

# GAIA GHIRARDI

## Curriculum Vitae

European University Institute

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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social stratification, educational inequality, sociogenomics

## 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”  
Advisor: Prof. F. Bernardi
- 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”  
Advisors: Prof. C. Kleinert & Prof. 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”  
Advisor: Prof. M. Pisati
- WINTER 2016    **University of Vienna**  
Exchange Semester at Political Sciences Department

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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- January 2019 - March 2020    **Student Research Assistant at University of Bamberg**  
NORFACE project: Life-Course Dynamics of Educational Tracking (LIFE-TRACK) Prof. S. 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. C. Kristen

## ACADEMIC SERVICE EXPERIENCES

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- September 2021 - Present    **Co-organizer working group and seminars at European University Institute**  
CLIC, DISTANT CLIC and Inequality Working Group (IWG)  
Sponsors: Prof. Bernardi, Prof. J. Härkönen

## 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. E. Rettore  
Quantitative Methods in International Studies, Prof. S. Benati

## SUMMER SCHOOLS, WORKSHOPS, AND TRAININGS

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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  
Prof. R. Wedow and Dr. A. Grotzinger  
May 14 - 15, 2019    **Panel Data Analysis**  
GESIS Training Course in Mannheim  
Prof. J. Brüderl

## CONFERENCES

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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    **ECSR Annual Conference, ISA RC28 Spring Meeting**  
Online, Turku (FI) - *Oral Presentations*  
2019    **4th NEPS Conference**  
Bamberg (DE) - *Poster Presentation*

## WORKING IN PROGRESS

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**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

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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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

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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)

Firenze, May 2022