

SHORT CV – updated January 2021

ACADEMIC POSITION:

Associate Professor of Psychology of Development and Psychology of Education (M-PSI/04) at the Department of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Bergamo (Italy), since October 2015.

2017: national scientific habilitation to Full Professor of Psychology of Development and Psychology of Education (M-PSI/04).

Former position:

Researcher in Psychology of Development and Psychology of Education (M-PSI/04) at the Faculty of Science of Education of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milano (Italy), from October 2007 to September 2015.

EDUCATION - Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milano:

- 2007: Ph.D. dissertation in Psychology about "Theory of Mind in a life-span perspective"
- 2003-2006: attendance to the Ph.D. program "Person, development, learning". International experiences during the Ph.D.:
September-October 2006: visiting researcher at the Neural Decision Science Laboratory, University of Arizona, Tucson, U.S.A. directed by Professor Alan G. Sanfey.
5-16 July 2004: attendance to the Summer School "Understanding Actions and Minds: Integrating recent advances from Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Neuroscience, Psychology of Language and Communication, Developmental and Comparative Psychology, and Artificial Intelligence", Central European University (CEU) Budapest, directed by Prof. György Gergely (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Developmental Research Institute for Psychological Research, Budapest).
- 2003: Passed national state examination to obtain the professional qualification of Psychologist.
- September 2002 – March 2003: 2nd semester of training under the supervision of A. Antonietti, professor of General Psychology. Topic: Theory of Mind.
- March 2002 - September 2002: 1st semester of training under the supervision of A. Marchetti, professor of Psychology of Cognitive Development.
- 2001 – Master Degree in Psychology. Dissertation on "Theory of Mind in Rett syndrome. Teaching the understanding of mental states". Topic: Theory of Mind in atypical development. Supervisor: A. Marchetti (professor of Psychology of the Cognitive Development). Marks: 110/110 with distinction.
- 1996-2001: attendance to the Faculty of Psychology.

ACADEMIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - University of Bergamo (Italy).

Delegate for the internationalization of the Department of Human and Social Sciences, since 2017.

Responsible for the orientation activities of the Master Degree in Science of Primary Education of the Department of Human and Social Sciences, since 2016.

Responsible for the trainship programs of the Bachelor Degree in Psychology and of the Master Degree in Clinical Psychology of the Department of Human and Social Sciences, since 2018.

Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Associate Professors of the University of Bergamo, since 2018.

Member of the Teaching Team of the PhD School in "Person Education and Labour Market" of the Department of Human and Social Sciences, since 2018.

Former academic roles and responsibilities at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milano.
Member of the Teaching Team of the PhD School in "Science of person and of education", from 2012 to 2017.

Member of the Teaching Team of the PhD program in "Person, development, learning", from 2008 to 2012.
Coordinator of the didactic activity of the PhD program in "Person, development, learning", from 2008 to 2009.

RESEARCH TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES

Since 2002 she has been studying behaviours and psychological functions in an ontogenetic perspective covering the life-span. Main topics:

- Social competences and Theory of Mind ability in typical and atypical development, with a focus on Neurodevelopmental disorders;
- the emotional-affective dynamics of the relationship between child and caregiver;
- Theory of Mind ability in typical and atypical (dementia) aging;
- The neural basis of Theory of Mind with neuroimaging methods (fMRI);
- The decisional process in a developmental perspective: the role of Theory of Mind, emotions and social norms.

She participated to many of national and international research collaborations, focusing mainly on Theory of Mind development and on the educational relationship in typical and atypical conditions.

She was member of the local Research Unit of prof.ssa Antonella Marchetti in the PRIN project "Theory of Mind: from the preverbal phase to early adulthood" of 2008.

She is author of many research papers, books, chapters in books, and she has constantly participated to scientific conferences of the field.

Bibliometric Indicators:

SCOPUS: 38 Documents by author, 554 Citations, 13 h-index

AFFILIATIONS AND ROLES IN SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

Ordinary Member of the Italian Association of Psychology (Associazione Italiana di Psicologia, AIP) – section of Developmental and Educational Psychology, since 2004, where she is responsible of the Thematic Group "Psychology for the school", since 2019.

Member of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD) since 2017.

Member of the Task Force about the school psychologist during the Covid-19 pandemic, devised by the protocol of cooperation between the National Ministry of Instruction, University and Research (MIUR) and the National Order of Psychology, since 2020.

MAIN ACADEMIC TEACHING

University of Bergamo, since 2015:

Typical and atypical developmental psychology

Developmental and Educational Psychology

Developmental Psychology in the life-span

Infant and Child Psychology

Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milano, from 2002 to 2015:

Psychology of Education and Developmental Processes

Developmental Psychology
Psychology of Decisional Process