

GAIA GHIRARDI

Curriculum Vitae

European University Institute

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EDUCATION

- 2020 - Present **European University Institute**, Florence
Ph.D. researcher in Social and Political Sciences
Thesis (working title): “Gene-environment interaction and educational inequality”
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. F. Bernardi & Prof. Dr. J. Härkönen
- 2020 - 2021 **European University Institute**, Florence
MSc of Research in Political and Social Sciences
- 2017 - 2020 **University of Trento, University of Bamberg** *Double degree program*
M.A. Sociology (*with distinction*)
Thesis: “Unequal since the beginning? How early childcare amongst under-threes affects children’s cognitive and socio-emotional skills in Germany”
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. C. Kleinert & Prof. Dr. M. Triventi
- 2014 - 2017 **University of Milano Bicocca**
B.A. Sociology (*with distinction*)
Thesis: “The relation between cultural capital and achievement in Italy: an analysis of PISA 2015 data”
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. M. Pisati
- WINTER 2016 **University of Vienna**
Exchange Semester at Political Sciences Department

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

- September 2021 - Today **Co-organizer working group and seminars at European University Institute**
[CLIC](#), [DISTANT CLIC](#) and [Inequality Working Group \(IWG\)](#)
Sponsors: Prof. Dr. Fabrizio Bernardi, Prof. Dr. J. Härkönen
- January 2019 - March 2020 **Student Research Assistant at University of Bamberg**
NORFACE project: Life-Course Dynamics of Educational Tracking (LIFE-TRACK) Prof. Dr. Steffen Schindler
- January 2019 - March 2019 **Student Research Assistant at University of Bamberg**
DFG Project: Recent Immigration Processes and Early Integration Trajectories in Germany (ENTRA) Prof. Dr. Cornelia Kristen

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

October 2019 - March 2020 **Tutor Quantitative Methods at University of Trento**
Department of sociology, BA level
Quantitative Methods in Sociology, Prof. Dr. Enrico Rettore
Quantitative Methods in International Studies, Prof. Dr. Stefano Benati

SUMMER SCHOOLS, WORKSHOPS, AND TRAININGS

July 5 - 16, 2021 **Nature and Nurture: Twin Research and Human Genetics**
VU Amsterdam Summer School
October 16 - December 21, 2020 **Introduction to Social Science Genetics**
The Silver Beach Institute
Dr. Robbee Wedow and Dr. Andrew Grotzinger
May 14 - 15, 2019 **Panel Data Analysis**
GESIS Training Course in Mannheim
Prof. Dr. Josef Brüderl

CONFERENCES

October 7 - 8, 2021 **ECSR Annual Conference**
Online Conference - Oral presentation
June 2 - 4, 2021 **ISA RC28 Spring Meeting**
University of Turku, Finland - Oral presentation
November 7 - 8, 2019 **4th NEPS Conference**
LifBi, Bamberg, Germany - Poster presentation

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

June 2 - 4, 2021 **Travel Award (Dronkers Award)**
ISA RC28: Accumulation and compensation of inequalities, Turku, Finland
November 7 - 8, 2019 **Price for the best Poster Presentation**
4th NEPS Conference, LifBi, Bamberg, Germany
September - August, 2019 **Double-degree scholarship**
University of Trento
September 2016 **Merit-based scholarship**
University of Milano Bicocca

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES: **Italian** - Native
 English - Competent

SOFTWARE: **Stata** - Competent
 R - Basic
 SPSS - Basic
 L^AT_EX - Competent
 LimeSurvey - Competent
 Atlas.ti - Basic
 UciNet - Basic

RESEARCH INTERESTS

social stratification, educational inequality, sociogenomics

Firenze, October 2021