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## Education

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*KU Leuven, BE* 2020-2024

Ph.D. Social Sciences - ERC starting grant

Promoter: Laura Vandebosch

PhD committee: Steven Eggermont, Giseline Kuipers, Tom ter Bogt

[Project website](#)

*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

## Affiliations

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Department of Sociology, Harvard University [profile](#) 2023-2024

Weatherhead Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Harvard University [profile](#)  
2023-2024

## Research interests

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**Cultural/cognitive sociology and inequalities:** cultural (re)production; youths & adolescents; socio-aesthetic hierarchies; success, meritocracy, individualism, and social status; boundary-making processes; public and personal forms of culture.

**Mass communication:** music; resonance theory; media entertainment; media frames; cultivation theory.

**Advanced quantitative research methods:** computational social science, including statistical inference in networks (ERGM), text as data (structural topic modeling); structural equation modeling (RI-CLPM); multilevel analysis; scale development and factor analysis.

## Publications

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#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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>

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

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).

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>.

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

**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](#)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Kuipers, Giseline, Brans, Luuc, **Carbone, Luca**: "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", Routledge. (<https://books.google.be/books?id=t9DSEAAAQBAJ&dq>)

**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 (Yonsei University): “The Sound of Meritocracy: A Content Analysis of Meritocracy in Popular Music Lyrics Using a Semantic and Syntactic Framing Approach” (Under Review)

**Carbone, Luca**, Alvarez-Cueva, Priscila, & Vandenbosch, Laura: “Intersectional Representations of Social Status in Popular Music Lyrics” (Under review - major revisions)

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)

**Carbone, Luca** & Vandenbosch, Laura: “Adolescents’ music identity in the streaming era” (Under Review - major revisions)

**Carbone, Luca**, Mijs, Jonathan (Boston University, Erasmus University), Thijs van Dooremalen (KU Leuven) & Daedekindt, Stijn (Ghent University): “Towards a Sociology of Recurrent Events. Constellations of Cultural Change around Eurovision in 18 Countries (1981 – 2021)” (Under Review - major revisions)

Noon, Edward, **Carbone, Luca**, Swinnen, Brent, Vandenbosch, Laura: “A Self-Determination Perspective on Adolescents’ Videogame Play, Need Satisfaction, and Self-Esteem” (Under Review - major revisions)

**Carbone, Luca**, Klimmt, Christoph, & Vandenbosch, Laura: “The Development of Music-Consistent Beliefs through Identification and Similarity with Music Artists: A Biographic Resonance Account” (Under review)

**Carbone, Luca**, Klimmt, Christoph, Schaap, Julian, & Vandenbosch, Laura: “Resonant Mediated Experiences: Towards an Integrated Approach of Media-Psychological and Cultural Sociological Theories of Resonance” (Drafting)

**Carbone, Luca** & Vandenbosch, Laura: “The Development of Music-Consistent Beliefs through Transportation with Music Narratives” (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

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University of Chicago, scholarship & Dean's fellowship (\$31,500). <i>(declined due to insufficient financial resources to enroll in the program)</i>	2019-2020
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Tilburg University, visiting fund at Exeter University (€1,000).	June-August 2018
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## Invited Talks

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Seminar on Music and Meritoracy, BA Communication Sociology, University of Vienna	2024
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CII Seminar "Meritocracy and Inequality", Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	2024
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Talk "Meritocracy and Inequality", Harvard Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University	2024
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Current Research on Popular Music in Belgium (IASPM Benelux), Leuven	2023
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## Conference Presentations

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73rd conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Toronto	2023
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Etmaal van de Communicatiewetenschap 2023, Enschede.	2023
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21st conference of the International Association for the Study of Popoular Music (IASPM), Daegu.	2022
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Day of Sociology, Groningen	2022
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72nd conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Paris.	2022
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Etmaal van de Communicatiewetenschap 2022, Brussels (online).	2022
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Workshop PhD Media Psychology division of German Psychological Association Conference, Aachen.	2021
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116th ASA Virtual Annual Meeting (American Sociological Association), Chicago (online).  
2021

7th International Conference on Computational Social Science IC2S2, ETH Zürich (online).  
2021

4th Joint Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, Tilburg University (online). 2021

IV Forum of Sociology (International Sociological Association), Porto Alegre (online).  
2021

Day of Sociology, Amsterdam. 2019

## Professional Activities

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### ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair session on Meritocracy, Alumni Conference, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. 2024

Chair session on Class and Status at 21st IASPM Annual Meeting, Daegu, South Korea.  
2022

Presider roundtable cultural sociology (section on Meritocracy) at 116th ASA Virtual Annual Meeting, online. 2022

### OCCASIONAL REVIEWER

Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour  
American Behavioral Scientist  
Social Problems  
New Media & Society

### MEMBERSHIPS

International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM). 2022-present

International Communication Association (ICA). 2022-present

Netherlands – Flanders Communication Association (NeFCA). 2020-present

KU Leuven Digital Society Institute (DigSoc). 2021-present

KU Leuven Youth Institute. 2021-present

American Sociological Association (ASA). 2021-2022

### RESEARCH STAYS

Research stay hosted by Prof. Michèle Lamont at Harvard University. Spring 2024

Research stay hosted by Prof. Hyunjin Song at Yonsei University. July 2022

Research stay hosted by Prof. Eric Lybeck at Exeter University. June-August 2018

## FACULTY SERVICES

Co-Director of MethLab

September 2020-present

*Meth-Lab* is a bottom-up initiative created by Lala Muradova and Amélie Godefroidt at KU Leuven for the sharing and presentation of novel methodological techniques. As a co-director, I am responsible for contacting and welcoming national and international speakers, the organization of the meetings, the promotion of the events, and the management of finances.

Member of Diversity and Sustainability Commission at KU Leuven (FSW)  
September 2023

April 2021 -

Supervisor MA thesis students:

- Sam Samad	2023-2024
- Diana-Teodora Gaitan	2022-2023
- Dan Ding	2022-2023
- Maria Stefania Popa	2022-2023
- Ngoc Diep Nguyen	2022-2023
- Sarah Pans	2021-2022
- Kyra Bulinckx	2021-2022
- Hong Zhan	2020-2021

Supervisor job students:

- Atri Mukherjee	2023
- Bo Vanhoof	2023
- Tam Nguyen	2022-2023
- Rana Rafeh	2022
- Silke Vereeken	2021
- Annelies Rom	2021

## Teaching Experience

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School for Mass Communication Research, KU Leuven

October 2021 – present

Teaching assistant

*Course: Research Designs for Communication Science. Seminar name: Computational methods for text analysis*

School for Mass Communication Research, KU Leuven

November 2021 – present

Teaching assistant

*Course: Media and Crisis. Seminar name: Social media: a curse or blessing for the body image crisis? Course: Media and Crisis. Seminar name: Music and the cracks of individualism(?)*

Department of Sociology, Tilburg University

March 2017 – June 2017

Teaching assistant

*Course: Social Risk and Culture*

Department of Methodology & Statistics, Tilburg University      February 2017 – June 2017  
Teaching assistant  
*Courses: Introduction to Statistics, Questionnaire design, Experimental design*

## Research Experience

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Department of Sociology, Tilburg University      March 2019 – September 2019  
Research assistant, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ruud Muffels  
*Research on basic income in the Netherlands.*

Research Institute Carlo Cattaneo, Bologna      January 2019 – June 2019  
Research collaborator, Supervisor: Dr. Marco Valbruzzi  
*Political discourses on Twitter.*

Research Institute IRVAPP, Trento      February 2017 – May 2017  
Research internship, Supervisor: Dr. Sonia Marzadro  
*Evaluation of social policies for the European project Youth Guarantee.*

## Skills

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### LANGUAGES

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

### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & SOFTWARES

R (Advanced)  
Markdown (Intermediate)  
Python (Intermediate)  
Mplus (Basic)  
HTML (Basic)  
CSS (Basic)

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

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Auditor “Cultural Processes in the Production of Inequality” (instructor: M. Lamont),  
Department of Sociology, Harvard University      January-April, 2024

Auditor “Qualitative Social Analysis” (instructor: M. Lamont), Department of Sociology,  
Harvard University      January-April, 2024

Summer School Diversity in Arts, Culture and Media Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam <i>Critical, feminist, and intersectional approaches</i>	June, 2022
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Essex University <i>Mathematics, Quantitative text analysis</i>	August, 2020
MOOC on “Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling”, Santa Fe Institute <i>Agent-based modelling on NetLogo</i>	October, 2019
MOOC on “Social and Economic Networks: Models and Analysis”, Stanford University <i>Social network analysis</i>	August, 2019
Summer School at CWST Center, Leiden University <i>Scientometrics analysis</i>	August, 2018
Seminar on The Path to Quantitative Research, University of Trento <i>Factor analysis and counterfactual techniques for impact evaluation</i>	2016

## References

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Available upon request.