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SUMMARY

I am a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, and I recently completed a PhD in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research at the University of Milan. My work combines rigorous methodological training with empirical research across institutions in Europe and Latin America. I study distributive justice, social stratification, social networks, and social mobility, focusing on how social environments shape individuals' attitudes and life trajectories. I have taught courses in sociological theory, inequality, and quantitative methods, and contributed to projects on redistributive preferences, meritocratic beliefs, elite reproduction, and network structures. My approach draws on survey data, network analysis, and cross-national comparisons.

EDUCATION

2021 - 2025	PhD in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research	University of Milan, Italy. <i>Supervisors: Simona Guglielmi, University of Milan (simona.guglielmi@unimi.it). Renzo Carriero, University of Turin (renzo.carriero@unito.it).</i>
2016 - 2018	MA in Sociology	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile.
2009 - 2013	BA in Sociology	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025 - Present	Postdoctoral Researcher	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. <i>COALESCE Lab - Laboratory for the computational analysis of egonetworks, social cohesion, and exclusion. Director: Miranda Lubbers (mirandajessica.lubbers@uab.cat).</i>
2024 - 2025	Postdoctoral Researcher	University of Turin, Italy. <i>PRIN Research Project: "START: Surfing Transition to Adulthood: Resources and Timing". Department of Cultures, Politics and Society. Associated investigator: Renzo Carriero (renzo.carriero@unito.it).</i>
2024	Visiting Research Fellow	University of Chile, Chile. <i>Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences. Professor: Juan Carlos Castillo (juancastillov@uchile.cl).</i>
2023	Visiting Research Fellow	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. <i>COALESCE Lab - Laboratory for the computational analysis of egonetworks, social cohesion, and exclusion. Director: Miranda Lubbers (mirandajessica.lubbers@uab.cat).</i>
2017 - 2018	Research Assistant	Diego Portales University, Chile. <i>FONDECYT Research Project #1171072 "Justice, legitimacy and social change: about the interaction between distributive and procedural justice". Principal investigator: Mónica Gerber (mmgerber@gmail.com).</i>
2017	Master's Thesis Student & Support Staff	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile. <i>FONDECYT Research Project #1160921 "The moral economy of meritocracy and redistributive preferences" Principal investigator: Juan Carlos Castillo (juancastillov@uchile.cl).</i>
2017	Research Assistant	Autonomous University, Chile. <i>FONDECYT Research Project #1170371 "University academic elites in Chile. The role of elite universities in the social reproduction and mobility processes". Principal investigator: Maria Luisa Quaresma (quaresma.ml@gmail.com).</i>
2014	Research Assistant	Center of Public Policy UC, Chile. <i>Public policy evaluation research about public competitive funds in overcoming poverty. Principal investigator: Paula Margotta (paulamargotta@gmail.com).</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Assistant Professor

2019 - 2020	Classical Sociology	San Sebastian University, Chile.
2019	Contemporary Sociology	San Sebastian University, Chile.
2019	Applied Quantitative Social Research	San Sebastian University, Chile.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

2025	Applied Statistics for Social and Political Sciences	Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy.
2017	Economic Theory and Thinking	Alberto Hurtado University, Chile.
2016	Economic Sociology	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile.

2016	Sociology of Inequality	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile.
2016	Sociological Paradigms	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile.
Training Course Instructor		
2021	Introduction to R	National Statistics Institute of Chile, Chile.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 - 2021	Socioeconomic Analyst	National Statistics Institute of Chile , Chile. <i>Sub-department of Labor Income Statistics. Design, processing, analysis and diffusion of the Earnings Index and the Labour Costs Index (IR-ICMO). Ref: Francisco Cifuentes (francisco.cifuentes@ine.cl).</i>
2018 - 2019	Research and Public Policy Analyst	Ministry of Justice and Human Rights , Chile. <i>Research Unit. Analysis of statistical information, technical counterpart of studies, construction of instruments, and bidding rules. Ref: Gabriela Valenzuela (gvalenzuela@minjusticia.cl).</i>
2015 - 2016	Municipal Studies and Statistics Analyst	Municipality of Providencia , Chile. <i>Municipal Planning Office. Generation of municipal data and performance indicators to monitor the progress of the Municipal Development Plan. Ref: Domingo Moreno (domingo.moreno@providencia.cl)</i>

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Bertero, A., & Franetovic, G. (2025). Consolidation and change: Exploring the impact of anger and network dynamics on inequality belief systems. <i>Network Science</i> , 13, 1–23. https://doi.org/10.1017/nws.2025.10004 .
2024	Bertero, A., Franetovic, G., & Mijs, J. J. B. (2024). Inequality Belief Systems: What They Look Like, How to Study Them, and Why They Matter. <i>Social Indicators Research</i> , 1–28. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-024-03352-5 .
2024	Mac-Clure, O., Barozet, E., & Franetovic, G. (2024). Distributive justice and subjective social position: does meritocracy justify income inequality? <i>Convergencia Social Science Journal</i> , 31, 1–34. https://doi.org/10.29101/crcs.v31i0.22258 .
2023	Franetovic, G., & Bertero, A. (2023). How do people understand inequality in Chile? A study of attitudes through network analysis. <i>AWARI</i> , 4. https://doi.org/10.47909/awari.42 .
2023	Irrarazaval, F., Stamm, C., Madariaga, A., Maillet, A., & Franetovic, G. (2023). Examining the effects of social protest on the environmental impact assessment process in Chile. <i>Environmental Impact Assessment Review</i> , 99, 107044. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eiar.2023.107044 .
2022	Franetovic, G., & Castillo, J. C. (2022). Preferences for Income Redistribution in Unequal Contexts: Changes in Latin America Between 2008 and 2018. <i>Frontiers in Sociology</i> , 7, 806458. https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2022.806458 .
2020	Villalobos, C., Quaresma, M. L., & Franetovic, G. (2020). Mapping the elite in Chilean universities. A quantitative-multidimensional analysis. <i>Spanish Journal of Sociology</i> , 29(3). https://doi.org/10.22325/fes/res.2020.33 .
2018	Atria, J., Franetovic, G. & Muñoz, E. (2018). Elites, inequality and development in Latin America. In: A. Mueller & F. Antunez (Eds.), <i>Modernidade Sem Fronteras: Desenvolvimento e Desigualdades Entrelaçadas</i> . Unijui, Ijuí, pp. 247-288. ISBN: 978-85-419-0248-9.
2017	Franetovic, G. (2017). Conceptions of merit and meritocracy (Working Paper 2. FONDECYT Project # 1160921 “Moral Economy of Meritocracy and Distributive Preferences”. Editors: Juan Carlos Castillo, Jorge Atria and Luís Maldonado.). http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.14983.42401/1 .
2015	Azar, A., Franetovic, G., Martínez, M. & Santos, H. (2015). Individual, social and environmental determinants of overweight and obesity among Chilean adolescents. <i>Revista Médica de Chile</i> , 143(5), 598-605. http://dx.doi.org/10.4067/S0034-98872015000500007 .

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND NETWORKS

International Sociological Association (ISA); European Sociological Association (ESA); British Sociological Association (BSA); Research Lab on Social and Political Change (SPSTrend); Italian Society for Economic Sociology (SISEC); Inequality, Stratification and Social Mobility in Latin America Network (DEMOSAL); Chilean Society for Social Network Science (CHISOCNET).

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

2024	Congress Registration Grant. BSA Virtual Annual Conference 2024, British Sociological Association (BSA). £124.
2023	Congress Registration Grant. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, International Sociological Association (ISA). US\$120.
2021	Doctoral Scholarship. Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan. €49.050.
2019	Congress Assistance Grant. LSE-COES 2019 International Conference. Inequalities, conflict and change: perspectives and cases from Latin America. Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), Chile. US\$800.
2017	National Graduate Fellowship. Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), Chile. US\$2.600.
2016	Graduate Fellowship, Institute of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile. US\$6.650.

ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

2025	SPINE Spring School on Perceptions of Wealth Inequality. University of Bamberg, Germany.
2025	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS). Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile.
2022	Trento School of Applied Quantitative Research: Technological Change, Inequality and Social Stratification. University of Trento, Italy.
2022	EUSocialCit Winter School: Social Europe after the Pandemic: Rights and Policies. University of Milan, Italy.
2018	ELSOC Workshop: Panel data analysis. Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, Chile.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **ECSR Annual Conference 2025** (Cologne, Germany). Franetovic, G., Carriero, R., Guglielmi, S. "Different paths, different attitudes: How the socioeconomic composition of life course social environments shapes distributive perceptions and beliefs".
- 2025 **The 5th ISA Forum of Sociology** (Rabat, Morocco). Franetovic, G., Carriero, R., Guglielmi, S. "Different Paths, Different Attitudes: How the Socioeconomic Composition of Life Course Social Environments Shapes Perceptions of Inequality and Egalitarian Beliefs". | Franetovic, G. "Social Networks and Attitudes Towards Inequality: Unraveling the Influence of Acquaintances' Socioeconomic Diversity and Status across Contemporary Societies".
- 2025 **Sunbelt 2025 International Conference** (Paris, France). Franetovic, G., Guglielmi, S., Carriero, R. "Inferential Distributive Networks: Analyzing Socioeconomic Segregation in School Friendships and Its Influence on Students' Perceptions and Explanations of Inequality".
- 2025 **ISA RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility Spring Meeting 2025** (Milan, Italy). Franetovic, G., Carriero, R., Guglielmi, S. "Different Paths, Different Attitudes: How the Socioeconomic Composition of Life Course Social Environments Shapes Perceptions of Inequality and Egalitarian Beliefs".
- 2024 **ECSR Annual Conference 2024** (Barcelona, Spain). Franetovic, G. "Beyond Borders: Decoding How Socioeconomic Diversity Shapes Views on Inequality in Today's World".
- 2024 **ISA RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility Summer Meeting 2024** (Providence, USA). Franetovic, G. "Social Relationships as Distributive Inferences: Implications of the Socioeconomic Composition of Acquaintances on People's Attitudes Towards Inequality".
- 2024 **BSA Virtual Annual Conference 2024** (Online). Franetovic, G. "Breaking Boundaries: Unraveling the Impact of Socioeconomic Heterogeneity on Attitudes towards Inequality in Contemporary Societies".
- 2023 **The 7th European Conference on Social Networks** (Ljubljana, Slovenia). Franetovic, G. & Bertero, A. "Modelling, estimating, simulating: formalizing attitudes towards inequality as a complex network".
- 2023 **XX ISA World Congress of Sociology** (Melbourne, Australia). Franetovic, G. "Preferences for Income Redistribution in Unequal Contexts: Changes in Latin America between 2008 and 2018".
- 2023 **The 10th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (Milan, Italy). Franetovic, G. "Experiencing heterogeneity: socioeconomic diversity in everyday interactions and attitudes towards inequality across contemporary societies" | Franetovic, G. & Bertero, A. "Overcoming the structuralist/individualist dichotomy: Inequality beliefs from a new network and comparative perspective" | Guglielmi, S. & Franetovic, G. "EU solidarity in troubling times: does cultural cleavage matter?"
- 2023 **The 6th Nordic Challenges Conference** (Oslo, Norway). Franetovic, G. "The citizen foundation of the welfare state: Attitudes towards inequality across Nordic societies".
- 2023 **NASP – CCA Days 2023: Frontiers of Methods in Social and Political Science** (Turin, Italy). Franetovic, G. & Bertero, A. "Modelling, estimating, simulating: formalizing attitudes towards inequality as a complex network".
- 2023 **ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops** (Toulouse, France). Bertero, A. & Franetovic, G. "Modelling, estimating, simulating: formalizing attitudes towards inequality as a complex network".
- 2023 **VII Annual Conference of the Italian Society for Economic Sociology (SISEC)** (Brescia, Italy). Bertero, A. & Franetovic, G. "Modelling, estimating, simulating: formalizing attitudes towards inequality as a complex network".
- 2023 **I Chilean Social Network Conference CHISOCNET** (Santiago, Chile). Franetovic, G. & Bertero, A. "¿Cómo las personas entienden la desigualdad en Chile? Un estudio de actitudes mediante análisis de redes".
- 2023 **ISSP Social Inequality User Conference** (Online). Franetovic, G. & Bertero, A. "Overcoming the structuralist/individualist dichotomy: Inequality beliefs from a new network and comparative perspective".
- 2022 **EUSocialCit Winter School: Social Europe after the Pandemic: Rights and Policies** (Milan, Italy). Franetovic, G. "Contextual distributive preferences: The role of the COVID-19 pandemic on individual beliefs towards inequality and welfare in Italy".
- 2022 **ResPOnsE COVID-19 Workshop. Two years of COVID-19 in Italy: Values, attitudes, and behaviours in the pandemic period 2020-21** (Milan, Italy). Franetovic, G. "Contextual distributive preferences: The role of the COVID-19 pandemic on individual beliefs towards inequality and welfare in Italy". | Bertero, A., Franetovic, G., Moroni, M. & Saccomanno, P. "Trust in science and risk perception: studying the adoption of anti-contagion behaviors in Italy during the COVID-19 pandemic".
- 2019 **LSE-COES 2019 International Conference. Inequalities, conflict and change: perspectives and cases from Latin America** (London, England). Franetovic, G. & Castillo, J.C. "Preferences for redistribution, income and inequality in Latin America: an unresolved relation".
- 2019 **V International Seminar Inequality and Social Mobility in Latin America** (Santiago, Chile). Franetovic, G. & Castillo, J.C. "Redistributive preferences in unequal contexts. Changes in Latin America between 2008 and 2014".
- 2018 **10th Chilean Congress of Sociology Pre-Alas 2018** (Iquique, Chile). Franetovic, G. "Inequality and individual preferences: trends and determinants of the redistribution agreement in Chile". | Franetovic, G. "Less legitimate systems, less active citizens? Systemic trust and participation in protests within Chile and Latin America".
- 2018 **V International Conference COES 2018** (Santiago, Chile). Franetovic, G. & Palma, J. "Neoliberal policies and income concentration: a longitudinal and comparative analysis in a Latin American context". Round table "Income concentration: causes and impact on inequality".
- 2018 **62nd Annual Meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)** (Mexico City, Mexico). Villalobos, C., Quaresma, M.L. & Franetovic, G. "Mapping the elite in the university space. A quantitative-multidimensional analysis of the Chilean case".
- 2017 **XXXI Congress ALAS 2017** (Montevideo, Uruguay). Franetovic, G. "Redistributive preferences in Latin America: longitudinal and critical evidence of self-interest" in Castillo, J.C., Atria, J., Castro, F. & Franetovic, G. "Perceptions and legitimation of inequality: merit and institutions". | Villalobos, C., Quaresma, M.L. & Franetovic, G. "The production and reproduction of the Chilean university elite: portraits and profiles of institutions and students".

- 2017 **II Iberian Conference on the Sociology of Education** (Córdoba, Spain). Quaresma, M.L., Villalobos, C & Franetovic, G. "The Chilean university elite and the processes of social reproduction: characterization of school institutions and students."
- 2016 **7th Chilean Society of Public Policy Meetings** (Santiago, Chile). Azar, A., Franetovic, G., Martínez, M. & Santos, H. "Individual, social and environmental determinants of overweight and adolescent obesity in Chile."
- 2015 **XXXII Chilean Conferences of Public Health** (Santiago, Chile). Azar, A., Franetovic, G., Martínez, M. & Santos, H. "Individual, social and environmental determinants of overweight and adolescent obesity in Chile."

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages Native: Spanish. Fluent: English, Italian, Portuguese.

Software Advanced: R, Stata, SPSS Statistics, GitHub, SurveyMonkey, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Zotero.
Intermediate: NVivo, TeXstudio. Basic: MaxQDA, ATLAS.ti, SAS.