

# GAIA GHIRARDI

## Curriculum Vitae

European University Institute

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## EDUCATION

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- 2020 - Present **European University Institute**, Florence  
Ph.D. researcher in Social and Political Sciences  
Thesis: “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

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- 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

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- 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

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

## CONFERENCES

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April 6 - 9, 2022 ( <i>expected</i> )	<b>PAA Annual Conference</b> Atlanta, US - Oral presentation
October 7 - 8, 2021	<b>ECSR Annual Conference</b> Online Conference - Oral presentation
June 2 - 4, 2021	<b>ISA RC28 Spring Meeting</b> University of Turku, Finland - Oral presentation
November 7 - 8, 2019	<b>4th NEPS Conference</b> LifBi, Bamberg, Germany - Poster presentation

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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

SOFTWARE: **Stata** - Competent  
**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X** - Competent  
**R** - Basic  
**SPSS** - Basic

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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social stratification, educational inequality, sociogenomics