi

Curriculum Vitae

European University Institute
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Research Interests

social stratification, educational inequality, early childhood, 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: Moris Triventi, Corinna Kleinert & Tina Baier

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

Academic and Professional Positions

2022

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

2022

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

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

2019
2020

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

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

2019
2020 **Teaching Assistant for Quantitative Methods**
University of Trento, Department of sociology, BA level
Quantitative Methods in Sociology, Enrico Rettore
Quantitative Methods in International Studies, Stefano Benati

2016 **Exchange Semester at Political Sciences Department**
University of Vienna

Awards and Scholarships

2022 **INED visiting 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*

Publications

Ghirardi G., Baier T., Kleinert C., Triventi M., (2022) "Is early formal childcare an equalizer? How attending childcare and education centres affects children's cognitive and socio-emotional skills in Germany" *European Sociological Review*

Working in progress

Ghirardi G., & Bernardi F., "The moderation of family socioeconomic background on the genetic association on educational outcomes characterized by different levels of selectivity"

Ghirardi G., Gil-Hernández C., Willemsen G., Bernardi F., van Bergen E., Demange P., "Compensation of genetic (non)cognitive skills on education: Evidence from the Netherlands"

Summer and Winter Schools

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

Conferences

2022   **PAA Annual Conference, ISA RC28 Spring Meeting, ECSR Annual Conference, ESSGN Conference, SISEC Conference, PopFest**
Atlanta (US), London (UK), Amsterdam (NL) Bologna (IT) Florence (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   **Gene-environments interaction: family's social class, genetic predisposition to education and educational outcomes**, *ECSR's Network Workshop, European University Institute*

Additional Skills

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

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