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Employment

KU Leuven, BE 2024-2025
Postdoctoral researcher, Media Psychology Lab

Education

KU Leuven, BE 2020-2024
Ph.D. Social Sciences - ERC project [MIMIC](#)
Committee:
· Laura Vandenbosch (promotor)
· Steven Eggermont
· Giseline Kuipers
· Tom ter Bogt
· Stef Aupers
· Michèle Lamont

Tilburg University, NL 2017-2019
M.Sc. (Res.) Social Sciences
Awarded best student, GPA 8.41/10, cum laude

University of Trento, IT 2014-2017
B.A. Sociology
GPA 28.74/30, 110 cum laude

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024
- Carbone, L.,** Alvarez-Cueva, P., & Vandenbosch, L. (2024). Status Markers in Popular Music Across Six Countries: A Content Analysis of Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Genre, and Capital in Music Lyrics. *Sex Roles*, 90: 891–909. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-024-01483-0>
- Carbone, L.,** & Vandenbosch, L. (2024). Adolescents' Music Tastes in the Streaming Era: The Case of Belgium. *Cultural Sociology*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17499755241244529>
- Carbone, L.,** Mijs, J., van Dooremalen, T., & Daedekindt, S. (2024). Towards a sociology of recurrent events. Constellations of cultural change around Eurovision in 18 countries (1981–2021). *Poetics*, 104, 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2024.101889>

Noon, E. J., **Carbone, L.**, Swinnen, B., & Vandenbosch, L. (2024). Adolescents' videogame play, need satisfaction, and self-esteem: A self-determination perspective. *Current Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-024-05933-6>

Hubble, T., **Carbone, L.**, Vandenbosch, L., De Coninck, D., Toelen, J. (2024). Exploring European parents' attitudes towards the age appropriateness of digital sexuality education for adolescents. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15546128.2024.2415304>

2023

Carbone, L. & Vandenbosch, L. (2023). A Meta-Analysis of Studies Examining the Effect of Music on Beliefs, *Communication Research*, 51(1): 1-28. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00936502231163633>

Rosič, Jasmina, **Carbone, Luca**, Vanden Abeele, Mariek, Lobe, Bojana, & Vandenbosch, Laura. (2023). Measuring Adolescents' Digital Well-Being in Everyday Life: The Perceived Digital Balance in Adolescence Scale, *Journal of Children and Media*. <https://t.co/7KCSIGXBiW> (among the most read papers on the journal's website with 604 views in August 2024)

Grusauskaite, K., **Carbone, L.**, Harambam, J., & Aupers, S. (2023). Debating (In) Echo Chambers: How People Read Conspiracy Theory Videos On YouTube, *New Media & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231162585>. Finalist in the ICA Popular Media & Culture division's Top Paper Award in 2022 (out of 229 total papers)

2022

Carbone, L. & Mijs, J. (2022). Sounds like meritocracy to my ears: Exploring the link between inequality in popular music and personal culture, *Information, Communication & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2021.2020870>. Pre-print available [here](#). Data, syntax, appendix, and pre-registration available on [OSF](#). Trending paper in Communication and Sociology Altmetrics on 10th January 2022 [OOIR](#)

Rosič J., Janicke-Bowles S.H., **Carbone, L.**, Lobe B., Vandenbosch L. (2022). Positive Digital Communication Among Youth: The Development and Validation of the Digital Flourishing Scale for Adolescents, *Frontiers Digital Health*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fdgth.2022.975557>

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REVIEWS

2023

Kuipers, G., Brans, L., **Carbone, L.** (2023). "The myth of trickle down. How fashions do (not) spread in European fashion magazines, and what this tells us about power and status in the global fashion system" in *Fashion's Transnational Inequalities: Socio-Political, Economic, and Environmental* (Eds. Almila, A.-M. & Delice, S.). Routledge. (<https://books.google.be/books?id=t9DSEAAAQBAJ&dq>)

2022

Carbone, L. (2022). Book Review: 'Getting Signed: Record Contracts, Musicians, and Power in Society.', *New Media & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448221101210>.

2019

Carbone, Luca .2019. "Il mercato comunicativo su Twitter nelle europee 2019." " In: Valbruzzi, Marco (Ed.) *L'Italia sovranista e la sfida all'Europa. Le elezioni europee ed amministrative 2019* (56-63). Bologna: Istituto Carlo Cattaneo. DOI: 10.31484/2611-5778_41

Carbone, Luca .2019. "Twitter come mercato comunicativo? Un'analisi sulle europee 2019." In: Valbruzzi, Marco (Ed.) *L'Italia sovranista e la sfida all'Europa. Le elezioni europee ed amministrative 2019* (65-73). Bologna: Istituto Carlo Cattaneo. DOI: 10.31484/2611-5778_41

WORK IN PROGRESS

Carbone, Luca, Vandenbosch, Laura, & Song, Hyunjin: "The Sound of Meritocracy: A Content Analysis of Meritocracy in Popular Music Lyrics Using a Semantic and Syntactic Framing Approach" (Under Review)

Carbone, Luca, Klimmt, Christoph, & Vandenbosch, Laura: "The Internalization of a Performance-Oriented Self-Concept among Adolescents through their Favorite Music Artists" (Under review)

Carbone, Luca, Klimmt, Christoph, Schaap, Julian, & Vandenbosch, Laura: "A Theory of Resonant Experiences with Media" (Under Review)

Carbone, Luca & Vandenbosch, Laura: "Effort-Oriented Success Narratives in Music and their Internalization among Adolescents" (Under Review)

Carbone, Luca, Vandenbosch, Laura: "Success Repertoires and Mental Health among Adolescents. A Daily Diary Study across Belgium, France, and Slovenia" (Drafting)

Pirrone, Davide, **Carbone, Luca**, van Oosten, Annemarie, & Vandenbosch, Laura: "From Affordance to Affair: Exploring the Relationships between Online Sexual Activities and Online Infidelity Behaviors" (Under review)

Noon, Edward, **Carbone, Luca**, Vandenbosch, Laura: "Performing in Toxicity. Assessing the Relationship between Toxic Performance Feedback in Videogame Play and Performance Contingent Self-Esteem" (Under Review)

Antonucci, Lorenza, **Carbone, Luca**, Sojka, Aleksandra Anna, Mijs, Jonathan: "Meritocracy and Populism across European Parties" (Drafting)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Brusco, Sandro; **Carbone, Luca**; Miglino, Enrico; Tazzioli, Agostino (2019, 30 May), Una semplice analisi econometrica del voto a Più Europa del 2019 (A simple econometric analysis of the 2019 vote to +Europe). Research report for NoiseFromAmerika. Available [here](#)

Carbone, Luca (2019, 6 February), Il Dibattito Online sull'Immigrazione in Italia (The Online Debate about Immigration in Italy). Research report for Istituto Carlo Cattaneo. Available [here](#)

Carbone, Luca (2018, 21 August), Sociology Journals and Network Proprieties of the St. Matthew Effect [blog post]. Available [here](#)

Awards & Funds

Post Doctoral Mandate, KU Leuven (€80,000).	2024-2025
University of Chicago, scholarship & Dean's fellowship (\$31,500).	2019-2020
Tilburg University, visiting fund at Exeter University (€1,000).	2018

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

Talk "A Theory of Resonant Experiences with Media" (Cultural Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam)	2024
Talk "Social media in the music industry" (Ancienne Belgique, Brussels)	2024
Seminar "Music and Meritoracy" (BA Communication Sociology, University of Vienna)	2024
CII Spotlight (Weatherhead Center, Harvard University)	2024
Talk "Meritocracy and Inequality" (Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University)	2024
CII Seminar (Weatherhead Center, Harvard University)	2024
Graduate Seminar "Studying media objects and individuals' cognition" (Department of Sociology, Boston University)	2024
Talk "Current Research on Popular Music in Belgium" (IASPM Benelux, Leuven)	2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

75th conference of the International Communication Association (ICA, Denver)	2025
Etmaal van de Communicatiewetenschap (Etmaal, Bruges)	2025

73rd conference of the International Communication Association (ICA, Toronto)	2023
Etmaal van de Communicatiewetenschap (Etmaal, Enschede)	2023
21st conference of the International Association for the Study of Popoular Music (IASPM, Daegu)	2022
Day of Sociology (DvDS, Groningen)	2022
72nd conference of the International Communication Association (ICA) (ICA, Paris)	2022
Etmaal van de Communicatiewetenschap (Etmaal, Brussels)	2022
116th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA, Chicago)	2021
7th International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2, ETH Zürich)	2021
4th Joint Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference (Tilburg University)	2021
IV Forum of Sociology of the International Sociological Association (ISA, Porto Alegre)	2021
Day of Sociology (DvDS, Amsterdam)	2019

Teaching Experience

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Media Psychology Lab, KU Leuven 2021–present

- Computational methods for text analysis (Research Designs for Communication Science)
- Music and the crisis of masculinity (Media and Crisis)
- Music and the crisis of individualism(?) (Media and Crisis)
- Social media: a curse or blessing for the body image crisis? (Media and Crisis)

Department of Sociology, Tilburg University 2017-2019

- Social Risk and Culture

Department of Methodology & Statistics, Tilburg University 2017-2019

- Introduction to Statistics
- Questionnaire Design
- Experimental Design

SUPERVISING ACTIVITIES

Supervisor of 12 MA students , KU Leuven	2020-present
Supervisor of 6 research assistants , KU Leuven	2020-present

Academic Service

PEER REVIEWER

Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour
American Behavioral Scientist
Social Problems
Information, Communication, & Society
New Media & Society
Scandinavian Journal of Psychology
Mass Communication and Society
Cultural Sociology
Current Psychology
Journal of Media Psychology

MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, VISITINGS

Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology and Weatherhead Center (Harvard University)	2024
Affiliate Weatherhead Center (Harvard University)	2024-present
International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM)	2022-2023
International Communication Association (ICA)	2022-present
Visiting Fellow, Department of Communication Science (Yonsei University)	2022
KU Leuven Digital Society Institute (DigSoc)	2021-present
KU Leuven Youth Institute	2021-present
American Sociological Association (ASA)	2021-2022
Netherlands – Flanders Communication Association (NeFCA)	2020-present
International Sociological Association (ISA)	2019-2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Chair <i>Popular Media & Culture</i> division (Netherlands and Flanders Communication Association, NeFCA)	2024-
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Chair session Digital Inclusion and Inequality, Media Psychology Division (Etmaal conference, Bruges)	2025
Chair session Meritocracy, Alumni Conference (Weatherhead Center, Harvard University)	2024
Chair session Class and Status (21st IASPM Annual Meeting, Daegu)	2022
Presider session Meritocracy, Cultural Sociology Division (116th ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago)	2022

FACULTY SERVICES

Well-Being Ambassador Media Psychology Lab, KU Leuven (FSW) <i>Organization of events and monitoring.</i>	2024-present
Co-organizer Media Psychology Lab seminars KU Leuven (FSW) <i>Organization of graduate seminars, welcoming and hosting of guests</i>	2024-present
Co-director of MethLab KU Leuven (FSW) <i>Graduate workshops for methodological training and learning.</i>	2020-present
Co-director of Cultural Sociology group KU Leuven (FSW) <i>Reading group for PhD, Postdocs, and Professors.</i>	2020-2024
Member Diversity and Sustainability Committee KU Leuven (FSW) <i>Organization of events and monitoring.</i>	2021-2023
Founder University newspaper "L'Universitario" University of Trento <i>Director section "Scientific Divulcation".</i>	2016-2018

Relevant Work Experience

Research assistant at the Department of Sociology, Tilburg University (Supervisor: Prof. Ruud Muffels) <i>Research on basic income in the Netherlands.</i>	2019
Research collaborator at the Research Institute Carlo Cattaneo, Bologna (Supervisor: Dr. Marco Valbruzzi) <i>Political discourses on Twitter.</i>	2019

Research intern at Research Institute IRVAPP, Trento
(Supervisor: Dr. Sonia Marzadro)
Evaluation of social policies for the European project Youth Guarantee.

2017

Software

chorrrds: Music chords extraction - Collaborator
Available at: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=chorrrds>

Skills

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native speaker)
English (Full professional proficiency)
French (Intermediate proficiency)
Spanish (Elementary proficiency)

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & SOFTWARES

Advanced: R, RMarkdown, Qualtrics, Mplus, Github
Intermediate: Python, HTML, CSS
Basic: STATA, SPSS

References

Laura Vandenbosch (KU Leuven, PhD supervisor)
Michèle Lamont (Harvard University, visiting host)
Jonathan Mijs (Boston University)
Stef Aupers (KU Leuven)