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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research Assistant

2021- present

Place: EUI.

I have recently joined the GEOSMINE (Geography of Social Mobility in Europe) project, lead by Fabrizio Bernardi. This project's aim is to understand how the interplay between place of birth and social class of origin affect the intergenerational reproduction of inequalities.

Research Assistant

October 2016 - June 2018

Place: Discrimination and Inequality Lab at the IC3JM.

Research support in a pilot study about discrimination in the labour market: 'Growth, Equal Opportunities, Migration & Markets'. It is part of the Horizon 2020 and directed by Professor Javier Polavieja.

EDUCATION

European University Institute, Florence

2018 - Present

Ph.D. candidate in Sociology

Supervisor: Fabrizio Bernardi

Thesis: *Selection or Compensation? Three essays using a design-based approach to the study of educational inequalities.*

Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2021

Visiting Scholar

Instituto Carlos III-Juan March, Madrid

2016 - 2018

M.A. of Research in Social Sciences.

Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham

2014 - 2015

B.A. in Political Science (Erasmus+ programme)

First Class

Universidad de Murcia, Murcia

2012 - 2016

B.A. in Political and Administration Sciences.

Summa Cum Laude

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish: Native

French: Beginner (A2)

English: Proficient

Italian: Beginner (A2)

HONOURS AND PRIZES

ECSR Network Workshop Grants (5000 euros)

Fall 2021

European Consortium for Sociological Research

US Visiting Grant (University of Wisconsin-Madison, 4000 euros)

Fall 2021

European University Institute

Salvador Madariaga predoctoral Scholarship Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO).	<i>2018 - 2022</i>
Research Collaboration Scholarship Universidad Carlos III.	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
Postgraduate Scholarship Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO).	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
Premio Extraordinario Fin de Grado Prize for finishing undergraduate studies with the best GPA of the promotion (2012-2016).	<i>January 2017</i>
Erasmus+ Scholarship European Commission.	<i>2014 - 2015</i>
Undergraduate Studies Scholarship Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO).	<i>2012 - 2016</i>

PUBLICATIONS

- Espadafor, M.** & Martínez, S. (2021) [The negative consequences of sports gambling opportunities on human capital formation: evidence from Spain](#). *PLOS One*. (equal authorship).
- Kreiman, G., & **Espadafor, M. C.** (2019) [Unexpected Allies: The Impact of Terrorism on Organised Crime in Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia](#), *Studies in Conflict Terrorism*, 1-20. (equal authorship)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Espadafor, M.** Are boys more vulnerable to family disadvantage? Evidence from the United Kingdom
- Espadafor, M.** Selection or compensation? The uneven effect of grade retention across family origins
- Espadafor, M.** & Passaretta, G. Does family socioeconomic status compensate for an early entry into school life? Evidence from Germany.
- García Sierra, A. & **Espadafor, M.** The Causal Effect of Parental Education on Children's Attainment: an Approach Using the Spanish Educational Reform.
- Espadafor, M.** & Kreiman. Can State-Building Decisions Equalize the Playing Field in the Aftermath of Civil War? Evidence from Perú

TEACHING

- Panel Data Analysis** *Apr 2022*
Place: European University Institute
This is an advance methods course (20 credits) co-taught with Giampiero Passaretta (SUDA) on Panel Data Analysis. This course places an emphasis on the connections between panel data methods and causal inference, which is the primary goal of social science research.
- IRT: Getting your abstract ready for ECSR and RC28** *Dec 2021*
Place: European University Institute / zoom
This is a short workshop I prepared for the "Inequality Round Table" sessions at CLIC. The workshop aim is to encourage students to apply to international conferences, and give them the tools to submit a strong abstract. The workshop included a short lecture on how to write competitive, compelling and (hopefully) successful conference abstracts, and hands-on interactive examples and feedback.
- Drawing maps in R** *October 2020*
This is an introductory workshop on spatial data I taught within the CLIC Training workshops at the European University Institute in 2020. You can access all the materials here.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Hiring Committee

Spring 2021

Place: European University Institute

Student Representative for the selection of the new Sociology Chair at the EUI.

PhD Interviews Observer

2019, 2020, 2021

Place: European University Institute

Student Representative during the interviews for the selection of new PhD researchers.

Co-organisier: Reading Sessions

2020 - 2021

Place: European University Institute / zoom

The mission of the reading club is to facilitate the exchange of ideas about the most recent books on social inequalities. You can read more about what we do and the 2020/2021 program [here](#).

Co-organisier: Inequality Working Group & Distant CLIC

2019 - 2021

Place: European University Institute.

The mission of the working group is to facilitate the exchange of research among EUI researchers and professors on various aspects of social inequality. This working group is sponsored by prof. Fabrizio Bernardi and prof. Juho Harkonnen. We organise both [seminars](#), workshops and a [yearly conference in June](#).

Organiser: Workshop on Data management and visualization with R

May 2020

Place: European University Institute (zoom)

This workshop was co-taught with Ariane Aumaitre (EUI) and sponsored by prof. Fabrizio Bernardi. It introduced data analysis and its visualizations in quantitative social science research with an special focus on inequalities.

Co-organisier and Chair: Distant CLIC Conference 2020

June 2020

Place: European University Institute (zoom)

You can read the programme [here](#). It was the first yearly conference of DISTANT CLIC. It aim is to create an on-line space of academic discussion, research and training on topics related inequality, social mobility, social demography and life-course. DISTANT CLIC is an academic network with its center at EUI and links all over Europe and beyond.

Organiser: Workshop on Simulation and resampling method for inference and hypothesis testing

May 2019

Place: European University Institute

This workshop was taught by Mauricio Bucca (EUI). It introduced researchers to the theoretical ideas behind resampling and simulation techniques. In tandem, the workshop demonstrated how to implement these methods from scratch in the statistical package R, preparing participants to use them in their own research.

Co-organisier: Bottom-up Workshop on Spatial Data Analysis

May 2019

Place: European University Institute

This workshop was taught by prof. Karsten Donnay (Konstanz University) and sponsored by prof. Elias Dinas. It introduced spatial data analysis and its applications in quantitative social science research and is intended for PhD researchers and postdocs.

Student Representative

January 2019 - January 2020

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CONFERENCES

PAA Annual Conference	<i>2022</i>
ECSR Annual Conference	<i>2020, 2021</i>
ISA RC28	<i>2020, 2021, 2022</i>
Workshop “Causality in the Social Sciences”, DWZH (Germany)	<i>October 2020</i>
IV Convengo SISEC, Turin (Italy)	<i>January 2020</i>
ESS, First Spanish Congress, Madrid (Spain)	<i>September 2018</i>

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

TN SQUARE Winter School , Trento University (Italy)	<i>October 2019</i>
Applied and theoretical sessions on: Household Dynamics, Family Events, and Inequalities in the Life-Course	
Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education , EUI (Italy)	<i>November 2019</i>
The course consisted on: attending to theoretical and practical lectures, teaching a practice lesson, present a course proposal and give feedback on the course proposals.	

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA :Intermediate level	L^AT_EX : Advanced level
R : Intermediate level	

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