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CURRENT POSITION

2022 Associate professor, Dipartimento di Psicologia e Scienze Cognitive, UNITN.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019 - 22 Assistant professor (Ricercatore a tempo determinato B), Dipartimento di Psicologia e Scienze Cognitive, UNITN.
2019 Fulbright Distinguished Chair, Pittsburgh University – spring semester.
2014 - 19 Post-Doc (RtD A), Dipartimento di Psicologia e Scienze Cognitive, UNITN.
2013 - 14 Post Doc, Department of Sociology, Yale University.
2012 - 13 Fulbright Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, Yale University.
2008 - 11 Post Doc (PAT), Dipartimento di Sociologia e ricerca sociale, UNITN.
2007 - 08 Researcher, Istituto Cattaneo, Bologna.

STUDY

2004 – 07 PhD in Sociology, Università degli studi di Trento (20° cycle).
2000 – 01 Master Europeo in Mediazione Inter-Mediterranea
1994 - 99 BA in Philosophy and literature, Università degli studi di Trento.

HONORS

2022 CES Best book in European Studies
2021 Symbolic Interaction Best book
2020 RC 16 International Sociological Association, best book award in migration studies.
2009 Best PhD Thesis, Università di Trento.

BOARDS

2024 Editorial Board Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
2018 – 2023 Board RC 16 ISA
2012 – 2020 Editorial Board Migration Letters
2006 – 2010 Editorial Board Polis

REVIEWER

American Journal of Cultural Sociology	Canada's Journal on Refugees
Czech Sociological Review	Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa
International Migration Review	Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
Journal of Refugee Studies	Migration Letters
Polis	Sociologica
Socijologija Casopis	

PROJECTS

2023 In-Situ (PI) – PRIN PNNR €237.000
2023 InGreen (PI) – PNNR €180.000
2023 ReIncluGen (partner) - Horizon €335.000
2020 Fulbright Research Chair, Pittsburgh University - \$21.000
2017 PRIN (part of the leading research team) - €771.000
2012 – 2013 Fulbright Research Scholar - \$9.000
2009 – 2012 Progetto PAT (PI) - €120.000
2009 – 2012 Le Nuove Trentine (part of the research team) - €55.000
2007 – 2009 *Le seconde generazioni in Trentino: clima di classe, integrazione sociale e risultati scolastici degli studenti stranieri* (part of the research team) - €140.000
2004 – 2006 PRIN *La sessualità degli Italiani* (Part of the Bologna Team)
2004 – 2006 PRIN *Razza, nazione, classe: le nuove identità del lavoro domestico* (Part of the Trento Team)

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES (SELECTED)

- 2023 CUNY Graduate Seminar (invited presentation)
Soviet Signoras. Personal and Collective Transformations in Eastern European Migration.
- 2023 ESA RN35, Napoli
Sociability and Loneliness (with Giuseppe Sciortino)
- 2022 TMC, Rabat
An Agency without Agents. The Informality of Care Work Brokering in Italy.
- 2022 IMISCOE, Oslo
Waiting for a Status. A study of Asylum Seekers in Italy.
- 2021 TMC, Tetovo (invited speaker, plenary session)
Soviet Signoras. A Female Perspective on Migration.
- 2020 CEMIS, Antwerp University (invited presentation)
A study of a No-Place. Asylum Seekers and their Daily Practices in a Refugee Center.
- 2020 European Center, Pittsburgh University (invited presentation)
Soviet Signoras. A Female Perspective on Migration.
- 2018 ISA World Congress, Toronto, Canada.
Performing Sexual Emancipation. The Emmanuelle Narratives (1959-2012)
- 2017 Invited Presentation, Yale University, USA.
Pioneering Migration. Eastern European Women Migrants and the Struggle for the New Self
- 2017 Invited lecture. Windsor University, Canada.
Migration and the Sexual Order.
An Ethnographer in the Room. Experiencing Migration Research.
- 2016 ISA Mid-Term Meeting, Cambridge, UK.
Sexual Emancipation and Emmanuelle - RC 16 Sociological Theory
- 2014 ISA World Congress, Yokohama, Japan.
They think I am a free lunch. Why Everyday Interactions Between Emigrants and Sending Communities May Actually Discourage Return - RC31 Sociology of Migration 2014 Invited Presentation, Yale University, USA.
Who Owns the Green? Race, Social Marginality and Interactions in Public Space
- 2013 Invited Presentation, UCLA, Department of Sociology.
Practicing Abundance: Immigrants Adaptation and the Challenges of Consumption
- 2010 Invited Presentation, Yale University, USA.
The Presentation of the Self in Emigration: East-West Female Migration, Urban Interaction and Recognition «Bringing Fieldwork Back In: An Ethnography Retreat»
- 2010 ISA World Congress, Gotheborg, Sweden.
Survival strategies of irregular migrants, RC31 Sociology of Migration
Beyond Advocacy: Theorizing Sexuality as a key dimension of social life, RC16 Sociological Theory.
- 2010 Invited Presentation, Yale University, USA.
Female migration and the presentation of the self, Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale.
- 2008 ISA World Congress, Pusan, Korea.
The Sexual Problem of Order: The Classical Roots, RC 16 - International Sociological Association, Mid-term conference
- 2007 ESA, Glasgow, UK.
Intimacy and sexuality during migration, European Sociological Association.
- 2007 Associazione Italiana di Sociologia, Trento, Italia. *Approcci metodologici allo studio della sessualità.*
- 2006 ISA World Congress, Durban (SA).
Social studies of sexuality: the classical roots, International Sociological Association.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Phd:

- 2022 - Mixed Methods (PhD in Cognitive Sciences) – 3CFU
2018 – 2021 Osservazione come strumento per le scienze cognitive (PhD in Cognitive Sciences) – 3CFU
2020 - Gender and Migration Untangled (PhD & MA, Pittsburgh University) - 3CFU

MA/MS:

- 2017 – Designing for Social Inclusion (MS in Human Computer Interaction) – 6CFU
2016 - Qualitative Research Methods (MS in Human Computer Interaction) – 6CFU

BA:

- 2022 - Metodologia della ricerca qualitativa (BA in Psychology) – 6CFU
2014 - L'educatore professionale e la diversità sociale (BA in Educatore Professionale) – 4CFU
2012 – 2013 Laboratorio di metodi qualitative (SRS, Unitn)

PUBLICATIONS**Books:**

1. *Research Handbook in Migration Studies*, with Kivisto P. and Sciortino G., Elgar, 2024.
2. *Soviet Signoras. Personal and Collective Transformations in Eastern European Migration*, Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2019.
Reviewed in: Times Higher Education, Social Forces, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Contemporary Sociology, Europe – Asia Studies, Journal of Identity and Migration Studies, Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa.
3. *Sociologia delle migrazioni femminili. L'esperienza delle donne post-sovietiche*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2018.
4. *I luoghi dell'insediamento: migrazioni post-sovietiche e cambiamento culturale nello spazio urbano*, Trento, Università degli Studi di Trento, 2017.
5. *Oltre il lavoro di cura: un'etnografia delle migranti dell'Europa Orientale*, Verona, Stimmgraf, 2013.

Book chapters:

1. *Taking Social Integration Seriously. Sociability and Trust Networks of Italian immigrants*, (with Margherita Odasso) in Bonifazi, Corrado, Fellini Ivana, Sciortino, Giuseppe, Strozza, Salvatore (a cura di), *Eternal Beginners? Subtitle: Immigration in Italian Society*, Berlin: Springer, 2024. - (IMISCOE RESEARCH SERIES)
2. *Ethnographic Research. A Tool for the Study of Migration Processes*, In Cvajner M., Kivisto, P. and Sciortino, G., in *Research Handbook in Migration Studies*, Elgar, 2024.
3. *The Effectiveness of Informal Care Work Brokering in Italy*, in Brigitte Aulenbacher, B., Lutz, H., Palenga-Möllnbeck, E., Schwiter, K., *Care for Sale. The transnational brokering of senior home care in Europe and beyond*, SAGE, 2024.
4. *The Sexual Dimension of Migration: from Sexual Migration to Changing Lovesapes*, (with G. Sciortino), in Cohen, C. H. and Sirkeci, I., *Handbook of Culture and Migration*, Elgar, 2021, p. 40-54.
5. *What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Migration Regimes?* (with G. Sciortino e G. Echeverria), in A. Pott, A. Wolff, *Migration Regimes*, Springer, 2018, pp. 65-81.
4. *I figli degli immigrati e l'ambiente scolastico* (with Davide Azzolini e Arianna Santero), in *Immigrati e disuguali*, C. Saraceno, N. Sartor e G. Sciortino, eds., 2013, Mulino, Bologna, 251-76.
5. *Orgasmo maschile, piacere femminile*, in *La sessualità degli italiani*, ed. Marzio Barbagli, Gianpiero Dalla Zuanna and Franco Garelli, Mulino, Bologna, 2010, p. p. 235–52.
6. *Non solo domestiche: reti amicali e vita sentimentale delle donne immigrate*, in Raimondo Catanzaro e Asher Colombo, eds., *Razza, Nazione, Classe, le nuove identità del lavoro domestico*, Mulino, Bologna, 2009, p. 137–64.
7. *Dal Mediterraneo al Baltico? I cambiamenti nei sistemi migratori italiani*, with Giuseppe Sciortino, in Raimondo Catanzaro and Giuseppe Sciortino, eds., *La fatica di cambiare. Rapporto sulla società italiana*, Mulino, Bologna, 2009, p. 33-53.

Peer reviewed articles:

1. *Do Your Expectations Match? A Mixed-Methods Study on the Association Between a Robot's Voice and Appearance*, with De Cet Martina, Mohammad Obaid, Ilaria Torre, In CUI 2024, July 08–10, 2024, Luxembourg. ACM, New York, NY, USA.
2. *Uncanny Babushka. Migration, Aging and the Search for a new Sexual Self*, with G. Sciortino, "Sexualities", p.1-16 2021.
3. *A Qualitative Analysis of Users' Attitudes Towards the Italian Contact Tracing App*, with Bosco, C., CHIItaly 2021: 14th Biannual Conference of the Italian SIGCHI Chapter, 1-5.
4. *Investigating Italian Citizens' Attitudes Towards Immuni, the Italian Contact Tracing App*, with Bosco, C., INTERACT 2021 - Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, 34-42, 2021.
5. *La dimensione sessuale delle migrazioni: dalla conoscenza aneddotica ai programmi di ricerca*, with G. Sciortino, in *Salute e Società*, vol. 3, 2021, pp. 70-89.

6. *Women Migration, Unexpected Intimacies and Emerging Lovesapes. The Experience of Post-Soviet Migrant Women Pioneers in Italy*, in *Sociologia e Politiche Sociali*, vol. 3, pp. 113-134, 2019.
7. *Migration and sexual change*, with G. Sciortino, *Migration Letters*, vol. 16(4), p. 473-480, 2019.
8. *Crisi migratorie e mobilità umana: una prospettiva multidisciplinare*, con Cortese F., Paladino, M., Sciortino G., in *Giornale Italiano di Psicologia*, vol. XLVI (3), 2019.
9. *International Mobility, Erotic plasticity*, *Migration Letters*, vol. 16(4), p. 513-520, 2019.
10. *Il mito delle comunità chiuse: sociabilità e religiosità degli immigrati in Italia*, with G. Sciortino, in “*Annali di Scienze Religiose*”, 2018, Vol. 11:87-111.
11. *L'effetto del gruppo dei pari sull'apprendimento scolastico nelle classi con studenti stranieri*, with Ivano Bison, “*Mondi Migranti*”, 2/2017.
12. *Il prisma del desiderio. La stratificazione sessuale in emigrazione*, “*Etnografia e ricerca qualitativa*”9(3),513-536, 2016.
13. *Seconde generazioni: amicizia, socialità e tempo libero*, “*Quaderni di Sociologia*”, v. LIX: 67, (2015), p. 29-47.
14. *The Presentation of Self in Emigration: East-West Female Migration, Urban Interaction and Recognition*, “*Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*”, v. 642:1, (2012), p. 186-199.
15. *Hyper-femininity as decency: Beauty, Womanhood and Respect in Emigration*, “*Ethnography*”, v. 12, (2011), p. 356 - 374. Reprinted in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender. Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, eds. Joan Z. Spade and Catherine G. Valentine, Sage, Thousand Oaks, California, USA, p. 115-127, 2014.
16. Editorial: *Survival Strategies of Irregular Immigrants*, with G. Sciortino, in *Migration Letters*, v. 8, n. 1 (2011), p. 1-6.
17. *Migrant friendships, Migrant Loves: Taking the sociability of second generations seriously*, “*Journal of Modern Italian Studies*”, v. 16:4, (2011), p. 465-477.
18. *Reti sociali, sapere migratorio ed effetto delle politiche nella strutturazione dei sistemi migratori irregolari*, with G. Sciortino, “*Mondi Migranti*”, 1/2011.
19. *Theorizing Irregular Migration: The Control of Spatial Mobility in Differentiated Societies*, with G. Sciortino, “*European Journal of Social Theory*”, v. 13, n. 3 (2010), p. 389-404.
20. *Away from the Mediterranean. Italy's Changing Migration Systems*, with G. Sciortino, “*Italian Politics and Society*”, v. 69, (2010), p. 15-23.
21. *A Tale of Networks and Policies. Varieties of Irregular Migration Careers and their evolutionary paths*, with G. Sciortino, “*Population, Space and Place*”, 16 (3) (2010), p. 210-225.
22. *Dal margine al centro? Sviluppo e diffusione degli studi sociali sulla sessualità*, “*Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa*”, pp. 123-130, 2009.
23. *Da dove vengono gli immigrati?* “*Il Mulino*”, vol. 5, 2008, p. 909-18.
24. *Dopo Kinsey. Sviluppo, limiti e prospettive degli studi empirici sulla sessualità umana*, “*Polis*”, vol. XXI, n. 2, 2007, pp. 295-324.

Miscellaneous:

1. *Badanti in Italia, oggi*. Gli Asini, Agosto-Settembre 90/91 – 2021.
2. *Cos'è un regime migratorio? Analisi di un concetto controverso* with G. Echeverria, e G. Sciortino, in *Quaderni del Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale*”, Trento, p. 1-18, 2018.
3. *Migranti di seconda generazione nelle scuole in Trentino* in A. Bazzanella, C. Buzzi (edited by), *Giovani in Trentino 2013*, Trento, IPRASE, p. 77-96, 2014.
4. *La sfida delle migrazioni femminili*, in *AREL LA RIVISTA*, v. 8, n. 2, p. 72-80, 2014.
5. *Diversity, Interaction and the Public Sphere*, in *Materials of the Baku International Humanitarian Forum*, Baku: Eastwest, pp. 219-223, 2013.
6. *Le seconde generazioni in Trentino: clima di classe, integrazione sociale e risultati scolastici degli studenti stranieri*, Rapporto di ricerca, Istituto Cattaneo, Bologna, 2010.
7. *Le nuove trentine: modelli d'insediamento, vita sociale e relazioni transnazionali delle immigrate in Trentino*, Rapporto di ricerca, Istituto Cattaneo, Bologna, 2009.
8. *L'italiano si fa a scuola*, with G. Sciortino, “*Limes*”2/2009.
9. *Imagine there's no border ... Ruoli e funzioni dei confini statali nella regolazione delle migrazioni*, with G. Sciortino, “*Limes*” 5/2008.

IN THE PIPELINE

Books:

1. *Maneggiare con cura. L'educatore professionale e l'utenza straniera*, expected in press (2024).
2. *Waiting for a status. A study of asylum seekers in Italy*, in the pipeline (2024).
3. *Emmanuelle. A Cultural History of an Icon*. With Sciortino, G. in the pipeline (2025).
4. *The New Haven Green: The Rise and Fall of an Urban Space*, in the pipeline (2025).

Articles and book chapters:

1. *Bringing Harmony into your Life. A Study of the Acceptability of SexBots*. With Bisutti, T. in the pipeline (2024).
2. *Ecologically-Friendly Because Poor. The Sustainability – Imposed Behavior of Fragile Populations*, in the pipeline (2024).
3. *Badanti: Raba-mariti e Ignoranti o Sante? Uno Studio sulla Percezione Sociale delle Migranti Ex-Sovietiche in Italia*. in the pipeline (2023).
4. *Special issue on Post Soviet Female migration in the EU*, in the pipeline (2025).

MEMBERSHIPS

2006 - ISA (International Sociological Association).

2006 - ASA

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCES

Croatian: excellent

Italian: excellent

English: excellent

Spanish: excellent

German: good

Russian/Ukrainian: good

French: acceptable

Trento, 2 luglio 2024.