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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 – current: Associate Professor in Sociology, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

National Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor in Sociology (14/C1 since January 2020), and in Demography and Social Statistics (13/D3 since January 2020).

2016 – 2024: Assistant Professor in Sociology, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

2012 – current: Research Fellow Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy, Bocconi University, Italy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of the family, life course, family formation, and fertility. Social capital and networks. Subjective well-being, health behaviors, disability. Quantitative methods and statistical analysis applied to social sciences.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Groningen (Groningen, The Netherlands), December 2012.
Dissertation: “Family, Friends and Fertility”

MSc, Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), 2008.
Graduation Mark: 110/110 cum laude

B.A., Business Administration and Management, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), 2005.
Graduation mark: 110/110 cum laude

PAST RESEARCH ACTIVITIES & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2013 – 2016: AXA Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator on the research project “Adolescent substance use: assessment of risk factors and risk prevention in a comparative perspective”, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics, Bocconi University

2012 – 2013: Postdoctoral Researcher on the PRIN project “A new childbearing and childrearing regime?”, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics, Bocconi University (P.I.: F.C. Billari)

2008 – 2012: PhD candidate on the research project “Fertility, social capital and social network”, Department of Sociology, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

2008: **Research Assistant** on the research project “Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)” and REPRO project “Reproductive decision-making in a macro-micro perspective”, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics, Bocconi University

GRANTS, AWARDS, & PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Grants & Awards:

2023 – 2028: **European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant - Child Disability and Family Life (FRAILIFE)** – P.I. Balbo N., Bocconi University (1.5 million €)

2023 – 2024: **Fondazione CARIPLO - Families and child disability: unmet needs and access to services in an intersectional perspective (childfam)** – P.I. Balbo N., Bocconi University (164,550 €)

2021 – current: **CIVICA - Mapping Emotions during COVID-19 pandemic using Twitter data (EMOMAP)** – P.I. Balbo N., Bocconi University (41,000 €)

2021 & 2017: **Bocconi Research Excellence Awards 2017 & 2021** – (7,500 €)

2017 – 2018: **Bocconi Young Researcher Grants (2017-2018)** – (8,000 €)

2013 – 2016: **AXA Postdoctoral Fellowship (2013-2016)** – P.I. Balbo N., Bocconi University (120,000 €)

2013: **Best PhD thesis Award of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)**

Submitted grant application:

2022: **PRIN MIUR - Families and Child disability: Uncertainty, Sociality and Wellbeing (FAMYDI)** – P.I. Balbo N., Bocconi University (230,000 €)

Participations in national and international research projects:

Participation as team member:

2022 – current: **PNRR MUSA - Multilayered Urban Sustainability Action** – P.I. Casarico A., Bocconi University

2021 – current: **SickFam - A Register Study on the Short- and Long-Term Effects of Severe Sickness on Family Members** – P.I. Kravdal Ø., University of Oslo

2020 – current: **Fondazione CARIPLO – Monitoring Coverage, Attitudes and Accessibility of Italian measures in response to COVID-19 (MONICA)** – P.I. Nozza D., Bocconi University

2019 – current: **PRIN MIUR - The Great Demographic Recession (GDR)** – P.I. Vignoli D., University of Florence

Participation as external collaborator:

2017 – 2022: **ERC DisCont - Discontinuities in Household and Family Formation** – P.I. Billari F.C., Bocconi University

2017 – 2022: **ERC SMITE - Social Mobility and Inequality across Italy and Europe, 1300-1800** – P.I.: Alfani G., Bocconi University

2018 – 2019: **GFC project – Global Family Change** – collaborative project supported by the National Science Foundation. P.I.: Kohler H.P. and Furstenberg F.F. (University of Pennsylvania)

2013 – 2019: **ERC SWELLFER – Subjective Well-Being and Fertility** – P.I.: Mencarini L., Bocconi University

Participation as postdoc or research assistant:

2011 – 2013: PRIN MIUR - A new childbearing and childrearing regime? – P.I.: Billari F.C., Bocconi University

2008 – 2010: REPRO - Reproductive decision-making in a macro-micro perspective – European Commission FP7, collaborative project. P.I.: Liefbroer A.C. (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute)

2008 – 2012: GGP - Generations and Gender Programme: A European Research Infrastructure on the Causes and Consequences of Demographic Developments– European Commission FP7, collaborative project. P.I.: Liefbroer A.C. (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute)

TEACHING

2023: Lecturer in Population Dynamics

PhD course (PhD in Social and Political Science) at Bocconi University

2017 – current: Lecturer in Sociology

Two undergraduate level courses (Bachelor of International Politics and Government and an elective course cross-Bachelor) at Bocconi University

2016 – 2019: Lecturer in Applications for Management

Two undergraduate level courses (Bachelor in International and Economic Management) at Bocconi University

2014: Lecturer in Population Dynamics and Economics

Graduate level course (Master of Science in Economics and Social Sciences) at Bocconi University

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2023: Scientific committee member for Popdays Conference, Italy

2022: Strand organizer of the “Fertility” Theme for the European Population Conference, NL

2019 – current: Local and Scientific committee member for the yearly Alpine Population Conference (Alp-Pop), Italy

2019: Local and Scientific committee member for Popdays Conference, Italy

2017: Scientific Committee member of the European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Italy

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSABILITIES

2023 – current: Diversity delegate, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2023 – current: Member of the Inclusion, Disability and Well Being Committee at the university level, Bocconi University

2022 – current: Member of the Teaching Committee, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2021 – 2022: Member of the Bylaws Committee, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2021 – current: Member of the Scientific committee of the Italian Association for Population Studies

2019 – current: Co-chair of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) Working Group on Child and Adolescent Development

2019 – 2020: Member of the Hiring Committee for the hiring of two Assistant Professors in Demography and Sociology, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2019 – 2021: Secretary of the Italian Association for Population Studies

2018 – 2021: Organizer of the Internal Seminar Series, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2016 – current: Faculty member, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

SUPERVISION & ADVISING

2023: **External examiner for 1 PhD student**, University of Turku, Finland

2018 – 2022: **Supervision of 1 PhD student**, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2015 – 2017: **Supervision of 2 AXA Post-doctoral fellows**, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy Bocconi University

2016 – current: **Thesis supervision of over 30 Bachelor and Master students**, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(Google Scholar: 1660 citations HI-index: 13. Last updated 1th March 2024)

Ivanova, K.O., and **Balbo, N.** Fear of the future: An exploration of a novel fertility transitions determinant. *Population and Development Review* (forthcoming).

Balbo, N., and **Bolano D.** Child disability, parental health and civic engagement. Exploring gender differences. *European Journal of Public Health*, 34 (1): 79-84.

Balbo, N., Casarico A., Sommacal, A., and Altintas, E. Heterogeneity in parental time with children: Trends by gender and education between 1961 and 2012 across 20 countries. *European Sociological Review* (<https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcad071>)

Di Nallo, A., Ivanova, K., and **Balbo, N.** (2023). Repartnering of women in the United States: The interplay between motherhood and socio-economic status. *Population Studies* 1-18.

Trentini, F., Manna, A., **Balbo, N.**, Marziano, V., Guzzetta, G., O'Dell, S., ... and Melegaro, A. (2022). Investigating the relationship between interventions, contact patterns, and SARS-CoV-2 transmissibility. *Epidemics* 40: 100601.

Meazzini, M. C., Tortora, C., Cohen, N., Mazzoleni, F., **Balbo, N.**, Donati, V., and Autelitano, L. (2022). Comparison of the psychosocial impact on patients affected by cranio facial anomalies between traditional orthodontic brackets and aligners. *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health* 34(5): 357–365.

Anelli, M., and **Balbo, N.** (2021); Fertility Drain or Fertility Gain? Emigration and Fertility During the Great Recession in Italy. *Demography* 58 (2): 631–654.

Balbo, N., Carapella, P., and Toffolutti, V. (2020). Trends in the use of mind-altering drugs among European adolescents during the Great Recession, *Health Policy* 124 (5): 568–574.

Balbo, N., Billari, F.C., and Melegaro, A. (2020). The strength of family ties and COVID-19. *Contexts: Sociology for the Public*.

Ivanova, K., and **Balbo, N.** (2019). Cementing the stepfamily? Biological and stepparents' relationship satisfaction after the birth of a common child in stepfamilies. *Journal of Family Issues*, 40(10): 1346-1363.

- Arpino, B., Bordone, V., and **Balbo, N.** (2018). Grandparenting, education and subjective wellbeing of older Europeans. *European Journal of Aging*. DOI: 10.1007/s10433-018-0467-2
- Balbo, N.**, and Arpino, B. (2016). The role of family orientations in shaping the effect of fertility on subjective well-being. *Demography*, 53(4): 955-978
- Aassve, A., Arpino, B., and **Balbo, N.** (2016). It takes two to tango: couples' happiness and childbearing. *European Journal of Population*, 32(3): 339-354
- Korff, V., **Balbo, N.**, Mills, M., Heyse, L., and Wittek, R. (2015). Mission Impossible? The impact of humanitarian aid context and individual characteristics on aid worker retention. *Disasters*. DOI: 10.1111/disa.12119
- Balbo, N.**, and Barban, N. (2014). Does fertility behavior spread among friends? *American Sociological Review*, 79(3): 412-431
- Balbo, N.**, Billari, F.C., and Mills, M. (2013). Fertility in advanced societies: a review of research. *European Journal of Population*, 29(1): 1-38
- Balbo, N.**, and Mills, M. (2011). The influence of the family network on the realization of fertility intentions. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research 2011*, 9: 179-206
- Balbo, N.**, and Mills, M. (2011). Social capital and pressure in fertility decision-making: second and third births in France, Germany and Bulgaria, *Population Studies*, 65(3): 335-351

BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS & REPORTS

- Balbo, N.**, Bolano, D., Egidi, V., Moretti, M., and Solipaca, A. (2023). La disabilità come sfida per le famiglie. In: (a cura di): Tomassini C; Vignoli D, Rapporto sulla popolazione. Le famiglie in Italia. Forme, ostacoli, sfide. UNIVERSALE PAPERBACKS IL MULINO, Bologna: Mulino.
- Balbo N.**, Barban N. (2020) Social Contagion Effects in Fertility: Theory and Analytical Strategy. In: Schoen R. (eds) Analyzing Contemporary Fertility. The Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis, vol 51. Springer, Cham.
- Balbo, N.**, Kashnitsky, I., Melegaro, A., Meslé, F., Mills, M.C., de Valk, H., et al. (2020). Demography and the coronavirus pandemic. *Population and Policy Brief*, 25/2020. Max Planck Society/Population Europe, Berlin, Germany
- Balbo, N.** (2018). The Mental Toll of Being Connected: Is social media having an impact on adolescent health? *Population and Policy Brief 19/2018*. Max Planck Society/Population Europe, Berlin, Germany
- Balbo, N.** (2015). Fertility Theory. In: *James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2nd edition*, Vol. 9. Oxford: Elsevier. pp. 19–27.
- Balbo, N.** (2012). Family, Friends and Fertility. *ICS Dissertation Series*, Groningen, The Netherlands

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW, AND WORKING PAPERS

- Koksal S., **Balbo, N.**, and Billari F.C. Intergenerational and intersectional life-course effects: Lessons from the Romanian abortion ban (**under review**)
- Wörn, J., **Balbo, N.**, Hank, K., and Kravdal, Ø. Co-development of child and parental mental health (**paper presented at the SickFam Workshop 2023**)
- Balbo, N.** Billari, F.C., and Boschetti E. The Speed of life and the life course (**paper presented at PAA 2022**)

Barban, N., Fasang, A., and **Balbo, N.** Similarity in transition to adulthood of friends and school-mates (*paper presented at PAA 2019*)

Balbo, N., Bonanomi, A., and Luppi, F. Adolescents' perception of risk and drug use: a comparative European analysis. *Dondena Working Paper (WP Series) No. 112*, Bocconi University, Italy

Balbo, N. (2009). Recent Fertility Trends and Second Birth Decision-Making in Georgia. *Dondena Working Paper (WP Series) No. 23*, Bocconi University, Italy

SELECTION OF PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Popdays 2023: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *February 2023, Rome (Italy)*
- EPC 2022: European Population Conference, *June 2022, Groningen (NL)*
- ECSR 2022: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *July 2022, Amsterdam (NL)*
- PAA 2022: Population American Association, *April 2022, online conference*
- PAA 2021: Population American Association, *April 2020, online conference*
- Popdays 2019: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *January 2020, Milan (Italy)*
- PAA 2019: Population American Association, *April 2019, Austin (USA)*
- ECSR 2018: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *October 2018, Paris (France)*
- EPC 2018: European Population Conference, *June 2018, Bruxelles (Belgium)*
- PAA 2018: Population American Association, *April 2018, Denver (USA)*
- Alp-Pop 2018: The Alpine Population Conference, *January 2018, La Thuile (Italy)*
- IUSSP 2017: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, *Cape Town (South Africa)*
- ECSR 2017: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *August 2017, Milan (Italy)*
- PAA 2017: Population American Association, *April 2017, Chicago (USA)*
- Popdays 2017: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *February 2017, Firenze (Italy)*
- ECSR 2016: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *September 2016, Oxford (UK)*
- Popdays 2015: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *February 2015, Palermo (Italy)*
- ISQOLS 2014. Quality of Life Conference, *September 2014, Berlin (Germany)*
- EPC 2014: European Population Conference, *June 2014, Budapest (Hungary)*
- BSPS 2014: British Society for Population Studies, *September 2014, Winchester (UK)*
- IUSSP 2013: International Population Conference, *August 2013, Busan (Korea)*
- EPC 2012: European Population Conference, *June 2012, Stockholm (Sweden)*
- Alp-Pop 2012: The Alpine Population Conference, *January 2012, La Thuile (Italy)*
- PAA 2012: Population American Association, *May 2011, San Francisco (USA)*
- ASA 2011: Spring Methodology Conference of the American Sociological Association, *May 2011, Tilburg (The Netherlands)*
- PAA 2010: Population American Association, *April 2010, Dallas (USA)*
- VID 2010: Vienna Institute of Demography Conference, *December 2010, Vienna (Austria)*
- EPC 2010: European Population Conference, *September 2010, Vienna (Austria)*
- ECSR 2009: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *December 2009, Paris (France)*
- IUSSP 2009: International Population Conference, *September 2009, Marrakech (Morocco)*

INVITED TALKS

- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, *MPIDR Seminar Series*, June 2023 (upcoming), Rostock, Germany
- Invited speaker at *European University Institute, CLIC* (Comparative Life Course and Inequality Research Centre) e IWG (Inequality Working Group), March 2022, Italy
- Invited speaker at *ICS Master Class*, April 2021, Utrecht University, NL
- Invited speaker at *UCL Quantitative Social Science Seminar*, March 2021, UCL, UK
- Invited speaker at the *Amsterdam Centre of Inequality Studies (AMCIS) Seminar Series*, University of Amsterdam, May 2019, Amsterdam, NL
- Invited speaker at the *Swellfer Seminar Series*, May 2014, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy
- Invited speaker at the opening plenary session of the *28th Young Leaders Conference on “The new demographics”*, organized by the Council for the United States and Italy, October 2012, Trieste, Italy
- Invited speaker at the *AKS-seminar*, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, October 2013, Oslo, Norway
- Invited speaker at the *ECSR (European Consortium for Sociological Research) Conference 2013*, October 2013, Tilburg, The Netherlands

MEDIA COVERAGE

Podcast Think Diverse: [Sickness as a Family Issue](#)

The paper “Does Fertility Behavior Spread among Friends?” has been cited by: [Fox News](#); [New York Daily News](#); [Business Insider](#); [La Stampa](#); [El Mundo](#); [Le Figaro](#); [Il Corriere della Sera](#)

The paper “The Role of Family Orientations in Shaping the Effect of Fertility on Subjective Well-being: A Propensity Score Matching Approach” has been cited by [La Stampa](#); [Il Messaggero](#); [La Vanguardia](#)

The policy brief “The Mental Toll of Being Connected. What kind of impact is social media having on adolescent health?” [has been cited by La Vanguardia](#)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Population Association of America; European Association for Population Studies; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; Italian Association for Population Studies

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 – current: Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Discover Social Science and Health*

Ad-hoc Reviewer for journals including: *American Journal of Sociology*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Sociology*, *International Migration Review*, *European Journal of Population*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Demographic research*, *Demography*, *Population Studies*, *Journal Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, *Social Forces*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Social Forces*, *American Sociological Review*.

Review panel member for Scientific Grants: *European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizen: Italian; Civil Status: Married with two children (born in 2013 and 2015)