

Chiara Ludovica Comolli

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor (Nov 2021-present; *On maternity leave between Dec 2022 - May 2023*)
Demography, Department of Statistics 'Paolo Fortunati', University of Bologna, Italy
(National scientific qualification ASN, for Associate Professor of Demography)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social and family demography, fertility, childlessness, social mobility, inequality, business cycles, uncertainty, marriage and divorce, divorce penalty, subjective wellbeing and health, life course approach, quantitative methods, causal inference.

EDUCATION

- 2011-2016 PhD Sociology, *Sociology and Political Science Department, European University Institute (EUI), Italy*
Fertility in Time of Economic Crisis. The Great Recession effects on childbearing in the United States
Examining board: Fabrizio Bernardi (Professor of Sociology at EUI, Supervisor); Martin Kohli (Emeritus Professor of Sociology at EUI, Co-Supervisor); Anette Fasang (Humboldt University and WZB); Arnstein Aassve (Bocconi University).
Selected by the EUI SPS Department as one of the "notable" theses defended in 2016.
Third place at the ECSR Prize 2017 for the Best 2016 PhD thesis.
- 2006-2009 MSc Economics and Social Sciences, *L. Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, March 2009*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - today **Task leader** in the PNRR PE8 project *Age-It, Ageing well in an ageing society, WP4 "Biodemographic and social aspects of ageing"* (PI R. Miglio, *University of Bologna, Italy*), Task 1.3 "Impact of bereavement on mortality and health outcomes".
- 2022 - 2023 **PI of the Alma Idea 2022 project** "Incertezza e Stratificazione sociale: come un decennio di crisi ha cambiato la fecondità in Europa" (2022-2023, *University of Bologna, Italy*)
- 2021 - today **Assistant Professor of Demography**, *Department of Statistics 'Paolo Fortunati', University of Bologna, Italy*
- 2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Demography Unit of the Sociology Department (SUDA), Stockholm University, Sweden*
- 2019 - 2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), LINES (FNS WELLWAYS project) and LIVES, University of Lausanne, Switzerland*
- 2016 - 2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Demography Unit of the Sociology Department (SUDA), Linnaeus Center on Social Policy and Family Dynamics in Europe, SPaDE and Tackling Inequalities in Time of Austerity (TITA) Project, Stockholm University, Sweden*
- 2015 - 2016 **Research Assistant**, *Families and Societies Project - Changing Families and sustainable*

- societies (grant agreement no 320116), *European University Institute*
- 2013 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Dept. of Demography, University of Berkeley (UCB), CA, United States. Mentor: Professor Ronald Lee.
- 2011 **Research Assistant**, Accounting Department. *SDA School of Management, L. Bocconi University*

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

- A.Y. 2023-24 to today **Instructor**, Statistica Sociale (Modulo I), Undergraduate degree in Statistical Sciences, Curriculum Biodemografico, University of Bologna
- A.Y. 2021-22 to today **Instructor**, Demografia, Undergraduate degree in Statistical Sciences, Curriculum Economia e Impresa, University of Bologna
- A.Y. 2021-22 to today **Instructor**, Demography, Undergraduate degree in Statistical Sciences, Curriculum Stats and Maths, University of Bologna
- A.Y. 2020 **Invited lecturer** (fall 2020), Families in context, MSc in Sociology, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- A.Y. 2017-18 **Instructor**, Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences, MSc in Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden
- A.Y. 2017-18 **Invited lecturer** (fall 2017), Demography and Family, MSc in Management of Sustainable Development Goals (MSDG), Libera Università degli Studi Maria SS. Annunziata (LUMSA) University, Rome, Italy
- A.Y. 2015-16 to 2017-18 **Instructor**, Business Demography, University of Florence, Master in Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems, Department of Management and Economics, University of Florence, Italy
- A.Y. 2021-22 to 2022-23 **Supervision** of several Bachelor theses in Demography, University of Bologna
- A.Y. 2019 - 20 **Supervision** of Master thesis in Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems, Dept. of Management and Economics, University of Florence, Italy
- A.Y. 2017 - 18 **Supervision** of Master thesis in Demography, Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden

GRANTS

- 2022 - 2023 **PI** of the project "Incertezza e Stratificazione sociale: come un decennio di crisi ha cambiato la fecondità in Europa";
Alma Idea 2022 University of Bologna (2022-2023; 25,000€)

MEMBERSHIPS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2022-ongoing Member: *SIS, Associazione Italiana di Statistica (National)*
- 2019-ongoing Member: *SAA, Sequence Analysis Association;*
- 2018-ongoing Member: *PAA, Population Association of America*
- 2016-ongoing Member: *EAPS, European Association for Population Studies; Swedish Demographic Society*
- 2015-ongoing Member: *AISP, Associazione Italiana degli Studi sulla Popolazione (National)*
- 2019-2021 Member: *SLLS, Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Study*
- 2017-2021 Member: *IUSSP, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population*
- 2017-2019 Member: *ECSR, European Consortium of Social Research*

PUBLICATIONS

1. Gondek, D., McElroy, E., **Comolli**, C.L., Bernardi, L., *forthcoming*, “Why do middle-aged adults report worse mental health and wellbeing than younger adults? An exploratory network analysis of the Swiss Household Panel data”. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*
2. **Comolli**, C.L., 2023, “Social climate, uncertainty and fertility intentions from the Great Recession to the Covid-19 crisis”. *European Journal of Population*, 39(35).
3. Vowels, L., **Comolli**, C.L., Darwiche, J., Bernardi, L., 2023, “Union dissolution and children outcomes. Systematic Review of Post-Separation Living Arrangements and Children’s Outcomes”. *PLOS ONE*, 18(6), e0288112. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0288112>
4. Alderotti, G., Mussino, E. and **Comolli**, C.L., 2022, “Natives’ and Migrants’ Employment Uncertainty and Childbearing during the Great Recession: A Comparison between Italy and Sweden”. *European Societies* 1-35.
5. [Contributo in atti di convegno] **Comolli**, C. L. 2022. “Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis”. In: Eds. [a cura di] Balzanella A., Bini, M., Cavicchia, C., Verde, R., *Book of Short Papers SIS2022*, pp. 988-995, Milano: Pearson, ISBN 9788891932310, Caserta, Università della Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, 22-24 June 2022.
6. Barbuscia, A., Bernardi, L., Cambois, E., **Comolli**, C. L., Pailhé, A. 2022. “Health after union dissolution(s): cumulative and temporal dynamics”. *Social Science and Medicine – Population Health*. 18, 1-35.
7. **Comolli**, C. L. 2021. “Couples' paid work, state-level unemployment, and first births in the United States”. *Demographic Research*, 45, 1149-1184.
8. **Comolli**, C.L., Bernardi, L., Voorpostel, M., 2021, “Joint family and work trajectories and multidimensional wellbeing”. *European Journal of Population*, 1-54. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-021-09583-3>.
9. **Comolli**, C.L., 2021, “Resources, aspirations and first births during the Great Recession”. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 100405, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcr.2021.100405>.
10. **Comolli**, C.L. and Vignoli, D., 2021, “Spread-ing uncertainty, shrinking birth rates”. *European Sociological Review*, jcab001, <https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcab001>.
11. Barbuscia, A. and **Comolli**, C.L., 2021, “Gender and socioeconomic inequalities in health and wellbeing across age in France and Switzerland”. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*, 19:1-40. [doi:10.1553/populationyearbook2021.res2.2](https://doi.org/10.1553/populationyearbook2021.res2.2).
12. **Comolli**, C.L., Neyer, G., Andersson, G., Dommermuth L., Fallesen, P., Jalovaara, M., Jónsson A., Kolk, M., Lappegård, T., 2020, “Beyond the economic gaze: Childbearing during and after recessions in the Nordic countries”. *European Journal of Population*, 37(2): 473-520. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-020-09570-0>.
13. Bernardi, F. and **Comolli**, C.L., 2019, “Parental separation and children’s educational attainment: Heterogeneity and rare and common educational outcomes”. *Journal of Family Research*, 31(1). <https://doi.org/10.3224/zff.v31i1.01>.
14. **Comolli**, C.L., 2018, “Finnish fertility: Pro- or counter-cyclical?” *Research on Finnish Society* Vol. 11, pp. 58-64. [Descriptive findings] https://www.finnresearch.fi/RFS2018_Comolli.pdf.
15. Caltabiano, M., **Comolli**, C.L. and Rosina, A., 2017, “The effect of the Great Recession on permanent childlessness in Italy”, *Demographic Research*, 37(20): 635-668. DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2017.37.20.
16. **Comolli**, C.L., 2017, “The fertility response to the Great Recession in Europe and the United States. Structural economic conditions and perceived economic uncertainty”, *Demographic Research*, 36(51): 1549-1600. DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2017.36.51.
17. Bernardi, F. and C.L. **Comolli**, 2016, “*Connubium: who marries whom*”, in G. Ritzer (ed.), *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, Cambridge: Blackwell Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781405165518.wbeosc093.pub2>
18. **Comolli**, C.L. and F. Bernardi, 2015, “The causal effect of the Great Recession on childlessness of white American women”, *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, 4:21. DOI 10.1186/s40172-015-0037-1.

R&R and WORKING PAPERS

1. **Comolli**, C. L., Bolano, D., Bernardi, L. and Voorpostel, M. (2023). “Concentration of Critical Events over the Life Course and Life Satisfaction later in life”. LIVES Working Paper series 2022:7:1. Under review at *Advances in Life Course Research*.

2. Hornung, M., and **Comolli**, C.L., 2022, "The Perception of Fairness in the Division of Labor around First Childbirth". Under review at *Genus*.
3. **Comolli**, C.L. and Andersson, G., 2021, "Partisan fertility response in the wake of the Great Recession in Sweden". SRRD Working paper series 2021:25.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

The inequality of Uncertainty. The unequal distribution of old and new forms of uncertainty: how a decade of crises has changed family dynamics in high income countries. AlmaIdeas – Genpop Conference. 23-24 October 2023. Bologna (IT).

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS INVITATION (2017-today)

Alp Pop, the Alpine Population Conference 2024, La Thuile, Val d'Aoste, Italy, January 2024. Paper presentation: "Mortality risk after bereavement in Italy".

LIVES International Conference, Lausanne (CH), Nov 2023, Paper presentation Social climate, uncertainty and fertility intentions from the Great Recession to the Covid-19 crisis".

Uncertainty and fertility in Europe: State-of-the-art and Prospects, Florence (IT), May 2023, Paper presentation "Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis".

EPC 2022, Groningen, Netherlands, July 2022, Paper presentation: "Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis".

SIS 2022, Caserta, Italy, June 2022, Paper presentation: "Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis".

PAA 2022, Online, April 2022. Paper presentation: "Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis".

Alp Pop, the Alpine Population Conference 2022, La Thuile, Val d'Aoste, Italy, March 2022. Poster presentation: "Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis".

Pandemic Babies, December 2021, Online, Paper presentation: "Uncertainty and fertility intentions: a comparison between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 crisis".

SLLS 2021, September 2021. Online, Paper presentation: "Spacing Critical Events and Life Satisfaction".

SUDA-SPaDE Colloquium Series, Stockholm University, Online, 3 June 2021. Paper presentation: "Concentration of critical events over the life course and life satisfaction later in life".

PAA 2021, Online, May 2021. Paper presentation: "Concentration of critical events over the life course and life satisfaction later in life" and "Spacing Critical Events and Life Satisfaction".

The Finnish Demographic Society, Online, February 2021. "Beyond the economic gaze: childbearing during and after recessions in the Nordic countries".

LINES WIP seminar, University of Lausanne, Online, October 2020. "Concentration of critical events over the life course and life satisfaction later in life".

EPC 2020, Online, June 2020. Paper presentation: "A study of multidimensional wellbeing inequalities over the lifecourse".

Alp Pop, the Alpine Population Conference 2020, La Thuile, Val d'Aoste, Italy, January 2020. Paper presentation: "The spillovers between joint family and work trajectories and multidimensional wellbeing".

Festival della Famiglia 2019, Trento (IT), December 2019. Invited talk at the inaugural event. *Denatalità: emergenza demografica, culturale ed economica. Il contesto Europeo*.

Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2019, Vienna (AU), November 2019. Paper presentation: "A study of multidimensional wellbeing inequalities over the life course".

Divorce Conference 2019, Firenze (IT), October 2019. Paper presentation: "The role of partners' career uncertainties for relationship dissolution in a cross-national perspective". Poster presentation: "The spillovers between joint family and work trajectories and multidimensional wellbeing" and "A study of multidimensional wellbeing inequalities over the life course".

SLLS 2019, Potsdam (DE), September 2019. Paper presentation: "The spillovers between joint family and work trajectories and multidimensional wellbeing".

ECSR 2019, Lausanne (CH), September 2019. Paper presentation: "The spillovers between joint family and work trajectories and multidimensional wellbeing".

Nordic Demographic Symposium 2019, Reykjavik (IS), June 2019. Paper presentations: "The transition to parenthood in Finland: a tale of two recessions" and "Partisan fertility response in the wake of the Great Recession in Sweden". Poster presentation: "Beyond the economic gaze: Childbearing during and after recessions in the Nordic countries".

EUFER seminar, Firenze (IT), May 2019. Paper presentation: "The transition to parenthood in Finland: a tale of two recessions".

PAA 2019, Austin (US), April 2019. Paper presentation: "Financial uncertainty and childbearing: a natural experiment on Italy".

Alp Pop, the Alpine Population Conference 2019, La Thuile, Val d'Aoste, Italy, January 2019. Poster presentation: "Financial uncertainty and childbearing: a natural experiment on Italy".

Population Days/Le giornate della Popolazione 2019 (SIS-AISP), Milano (IT), January 2019. Paper presentations: "The transition to parenthood in Finland: a tale of two recessions" and "How the Great Recession impacted on women fertility in Italy: a micro analysis on Istat Work Force Survey data (co-authored with Ranaldi, Caltabiano e Rosina)".

Postponement of Parenthood, Como (IT), September 2018. Poster presentation: "Transition to parenthood in Finland: a tale of two recessions".

EPC 2018, Brussels (BE), June 2018. Paper presentation: "Childbearing during recessions in the Nordic countries", co-authored with G. Andersson, M. Kolk, A. Jónsson, T. Lappegård, L. Dommermuth and P. Fallesen.

PAA 2018, Denver (CO), US, April 2018. Poster presentation: "Childbearing during recessions in the Nord countries", co-authored with G. Andersson, M. Kolk, A. Jónsson, T. Lappegård, L. Dommermuth and P. Fallesen.

Alp Pop, the Alpine Population Conference 2018, La Thuile, Val d'Aoste, Italy, January 2018. Poster presentation: "Childlessness in Finland: a tale of two recessions".

IPC 2017, Cape Town, South Africa, October-November 2017. Poster presentations: "The divorce penalty in children educational attainment in Spain" (co-authored with Fabrizio Bernardi) and "Financial uncertainty, sovereign risk and fertility".

ECSR 2017, Milan, August 2017. Paper presentations: "Trends in brother correlations in class and incomes in Finland: A comparison of cohorts born in 1932-62" (co-authored with Juho Härkönen, Jani Erola and Markus Jäntti), "Childlessness in Finland: a tale of two recessions".

Nordic Demographic Symposium, Turku, June 2017. Paper presentation "Couples' employment dynamic during the Great Recession and their transition to parenthood."

TITA WP2 meeting, Turku, June 2017. Paper presentation "Fertility in Finland: from counter- to pro-cyclical?"

TITA meeting, Stockholm University, Stockholm, May 2017. Paper presentation "Trends in brother correlations in class and incomes in Finland: A comparison of cohorts born in 1932-62" (co-authored with Juho Härkönen, Jani Erola and Markus Jäntti).

SUDA-SPaDE Colloquium Series, Stockholm University, Stockholm, March 2017. Paper presentation: "The heterogeneous consequences of parental separation on children's educational outcomes in Spain" (co-authored with Fabrizio Bernardi).

Population Days/Le giornate della Popolazione 2017 (SIS-AISP), Firenze (IT), February 2017. Paper presentations: "The effect of the Great Recession on permanent childlessness in Italy" (co-authored with Alessandro Rosina and Marcantonio Caltabiano), "Intergenerational mobility during the Great Recession: the impact on the transition to motherhood for American women". Poster presentation: "The change in divorce educational gradients and heterogeneous consequences of parental separation on children's educational outcomes in Spain" (co-authored with Fabrizio Bernardi).

Inequality Working Group (EUI), Firenze, February 2017. Paper presentation: "Trends in brother correlations in class and incomes in Finland: A comparison of cohorts born in 1932-62" (co-authored with Juho Härkönen, Jani Erola and Markus Jäntti).

AlpPop, the Alpine Population Conference 2017, La Thuile (IT), January 2017. Paper presentation "Intergenerational mobility during the Great Recession: the impact on the transition to motherhood for American women".

REVIEWER EXPERIENCE (Selected)

Demography; Journal of Marriage and Family; European Journal of Population; European Sociological Review; Advances in life course research; IZA Journal of Labor Economics; Genus; Acta Sociologica; European Societies; Review of Economics of the Household; Population Research and Policy Review; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; SN Social Sciences

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2022 – today Associate Editor at Demographic Research
2021 Assistant Editor at Advances in life course research

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2022 – today University of Bologna **Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Representative** for the Statistical Sciences Department (Referente di Dipartimento per Equità, Inclusione e Diversità)
2021 – today Member of the **Scientific Committee** of the *Center for International Studies on the Family (CISF)*
2020 – 2022 Member of **Working Group on the Fertility consequences of Covid-19 pandemic**, *Italian Ministry of Family and Gender Equality, Italy*

OUTREACH (selected)

Morning broadcast of RTS La Première (Swiss radio, min 10:44). *June 2022*. Interview on the article on Social Change in Switzerland "Trajectoires famille-travail et bien-être subjectif des femmes et hommes en Suisse". <https://www.rts.ch/audio-podcast/2022/audio/le-journal-de-7h-presente-par-olivier-schorderet-25827669.html>

Rai TG1 Economia (Min 3:20) *February 2022*. Excerpt from the presentation of the Second Report of the Expert Group of the Italian Minister of the Family. <https://www.raiplay.it/video/2022/02/TG1-Economia-del-18022022-1ee882c5-8728-4840-94fb-69e938225e18.html>

National Geographic *December 2021*, The pandemic delivered a surprise to Nordic countries: a baby boom. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/the-pandemic-delivered-a-surprise-to-nordic-countries-a-baby-boom>

Radio 3 Mondo (Min 16:30) *June 2021*. Cina, la politica del terzo figlio. <https://www.raiplaysound.it/audio/2021/05/RADIO3--MONDO--Cina-la-politica-del-terzo-figlio-3b63638b-aab6-4c88-b21b-fad07ea5d816.html>

Domani *April 2021*. I figli sono un investimento e per questo l'Italia non li fa. <https://www.editorialedomani.it/economia/i-figli-sono-un-investimento-e-per-questo-litalia-non-li-fa-adoz8cv0>

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Scientific applications: STATA (Advanced) and basic knowledge of R.

Econometrics: Linear and Non-Linear (Ordered, Multinomial) Regression Models. Log-linear models and mobility tables. Panel data (Fixed, Random, Mixed Models). Multilevel (Hierarchical) Models. Event History Analysis. Causal Inference designs (Natural and Quasi-Experiments; Difference in Difference; Regression Discontinuity; Matching). Sequence Analysis.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: Mother tongue; **English:** Proficient; **French:** Intermediate; **Spanish:** Basic.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2009-2011 | Researcher at PROMOS, Agency of the Milan Chamber of Commerce for International Affairs, Milan. |
| 2009 | Researcher at Equilibri, Think tank and Online Magazine of Geopolitics and International dynamics, Milan (Publications in Italian). |
| 2008 | Internship at Mimo Finance, Microcredit NGO. Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India. |