

Personal information

Date of birth May 16, 1993

Nationality Italian

Current Position

Mar 2023- **Junior assistant professor (fixed-term)**, *University of Bologna, Department of Statistical Sciences, Rimini*

Previous Position

Feb 2022- **Post-doctoral fellowship**, *University of Bologna, Department of Statistical Sciences*

Feb 2023 *New developments in latent variable models for categorical data*. Supervisor: Prof. Laura Anderlucci

Apr 2018 - **Research fellowship**, *University of Bologna, Department of Statistical Sciences*

Oct 2018 *Statistical methods for the question/answering classification*. Supervisor: Prof. Cinzia Viroli

Education

2018–2022 **PhD in Statistical Sciences**, *University of Bologna, Department of Statistical Sciences*

Thesis title: *Assessing the fit of unidimensional IRT models for binary data under model misspecification*. Supervisor: Prof. Silvia Cagnone (University of Bologna), Co-Supervisors: Prof. Irini Moustaki (London School of Economics and Political Science), Prof. Vassilis Vasdekis (Athens University of Economics and Business). Final exam on June 27th 2022.

2015–2017 **Second Cycle Degree (MSc) in Statistical Sciences (curriculum Methodological Statistics)**, *University of Bologna, Department of Statistical Sciences*

Thesis title: *Goodness-of-fit tests for latent trait models under the presence of sparse data*. Supervisor: Prof. Silvia Cagnone, Co-Supervisor: Prof. Vassilis Vasdekis. Final mark: 110/110 with honors.

2012–2015 **First Cycle Degree (BSc) in Statistical Sciences (curriculum Statistics and Mathematics)**, *University of Bologna, Department of Statistical Sciences*

Thesis title: *A latent growth model for the analysis of the perceived health status*. Supervisor: Prof. Silvia Cagnone. Final mark: 110/110 with honors.

Visiting positions

Sep 2019 - **Visiting student**, *London School of Economics and Political Science*, Erasmus+ Scholarship,
Mar 2020 Supervisor: Prof. Irini Moustaki

Mar 2017 - **Visiting student**, *Athens University of Economics and Business*, Supervisor: Prof. Vassilis
Jun 2017 Vasdekis

Research Interest

Latent variable models for categorical data, goodness-of-fit of latent variable models.

Talks and seminars

Guastadisegni L., Cagnone S., Moustaki I., Vasdekis V., *A novel test for detecting non-normality of the latent variable distribution with binary outcomes*, Invited speaker at CMStatistics 2023 (online talk), Berlin, Germany, 16-18 December 2023.

Guastadisegni, L., Moustaki, I., Cagnone, S., Vasdekis, V., *A statistical test to assess the non-normality of the latent variable distribution*, CLADAG 2023, Salerno, September 11-13, 2023.

Guastadisegni L., Moustaki I., Cagnone S., Vasdekis V., *Detecting latent variable non-normality through the generalized Hausman test*, Invited speaker at IMPS 2022, Bologna, 12-15 July 2022.

Guastadisegni L., *Use of the Lagrange Multiplier test for assessing measurement invariance under model misspecification*, Statistics Seminars 2021, Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Bologna, online, 11 March 2021.

Guastadisegni L., Moustaki I., Vasdekis V., Cagnone S., *Assessing IRT model misspecification through different Lagrange Multiplier tests*, IMPS 2020, Online, 13-17 July 2020.

Publications

Scientific Journals

Guastadisegni, L. , Cagnone, S., Moustaki, I., Vasdekis, V. (2022), *Use of the Lagrange Multiplier test for assessing measurement invariance under model misspecification*, Educational and Psychological Measurement, vol 82(2), 254-280.

Proceedings

Guastadisegni, L., Moustaki, I., Cagnone, S., Vasdekis, V. (2023), *A statistical test to assess the non-normality of the latent variable distribution*, in: BOOK OF ABSTRACTS AND SHORT PAPERS 14th Scientific Meeting of the Classification and Data Analysis Group Salerno, September 11-13, 2023, Pearson, 2023, pp. 511 - 514

Guastadisegni, L., Moustaki, I., Vasdekis, V., Cagnone, S. (2023), *Detecting Latent Variable Non-normality Through the Generalized Hausman Test*, In: Marie Wiberg; Dylan Molenaar; Jorge González; Jee-Seon Kim; Heungsun Hwang, Quantitative Psychology: The 87th Annual Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Bologna, Italy, 2022, 107 - 118. Springer.

Guastadisegni, L. , Cagnone, S., Moustaki, I., Vasdekis, V. (2021), *The asymptotic power of the Lagrange Multiplier tests for misspecified IRT models*, In M. Wiberg, D. Molenaar, J. González, U. Böckenholt, & J.-S. Kim (Eds.), Quantitative Psychology: The 85th annual meeting of the Psychometric Society, virtual, 275–284. Springer.

Working papers and others

Guastadisegni, L. (2022), *Assessing the fit of unidimensional IRT models for binary data under model misspecification*, Doctoral thesis, Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Bologna

Guastadisegni, L. , Cagnone, S., Moustaki, I., Vasdekis, V. (2024), *The generalized Hausman test for detecting non-normality in the latent variable distribution of the two-parameter IRT model* (under review).

Teaching activity

Undergraduate course

2023-2024 **Statistics**, First cycle degree programme in Business Economy (Financial and Business Management), SECS-S/01, 75 hours, Teaching language: English

2022-2023 **Multivariate Statistical Methods for Credit Scoring**, First cycle degree programme in Finance, Insurance and Business, SECS-S/01, 50 hours, Teaching language: Italian

Didactic Tutor

2022-2023 **Latent Variable Models**, MSc in Statistical Sciences, SECS-S/01, 15 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Silvia Cagnone

2022-2023 **Fundamental concepts of statistics**, MSc in Statistical Sciences, SECS-S/01, 20 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Cinzia Viroli

2022-2023 **Data Science**, BSc in Genomics, SECS-S/01, 10 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Laura Anderlucci

- 2022-2023 **Statistics for high dimensional data**, *MSc in Economics*, SECS-S/01, 25 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2021-2022 **Latent Variable Models**, *MSc in Statistical Sciences*, SECS-S/01, 10 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2021-2022 **Fundamental concepts of statistics**, *MSc in Statistical Sciences*, SECS-S/01, 15 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Cinzia Viroli
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- 2021-2022 **Statistics for high dimensional data**, *MSc in Economics*, SECS-S/01, 25 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2020-2021 **Latent Variable Models**, *MSc in Statistical Sciences*, SECS-S/01, 10 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2020-2021 **Fundamental concepts of statistics**, *MSc in Statistical Sciences*, SECS-S/01, 15 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Cinzia Viroli
- 2020-2021 **Data Science**, *BSc in Genomics*, SECS-S/01, 12 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Laura Anderlucci
- 2020-2021 **Statistics for high dimensional data**, *MSc in Economics*, SECS-S/01, 25 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2020-2021 **Statistical software**, *MSc in Statistical Sciences*, 10 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Giulia Zardi
- 2019-2020 **Data Science**, *BSc in Genomics*, SECS-S/01, 12 hours, Teaching language: English, Teacher: Prof. Laura Anderlucci

Tutor for internationalization

- 2020-2021 20 hours, Delegate of the International Relations for the Department of Statistical Science: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2019-2020 48 hours, Delegate of the International Relations for the Department of Statistical Science: Prof. Silvia Cagnone
- 2018-2019 60 hours, Delegate of the International Relations for the Department of Statistical Science: Prof. Silvia Cagnone

Master thesis Co-Supervision

- 2022 **Assessing the fit of latent variable models for binary data with the Generalized Hausman test**, *Alberto Muscella*, MSc in Statistical Sciences, University of Bologna, Supervisor: Prof. Silvia Cagnone

Professional experience

- Sep 2017 - Mar 2018 **Internship**, *MediNeos Observational Research*, Modena

Software

Programming: R, SAS, MySQL
Design and composition: LaTeX, MS Office

Languages

Mother tongue: Italian.
Others: English (Certificate: IELTS Academic (2018), final score: 7.5 - C1 level)