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Attività di ricerca

I am an associate professor of **sociology** at the University of Trento (2017-) and the principal investigator of **home-migration nexus** (2016-2021) - homing.soc.unitn.it.

I do research in the following areas: **international migration; home-making; globalization and transnationalism; social protection and diversity; third sector and civic participation; ethnographic and qualitative research**.

I teach courses on **Sociology for social workers** and on **Migration and social work** (BA in Social Work) and on **research and migration studies** (PhD programme in Sociology) at the University of Trento.

I have published articles in many national and international journals in sociology of migration, home, social work and diversity. I am a member of the editorial boards of *Comparative Migration Studies*, *Mondi Migranti* and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. My current research **interest**, as of now, include the following:

- Proximity, copresence and social relationships from afar, as emerging sociological issues;
- Wellbeing, care and emotions, as (still understudied) categories relevant to international migration;
- Migrant transnational ties and relationships, along with their societal consequences;
- The consequences of emigration on host societies and the development of emigrant policies;
- Integration as a sociological notion and a category for relevant policies;
- Ethnographic and biographic approaches to research on socio-political participation and on active citizenship;
- Migrants' informal sociability and home-making practices;
- Welfare, social inclusion and ethnic minorities;
- New developments in social work and local welfare - with special respect to care work, ethno-cultural diversity and migration.

Invited as guest speaker:

- Université Catholique de Louvain - Workshop on The significance of migrants' remittances for families sobre Familias transnacionales latino-americanas, migración y género (October 2011);
- RTG on Transnational Support (Universities of Mainz and Hildesheim) - Workshop lecture on Transnational families, communities and the state? (March 2012);
- Universidad de Córdoba (Argentina), Programa multiculturalismo, migraciones y desigualdad en América transnacionalismo político entre la participación, la re-evocación y la cooptación (August 2012)
- University of Bar-Ilan (Israel), Department of Geography – Class lecture on 'Labour immigration to Italy' seminar on 'Migrants and the politics of nation-building from afar: an introduction to political transnationalism'
- John Jay College (CUNY – New York), Center for international human rights, Migration and security research 'Managing migration in a period of economic crisis: Key challenges and lessons taught from the case of Italy' (2013)
- University of Birmingham, Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) – Invited lecture on 'The value of work with migrants: Mapping an emerging field of theory and practice' (April 2013).
- University of Leeds, Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities (CIRCLE) – Invited presentation 'Do caregiving entail the commodification of care? Reflections from a case study on migration and multi-sited care'
- SUPSI (Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana), Lugano – Invited presentation on '(B)eyond the border? Le migrazioni femminili di cura tra speranze e contraddizioni' (March 2014).
- University of Bielefeld, Research Group SFB 882 "Transnationality, the Distribution of Informal Social Capital" – Invited talk on 'Migration as social protection? Migrants' needs, vulnerabilities and inequalities in a transnational context'
- University of Gediz, Izmir, Intensive Programme on Glocal Understanding of Forced Migration – lecture on 'Dimensions in forced migration: a sociological map' (June 2014).
- Humboldt University, Berlin, Conference Social Remittances in Social Theory and Practice – Invited presentation 'Money: delving into the social to advance research on social remittances' (September 2014).
- Conferenza annuale di ESPAnet Italia, S1 – Trasformazioni della cittadinanza tra sfera giuridica, attivismo e welfare. Keynote 'Spacchettando il nesso M&C: Le trasformazioni della cittadinanza rilette attraverso lo studio del welfare' (Settembre 2014)
- University of Warsaw, International conference on Social remittances and social change in Eastern Europe – 'Researching into social remittances: Methodological implications, dilemmas and ways ahead', January 2015.
- Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies – Harvard University, Cambridge (MA.), Exploratory Seminar on Migration – presentation on 'What if migrants' social needs go transnational? Promises, limits and dilemmas of transnational social protection' February 2015.
- University of Keele, School of Public policy and professional practice, Erasmus+ Programme – Lectures on 'The nexus: lessons taught from the Italian experience; Insights from practice with asylum seekers and Roma people's families, emotions and relationships, March 2015.
- Universidad Comillas – ICSW – IUEM, Invited presentation on 'Migrants and social protection floor – the role of the framework of migration and social protection', International expert seminar on Migrants and social protection, Madrid, February 2015.
- European University Institute – Migration Working Group, Invited presentation: 'What if migrants' social needs go transnational? Promises, limits and dilemmas of transnational social protection from below', Florence, June 2015.
- Haute école de travail social - Centre de recherche sociale (CERES), Invited lecture on 'Superdiversity and social protection' Genève, June 2015.
- CERIS-SciencesPo, Invited presentation on 'An act of (transnational citizenship? Why the non-electoral immigrant should (and deserve more research)', Paris, October 2015.
- Université de Neuchâtel, Invited presentation 'Different means, different care? A research agenda on the digital age of transnational caregiving', International expert seminar on Transnational care in the digital age, Neuchâtel, October 2015.

Convened the following seminars and conferences:

- Cluster B3 Workshop - Researching into external voting: comparing experiences and perspectives. Is it a transnationalism?, workshop at the annual IMISCOE conference, Stockholm, September 2009.
- Sessione 10 – Il welfare invisibile dell'Europa meridionale: migranti e assistenza a domicilio" (with M. A. ... Annual conference of ESPANET Italia – “Senza welfare”?, Naples, September 2010. - Chair of the session A08 – Identities and Citizenship at the NORFACE International Conference Migration Change, UCL, London, April 2011.
- International workshop "Migrants and external voting in the EU: New prospects and challenges for research" (with M. Lafleur), IMISCOE-BNSF, Rome, May 2011.
- International conference “The migration-development nexus revisited: State of the art and ways ahead”, June 2011.
- Sessione 2 – “Terzo settore e partecipazione dei cittadini: volontariato, rappresentanza, cittadinanza attiva” session at the Annual Conference of ESPANET Italia – Innovare il welfare: percorsi di trasformazione in ... 2011.
- Out of place emotions? Managing affection from afar in transnational migration (with L. Baldassar), session at the Annual Conference of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee: Sociology of Migration – RC31, Buenos Aires, August 2012.
- Migration and social work in Europe: Reviewing the state of the art, workshop at the Annual Conference of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee: Sociology of Migration – RC31, Amsterdam, August 2012.
- Revisiting return migration in a mobility optic: Insights from the recent European experience (with J. W. ... Conference of the IMISCOE research network, Malmoe, August 2013.
- Migration and social work: Emerging connections in theory, research and practice (with E. Righard), workshop at the IMISCOE research network, Malmoe, August 2013.
- Changing population: Migration, reproduction and identity (with F. Decimo and A. Gribaldo), international conference, June 2014.
- Who's the author? And whose are the findings? Collaboration as a critical issue for ethnography, workshop at the Qualitative Research Conference, Bergamo, June 2014.
- Ambivalence as a category for migration studies: Promises, pitfalls, ways ahead (with P. Kivisto), RC31, Yokohama, July 2014.
- Home-making practices and the domestic spaces of migrant and ethnic minorities (with A. Brighenti), RC31, Yokohama, July 2014.
- Migration and social welfare in Europe (with E. Righard), workshop at the Annual Conference of the IMISCOE research network, August 2014.
- L'accesso degli utenti stranieri al welfare locale: il peso delle relazioni di front line (with E. Barberis), session at the Annual Conference of ESPANET Italia – Sfide alla cittadinanza e trasformazione dei corsi di vita, Turin, September 2014.
- MIM-IMISCOE Roundtable on Social Work Transnationalism (with E. Righard and C. Bolzman), University of Milan, October 2014.
- The undocumented, the non-legitimate, and their welfare (with E. Righard and C. Bolzman), workshop at the IMISCOE research network, Geneva, June 2015.
- ISA RC21 Conference Session “Immigrants and the domesticization of public spaces” (with J.W. Duyvendak), Urbino, August 2015.
- Return migration, circular migration and social work: An emerging field of practice (with E. Righard and C. Bolzman), workshop at the IMISCOE research network, October 2015.
- Ageing in place in a mobile world (with L. Baldassar, L. Merla, M. Kilkey and R. Wilding), session at the Annual Conference of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee: Sociology of Migration – RC31, Amsterdam, August 2016.
- Global social protection and migration: Reproduction of inequalities or safety net? (with T. Faist), session at the Annual Conference of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee: Sociology of Migration – RC31, Amsterdam, August 2016.

Expert referee in evaluating research projects and applications for:
University of Milan (2011)
Estonian Science Foundation (2012)

Swiss National Research Fund (2014)

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona – Escola de Postgrau (2014)

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (2015).

Referee for the following peer-reviewed journals: Ethnic and Racial Studies; Mondi Migranti; Journal of Global Networks; Migration Letters; The Latin Americanist; Transnational Social Review; Migration Studies; Qualitative Research; RicercAzione; Polis; Partecipazione e Conflitto; Quaderni di Sociologia; Stato e Movimento (Ed. Mulino); Íconos; Italian Journal of Sociology of Education; McGraw-Hill; FrancoAngeli – Politiche migratorie; Amsterdam University Press Publications.