

- **Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Essex, Colchester, UK
- **Qualified** as Associate Professor in the Italian Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale for the categories: General Sociology; Political and Juridical Sociology (from 08/07/2020 until 08/07/2029).
- **Senior Fellow** of the Higher Education Academy, UK
- **Doctor in Sociology**, University of Essex 2014
- **Co-Chair** Southern Branch British Society of Criminology
- **Winner** of the **Excellence in Education** Award (Individual Educator) – University of Essex 2021
- **Winner** of the Research Award “*Talented Young Italians*” in Research and Innovation of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in the UK (2018)
- **Winner** of University of Essex **Research Impact Award** for Early Career Researchers 2018
- Critical social science and criminal policy researcher with extensive track record of publications, specialised in mafia studies and mafia mobility; ports, organised crime, and illicit trafficking; cocaine and ports; migration, ethnicity and crime; cross-border policing and security; power and crime.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

January 2011-

July 2014

Centre for Criminology, University of Essex, Colchester, England

PhD Sociology (Pass with no correction)

Thesis: ‘The Socio-legal identity of organised crime policing in England and in Italy within international frameworks’

Policy evaluation of criminal justice responses at the national and European levels against serious and organised crimes.

2008 – 2009 King’s College, University of London

Specialist LL.M. in Criminal Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice

Merit

Studies of English and European and International Law, Criminal Policy, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Human Rights, State Crime ect.

Dissertation Title: ‘Sentencing and Punishing Organised Crime in the English and Italian legal systems’ (awarded a distinction mark)

2004 – 2009 Università degli Studi di Bologna, Italy

One cycle degree (5 years Master degree) in Law

110/110 cum laude (first class cum laude)

Studies of International Law, Law of the European Union and Italian Law, Civil, Administrative, Criminal Law and Justice, Philosophy of Law, Micro and Macro Economics, Commercial Law etc.

Final thesis in International and European Criminal Procedure, ‘Investigation and Prosecution of Organised Crime in the United Kingdom’ (in English)

2005 – 2006 University of Wolverhampton, England

Erasmus Project, School of Law

Studies of Criminal Law, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Public Law, English Legal System

1999 – 2004 Liceo Classico Statale G. Da Fiore, Rende, Italy

Classical High School, Graduated with 100/100 mark.

Other Courses & Training

- Senior Fellow Higher Education Academy, University of Essex CADENZA Program, February 2019
- Three-days training – National Centre for Research Methods: “Quantitative Methods for Qualitative Researchers”, University of Westminster 9-11 January 2018
- University of Michigan, Questionnaire Design for Social Surveys, Massive Open Online Course offered through Coursera, June 2015 – August 2015
- University of Zurich, Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences, Massive Open Online Course offered through Coursera, May 2015 – July 2015
- Two-day workshop on Quantitative Criminology, offered at Lancaster University 20-21 May 2015 - Award of NCRM Training Bursary to attend the course.
- Duke University, Data Analysis and Statistical Inference, Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) offered through Coursera, March 2015 – May 2015
- University of Essex Summer School in Social Science Methods (July 2012 and July 2013) – Data Collection with Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis Techniques.
- Fellow Higher Education Academy (UK) - Post Graduate Teaching In Higher Education Program (PGCHEP) completed April 2014, University of Essex
- ECPR III Summer School in Organised Crime and Terrorism (July 2011, Ohrid Macedonia).
- Summer School in Dutch Culture and Society (Utrecht, July-August 2008).
- Summer School in Theories and Techniques of Communication (Limbadi, Italy July 2007 and 2008).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current Position

September 2015

-ongoing

University of Essex, Department of Sociology

Professor of Sociology/Criminology (2021 - ongoing)

Senior Lecturer in Criminology (2018-2021)

Lecturer in Criminology (2015-2018)

Centre for Criminology, with Research, Teaching and Administrative Duties

(Previous)

Research Experience

March/April

2023

Australian National University, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Canberra

Deakin University, Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Melbourne

Visiting Professor

Jan-March 2022

University of Pisa, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Italy

Visiting Professor

January 2019

University of Turin, Department of Culture, Society and Politics, Italy

International Visiting Fellow

April 2017

University of Montreal, International and Comparative Criminology Research Centre, Canada

Visiting Fellow

July-Aug. 2017

School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

Visiting Fellow

Oct-Nov. 2015

Flinders University, Centre for Criminology, Adelaide, Australia

Visiting Fellow

Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra, Australia

Visiting Fellow

January 2015

-August 2015

University of West London, Ealing Law School

Lecturer in Policing and Crime Sciences

Placed in the Research Strand of the School, with reduced teaching schedule. UG

Module on Punishment and Prison, and UG Module on Foundations of Criminal law; PG module on Organised Crime.

Ealing Law School - Head of PhD Studies

January 2014

-April 2014

University of Cambridge, Department of Politics and International Studies

Research Assistant – National Crime Agency Placement

Based at the National Crime Agency HQ in London, as part of the RCUK (ESRC) Global Uncertainties Programme. Policy analysis research position in the area of social and behavioural sciences.

Sept. 2013-

Dec. 2013

School of Law, Center for Research in Crime and Justice, New York University, New York City, United States of America

Program Affiliate Scholar, Research + Temporary Training Juris Doctor (JD), Federal Criminal Justice and Organized Crime Control

Other Teaching Experience

September 2020 – ongoing *University Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy*

Module Leader of Sociology of Organised Crime, 12 hours

Master in Critical Criminology and Public Security

September 2019 *University of Messina, Italy*

Module Leader of Sociology of Deviance, 12 hours

Master in Esperto per in Intervento Sociale Minori e Mafie

September 2014

- January 2015

University of Roehampton, Department of Social Sciences

Lecturer in Criminology (Part-time)

Lectures and Seminars for Issues in Contemporary Policing

September 2012

- December 2014

Bloomsbury Law Tutor Ltd, London

Tutor in Law

Criminal Law, Criminology, EU law, Human Rights, Criminal Justice, Sentencing and Punishment

September 2011

- June 2014 *University of Essex, Department of Sociology*

Graduate Teaching Assistant

'Globalisation and Crime', 'Policing and Society', Introduction to Law, Punishment and Modernity - administrative duties.

February 2012

- June 2013 *London Metropolitan University, Faculty of Applied Social Sciences*

Part-time Lecturer in Criminology

Introduction to Criminal Justice, New Perspectives on Policing, Researching Crime and Deviance

Other Work experience

July 2012

July 2013 *Mouseion Professors Ltd., Education Services, London UK*

Freelance Consultant/ Researcher - Sociology and Economics

July 2010-

December 2010 *Withers LLP, London*

Paralegal Staigiare, Litigation Department

Assisting the litigation department dealing with Italian clients and engagements, supporting with Italian language and legal background.

August 2010-

August 2011 *The Hague Institute for Internationalisation of Law, The Hague (home based)*

Consultant/Researcher International Law, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Legislation for databases of European Law and International Law

January 2010-

June 2010 *Pricewaterhouse Coopers Advisory, Milan*

Internship – Anti Money Laundering and Forensics Department

Counselling to companies for the correct compliance in Anti Money Laundering regulations within Italian and European requirements.

Professional Training received for performing AML due diligence.

EXTERNAL FUNDING & AWARDS

- **PENDING:** ERC Consolidator Grant 2023 – Invited to 2nd stage interview
- **AWARDED:** University of Essex Rapid Response Impact Fund 2023: Shifty Brotherhoods: Mafia, Deviant Masons and Corruption in Italy (£2000) – March-July 2023
- **AWARDED:** ESRC Impact Acceleration Fund 2019-2021, Title "C.R.I.M.E: Countering Regional Italian Mafia Expansion" in partnership with Eurojust: Italian Desk, £10,000 – April-October 2020
- **AWARDED:** ESRC Active Engagement Fund 2019-2020, Title "Secur.Ports Workshop", in partnership with Royal United Services Institutes (RUSI), London, £2000 – May 2020
- **AWARDED:** PVC Research Strategic Fund, University of Essex, £1,000 Mafiaround (Follow-Up)
- **AWARDED:** The British Academy: Tackling the UK's International Challenges, Project Title: "SECUR.PORTS: Opportunities and Vulnerabilities for Organised Crime in Seaports" – Principal Investigator in partnership with University of Turin, January 2019-February 2022, £50,000

- **AWARDED:** ESRC Impact Acceleration Fund 2018, Project Title “*Mafiaround: Fighting Italian Mafias Abroad*”, £15,000, Principal Investigator in partnership with the Italian Embassy, London (Attaché Office Guardia di Finanza), March- November 2018
- **AWARDED:** British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grant Competition-Round 2/2016 – Awarded £9,750 – Project Title “*Cultural differences or cultural bias? Policing the Calabrian ‘ndrangheta around the world*” –April 2017-April 2018 (Principal Investigator)
- **AWARDED:** International Visiting Professor, Australian National University, March-April 2023
- **AWARDED:** International Visiting Professor, University of Pisa, January/March 2022 (2650 Euros)
- **AWARDED:** International Fellowship University of Turin, January/February 2019 (3000 Euros)
- **AWARDED:** International Fellowship University of Melbourne, School of Social and Political Sciences, July/August 2017 (3000 AUD)
- **AWARDED:** Fellowship University of Montreal, Centre for Comparative Criminology, April 2017 (1000 CAD)
- **AWARDED:** Fellowship Flinders University, School of Law, Adelaide (Australia), October 2015, (2000 AUD)
- **WINNER**, University of Essex, *Excellence in Education Award* (Individual Educator) 2021
- **WINNER**, University of Essex *Impact Award*, Early Career Researcher 2018 (GBP 1000)
- **WINNER:** Italian Chamber of Commerce in London, “*Talented Young Italian Award*” for Research and Innovation, October 2018 (Euros 500)
- **WINNER** of the Research Award “*Italy Made Me*” in Social Sciences and Humanities by the Italian Embassy in the UK (2017), (Euros 2000)
- **WINNER:** Top 10 Best Students of the Faculty of Law at the University of Bologna, 2008
- **WINNER:** Best Student of the Year at Dickinson College in Bologna, Italy, prize ‘Marco Biagi Fellowship (1000 Euros), 2007

SELECTED ‘OTHER’ PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENT, REPORT & CONSULTANCIES

- Expert **Consultant** to Disney+ (2023) documentary on ‘ndrangheta
- Expert **Consultant** to BBC Panorama “The Drug Wars that Killed Olivia” (2023)
- Expert **Consultant** to the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime – GLOBAL ORGANISED CRIME INDEX – Mafia-Style Crimes (2022)
- Expert **Consultant** to the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime, for the project *Hotspot 4: Maritime Balkan Routes: A Risk Assessment of South-Eastern European Commercial Ports 2021-2022*
- Expert **Consultant** to the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime, for the Global Organized Crime Index, Oceania, Italy, North America (2020-2022)
- Expert **Consultant** to Channel 9, Australia, for “Under Investigation – Colin Winchester” - 2022
- Expert **Consultant** to 60 Forty Films for the production of TV drama ‘Kingdom’, 2022
- Expert **Consultant** to ABC Australia for “The Black Hand” (2023) Documentary, 2022
- Expert **Consultant** to ABC Australia – Foreign Correspondent – on ‘The Magistrate and the Mob’, 2022
- Member of the **Advisory Group for the Criminology Subject Benchmark Statement** review (United Kingdom) - Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) 2021
- **Co-Chair** Southern Branch British Society of Criminology (since October 2022)
- **REPORT: Mafiaround-Europe**, (May 2021) CRIME (Countering Regional Italian Mafia Expansion), see project website - <https://www.essex.ac.uk/research-projects/countering-regional-italian-mafia-expansion>

- **REPORT:** *Expert Consultant* for the European Crime Prevention Network (**EUCPN**), Toolbox on Family-based crime available at <https://eucpn.org/toolbox-familybasedcrime> and Member of the Jury for the ECPN Award 2020
- Expert **Witness** for the defence, *R v My Uh*, Queensland, Australia (2021)
- Expert **Witness** for the prosecution, *R.v Perre*, South Australia (2020-2021)
- **REPORT:** *SecurPort*. With RUSI, SecurPort Workshop, 27.05.2020, <https://shoc.rusi.org/informer/securport-workshop-conceptual-report-and-summary-activities>
- Expert **Consultant** (2019-2021) to RUSI (Royal United Services Institute) Europe for the Critical Maritime Routes Monitoring, Support and Evaluation Mechanism (**CRIMSON**), third phase
- Associate Editor *Criminology & Criminal Justice* (SAGE journal)
- Member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*
- Co-founder of **FIRM UK – For an Interconnected eRadication of Mafias in UK** within the CHANCE (Civil Hub Against organised Crime in Europe) of Libera International (ongoing since November 2019)
- **REPORT:** Expert Consultant for **Europol, Australian Federal Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police** and **US FBI** for the report (June 2018) “*Ndrangheta. The Socio-Cultural Aspects of the Calabrian Mafia in Italy and Abroad*”
- **REPORT:** Mafiaround, PACCS Research, Workshop Mafiaround 28.11.2018 <http://www.paccsresearch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Mafiaround-Report.pdf>
- Expert **Consultant** for 87film – TV series production 8 episodes of “**The Penitent**” in collaboration with Mediaset and Fremantle production 2020-2021 (show cancelled)
- Expert Consultant to ABC Australia, **Four Corner**, TV Documentary on the Calabrian ‘ndrangheta in Australia, ‘The Mafia in Australia: Drugs, Murder and Politics’, Four Corners ABC, first aired 29th June 2015
- **Expert Court Witness** for Legal Aid Canberra (Australia) in *R v Eastman* (2018)
- Founder and Chair of the Early Career Researchers Network of the **British Society of Criminology** (2016-2019)
- **External Reviewer** – Criminology Courses, London Metropolitan University -2018-2020

Guest talks

- **Invited Keynote Speaker** – Summer School on Illicit trade (University of Groningen and University of Catania) – Catania, 2-7 July 2023
- **Invited Keynote Speaker** – AFP (Australian Federal Police) – Italian Organised Crime Conference
- **Invited Panel Speaker** Fundacion Ideas Para La Paz/GI-TOC/ Konrad Adenaur Stiftung – International Conference on Organised Crime – the Future of Colombia, Bogotá February 2023
- **Invited Panel Speaker**, Interpol General Assembly, New Delhi, October 2022
- **Invited Keynote Speaker**, Universidad del Rosario, Conference on Maritime Crimes,. Cartagena (Colombia) April 2022
- **Invited Keynote Speaker**, Università della Svizzera Italiana & Fedpol (Swiss Federal Police), Lugano– “Osservatorio Ticinese della Criminalità Organizzata” Conference, June 2022

- **Invited Keynote Speaker** – ONGIA (Ontario Gang Investigators Association) annual conference, November 2021
- **Invited Keynote Speaker** – FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation, USA) Italian Organised Crime conference – Washington (& online), October 2021
- **Invited Keynote Speaker** – BKA (Bundeskriminalamt) Annual Police Conference, April 2021
- Expert Consultant/ Training for **Interpol** I-Can Project (Interpol Coordination Against the 'Ndrangheta) – 30 July 2020. 'Ndrangheta dynasties: activities and structures.
- Invited to give a 2-hour training to CBSA (Canadian Border Services Agency) – 28 May 2021
- International **Keynote** Speaker, Czech Criminological Association, Annual Conference, Brno, January 2020
- Invited Panel Speaker, Libera NGO International, Stati Generali dell'Antimafia, Trieste 1-3 February 2019
- Invited **International Keynote Speaker** Independent Board for Anti-Corruption (IBAC) Conference for Prevention and Integrity, 3-4 October 2017 Melbourne
- Invited Panel Speaker "A Very Sicilian Justice", Italian Society King's College London, 3 May 2017
- Invited Guest Lecturer to the EU Jean Monnet Module on Organised Crime, University of Catania, February 2017

Other experiences

- Steering Committee Member of the ECPR Standing Group on Organised Crime 2011-2017
- Invited Guest Lecturer to University of Pisa, Italy, Specialist MA module on Prevention of Organised Crime, April 2016 and April 2017
- Invited as Expert in workshop: 'Better Safe than Sorry? Possible Consequences of *Brexit* for the UK's Internal Security', Aston Centre for Europe, Aston University, Birmingham - 10th June 2016
- Consultancy to POST (Parliamentary Office on Science and Technology) UK Parliament for "Brexit: An Academic Conference", by invitation, 10 November 2016
- Online Unit on Surveillance and Technology for the University of Leicester as commissioned by Perpetuity Research UK (January-June 2015).
- Guest Lecturer at London Metropolitan University February-March 2014 for International Criminal Justice Modules
- Contributor, upon invitation, to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the use and Supply of Methamphetamines in particular Ice, Australia, February 2014
- Participation, upon invitation, in the Round-table for the Citizen Pact, Research Workshop on Anti-Money Laundering and Tax Havens, European Alternatives, London 27 September 2013
- Guest Lecturer at Loyola University of Chicago Summer School in Rome, May 2012

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native) English (Fluent) - Spanish (Intermediate) - French (Pre-Intermediate), Czech (Beginner)

COMPUTING SKILLS

Software: Excellent Knowledge of Microsoft Suite, both on Apple Mac and Windows XP and Vista. Most commonly used email systems (Lotus Notes, Microsoft Exchange, Mail and Microsoft Outlook), QuarkXpress 10 for Mac, SPSS & R-studio (Statistics, basic knowledge)

Operating Systems: Windows Vista and XP; Apple MAC OS X