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Education

2023–26*	Ph.D. , Public Governance, Management and Policy, University of Bologna
2021–23	M.A. , Quantitative Methods for Economic Decisions, University of Bologna
2017–20	B.Sc. Economics, Markets and Institutions, University of Bologna

Research Experience

Ongoing	Doctoral Research, Department of Economics, University of Bologna, (Advisors: Prof. Maria Ferrante, Prof. Silvia De Nicolò). <i>"Statistical Methods for Poverty and Inequality Analysis"</i>
Ongoing	Research Collaboration, Prometeia Research Division of Economic Analysis and Forecasting, <i>"Intergenerational transfers, wealth accumulation, and inequality: Evidence from European countries"</i>
2023	Visiting Fellow, Austrian Institute for Economic Research (WIFO) , University of Bologna, (Advisors: Dr. Stefan Angel, Prof. Silvia De Nicolò, Prof. Maria Ferrante) <i>"Rural-urban analysis in poverty mapping: an application to Austrian EU-SILC data"</i>
2022	Research Assistant, University of Bologna, (Advisor: Prof. Ida D'Attoma) <i>"The combined use of Big Data and traditional data for the analysis of consumer attitudes towards sustainable consumption in Europe"</i>

Awards & Honors

2024	Graduate Awards – University of Bologna, Awarded for outstanding educational achievements during graduation year.
2023	M.A. Graduation with Honors, Department of Statistical Science, University of Bologna
2023	Thesis Research Mobility Grant – Department of Statistical Science, University of Bologna
2022-2023	Study Grant for Deserving Student, Department of Statistical Science, University of Bologna
2022-2023	Erasmus+ Mobility Grant
2020	B.Sc. Graduation with Honors, Department of Economics, University of Bologna

*Expected.

Publications

1. Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

Broka Alessia., Silvia De Nicolò, and Stefan Angel (2025). “Assessing the Targeting of Austrian Social Assistance Schemes: Who is left behind?” In: *ICES 2025 - 3rd Italian Conference on Economic Statistics - BOOK OF SHORT PAPERS*, Enzo Albano Edizioni.

Work in progress

Broka, Alessia., Silvia De Nicolò, and Stefan Angel (2025). *Are we reaching the poor? Evaluating Austria’s social assistance schemes via small area estimation.*

Bonacini, Luca and **Broka, Alessia** (2024a). *Inequality of Educational Opportunity during the Pandemic: Evidence from School Closures.*

Broka, Alessia, Silvia De Nicolò, and Stefan Angel (2023). *Rural-urban analysis in poverty mapping: an application to Austrian EU-SILC data.*

Talks

As speaker

Broka, Alessia, Silvia De Nicolò, and Angel Stefan (July 2025a). *Are we reaching the poor? Evaluating Austria’s social assistance schemes via small area estimation.* Italian Conference on Survey Methodology (ITACOSM), Survey Sampling Group (2SG), Italian Statistical Society (SIS), Bologna, Italy. [Conference website](#).

— (Feb. 2025b). *Assessing the Targeting of Austrian Social Assistance schemes: Who is left behind?* 3rd Italian Conference on Economic Statistics, Parthenope University of Naples. (Naples, Italy). [Conference website](#).

Bonacini, Luca and **Broka, Alessia** (June 2024b). *Inequality of Educational Opportunity during the pandemic: Evidence from School Closures.* GEOM, Equality of Opportunity and Intergenerational Mobility - A Global Perspective, LSE International Inequality Institute, (Bari, Italy). [Conference website](#).

— (Sept. 2024c). *Inequality of Educational Opportunity during the pandemic: Evidence from School Closures.* Workshop on Poverty, Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility: Measurement Issues, Empirical Evidence and Policies, Sapienza University, Rome. (Rome, Italy). [Conference website](#).

As co-author

Broka, Alessia, Silvia De Nicolò, and Stefan Angel (Aug. 2024). *Policy targeting assessment of Austrian social assistance schemes among federal provinces and rural-urban trends.* 63rd European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress, Terceira Island, Azores (Portugal). [Conference website](#).

Teaching

University of Bologna

2023- Ongoing	Teaching Assistant, Statistics, Prof. M. Costa (CODE 00914)
2023- Ongoing	Teaching Assistant, Data Analysis Laboratory, Prof. E. D’Innocenzo (CODE 17241)

Further Education

Attendance to additional PhD Courses, Department of Statistical Science, Department of Economics, University of Bologna: Advanced Statistical Models, Spatial Statistics, Methods for Panel Data, Causal Inference and Program Evaluation

Soft skills course on Artificial Intelligence Tools for Content Production in Academia

Summer School in Development Economics, Prato, University of Verona and Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability of Monash University (2024 Edition)

Erasmus+ Mobility Programme – Universität Wien, Department of Business, Economics and Statistics, Vienna, Austria (2022-2023)

Tools & Software

R, Stata, Gretl (Advanced)

Python (Beginner)

Languages

Italian (Mothertongue), Albanian (Mothertongue), English (C1), German (B1), French (A2).

Other Experience

2016	Winner of a fully granted Erasmus+ Exchange Program in Derry, Northern Ireland, Participation to Twinning Town Program, in Schwäbisch Gmünd (Germany)
2018-2022	Worked while studying to support my education: part-time waitress (3 years), administrative employee at Poltrone Sofà (6 months), Private Tutor in Math, Economics, English, French, German, Administrative support at the Department of Economics and Statistical Science, University of Bologna (450 hours)
2023	Provided Voluntary Educational Support to Middle and High School Students at "RitmoLento" Association in Bologna

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