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SOCIOLOGIST RESEARCHER

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Sociologist specialised in gender and migration, with over a decade of experience across academia, non-profits, and activist networks in Italy, the UK, and Morocco.

My work bridges research and practice, focusing on feminist methodologies and the everyday experiences of marginalised communities.

Skilled in qualitative and participatory research, project coordination, advocacy, quantitative analysis and public engagement. Adept at building partnerships, facilitating community workshops, and managing multi-stakeholder initiatives aimed at social justice, inclusion, and gender equality.

Passionate about equitable spaces, care ethics, gendered bodies and the transformative power of feminist research.

LANGUAGES

Italian	Native
English	C2
Spanish	B2
French	B1

SKILLS

Feminist participatory methodologies
Qualitative data collection
(interviews, ethnography, mapping)
Data analysis (NVivo, Excel, and SPSS)
Project coordination
Stakeholder engagement
Advocacy, public speaking, and fundraising

FULL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

[available here](#)

EDUCATION

PhD in Sociology and Methodology of Social Science

Università degli Studi di Milano – [NASP](#), Italy 2022 - 2026

“Bodies, Selves and Spaces: How Women Experience Milanese Public Spaces”

Visiting Student (Jun – Sep 2025)

Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht University, Netherlands

MA in Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights

University College London, UK 2017 - 2018

“Italian Feminist Daughters: What the ‘Generation Y’ has to say about growing up in a feminist household”

BA (Hons) in Sociology

[Goldsmiths](#), University of London, UK 2014 - 2017

“A False Dichotomy: Rethinking the relationship between agency and vulnerability of migrant children in Italy and the UK”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Collaborator – Semia Fondo Delle Donne

Jan 2026- April 2026

Applied research on civic space, democracy and rights, with a focus on institutional power and depoliticisation processes.

Research Collaborator – Opcit Research, Italy

Sep 2024 – Jan 2025

Evaluated UNHCR’s “Welcome. Working for Refugee Integration” project using cognitive fuzzy mapping workshops and interviews.

Research Assistant – European University Institute (EUI)

May 2023 – Dec 2023

Conducted interviews for a PhD research project on solidarity and borderlands in Italian Migrant Detention Centers in Milan.

Collaborator – Mama Chat, Milan

May 2022 – Dec 2022

Supported institutional relations, corporate partnerships, special projects, fundraising, and social media management.

Municipal Councillor – Comune di Milano

Oct 2021 – Apr 2025

Equal opportunities delegate and president of the commission on sustainable mobility, nightlife, local markets, security, and conflict mediation.

Co-Founder – [DonnexStrada](#), Italy

May 2021

Founded and lead a non-profit organisation improving women’s safety in public spaces through advocacy and community engagement.

Research Assistant – Università di Trento, UK

Jun 2019 – Dec 2019

Contributed to ERC-StG “HOMing: The Home-Migration Nexus” project with interviews to Peruvian migrants in London.

TALKS & CONFERENCES

[Congresso Geografico Italiano, Turin, Italy, Sep 2025](#)

[International Sociological Association \(ISA\) Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco, Jul 2025](#)

[“Exploring women’s navigation of public spaces”, EUI, Florence, Italy, Dic 2024](#)

[European Gender Studies Conference \(EGS\), Brighton, UK, Sep 2024](#)

[European Sociological Association \(ESA\) Conference, Porto, Portugal, Aug 2024](#)

[Congreso Internacional de Antropología Feminista, Granada, Spain, Jun 2024](#)

[International Studies Association \(ISA\) Conference, Rijeka, Croatia, Jun 2024](#)

[“Una lettura femminista dell’Archivio di Brera”, Accademia di Brera, Milan, Italy, Nov 2023](#)

SPECIALISED TRAINING & COURSES

PhD Masterclass Women, (In)Security and Urban Space – Brussels (May 2025)

Studying Cities: Social Science Methods for Urban Research – Online, Erasmus University Rotterdam (2023)

Summer School for Young Urban Scholars – ESA Research Network, Genoa, Italy (Sept 2023)

Social Norms, Social Change – Online, University of Pennsylvania (2020)

International Women’s Health and Human Rights – Online, Stanford University (2020)