

Curriculum Vitae – Fall 2022

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Qualifications

- Bocconi University** — *PhD in Social and Political Sciences* **Sep 2022 - currently (exp. Sep 2026)**
Milan, Italy
- Focus: Socio-economic Mobility, Poverty, Social Networks, Demography, Political Science
- Bocconi University** — *M.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences (Final Grade: 109/110*)* **Sep 2017 - Apr 2020**
Milan, Italy
- Focus: Quantitative Methods (in particular Mathematics, Statistics, Microeconometrics), Applied Microeconometrics (Population Dynamics, Development Economics), Microeconomic Theory (Microeconomics, Social and Economic Network Analysis)
 - PhD level course: Econometrics of Non-experimental Data (30/30)
 - Master thesis: The Gender of Gender Equality and Fertility (Supervisor: A. Aassve)
- University of Konstanz** — *B.Sc. Economics and Business Sciences (GPA: 1.9+)* **Sep 2012 - Jul 2016**
Konstanz, Germany
- Focus: Quantitative Methods; Behavioral Economics; Psychology
 - Bachelor thesis: Elections and Cooperation – An Experimental Study on the Behavioral Effects of Worker Participation

Awards and Scholarships

Full Merit-Based PhD Fellowship, Bocconi University **Sep 2022 - Sep 2026**

Research Interests

Social Mobility and Inequality, Social Networks, Demography

Publications

- S. Plach, A. Aassve, N. Cavalli, S. Sander (forthcoming 2023). COVID-19 policy interventions and fertility dynamics in the context of pre-pandemic welfare support. *Population and Development Review*.
- Toffolutti, V., S. Plach, T. Maksimovic, G. Piccitto, M. Mascherini, L. Mencarini, and A. Aassve (2022). The association between COVID-19 policy responses and mental well-being: Evidence from 28 European countries. *Social Science & Medicine*, 114906.
- Aassve, A., N. Cavalli, L. Mencarini, S. Plach, and S. Sanders (2021). Early assessment of the relationship between the COVID-19 pandemic and births in high-income countries. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118 (36).
- Aassve, A., N. Cavalli, L. Mencarini, S. Plach, and M. Livi Bacci (2020). The COVID-19 pandemic and human fertility. *Science* 369 (6502), 370–371.
- Corno, L, La Ferrara, E and Voena, A. (2020). Female Genital Cutting and the Slave Trade. *CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP15577* (https://cepr.org/active/publications/discussion_papers/dp.php?dpno=15577).

Work in Progress

- A. Aassve, A. Adserà, P. Y. Chang, L. Mencarini, H. Park, C. Peng, S. Plach, J. M. Raymo, S. Wang, J. Yeung Wei-Jun (*Work in Progress*). Family Ideals Across Cultures.
- A. Aassve, S. Plach (*Work in Progress*). An Introduction of Resilience to Demography: A Complementary Explanation of the Second Demographic Transition.
- S. Plach, A. Aassve, M. Brinton, L. Mencarini (*Work in Progress*). The Gender of Gender Equality: Implications for Fertility.

Selected Conferences and Workshop Attendances

- *Family Ideals in an International Comparative Perspective at Princeton University* (Oct 29-30, 2022)
- *NBER Summer Institute* (July 11-29, 2022; July 12-30, 2021; July 6-25, 2020)
- *MPIDR Conference on Covid-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on Fertility and Family Dynamics* (13-14 Dec, 2021)
- *IUSSP International Conference on Family and Fertility* (3-5 December 2020)
- *UN Population Div. Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Fertility* (10-11 May, 2021)
- *Network Dynamics in the Social, Economic, and Financial Sciences* (Politecnico di Torino, 4-8 Nov, 2019)

Work Experience

Research Assistant – Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy, Bocconi University	Jul 2020 - Aug 2022 <i>Milan, Italy</i>
Research Assistant – Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies (LEAP), Bocconi University	Jun 2018 - Dec 2018 <i>Milan, Italy</i>
Intern Consultant – CPC Unternehmensmanagement AG Change management consulting & Reality Trainings (leadership culture, project management)	Apr 2017 - Jun 2017 <i>Frankfurt, Germany</i>
Research Analyst, Student Asst., Intern – Ceresana Market Research & Consulting Organization and execution of market research projects	Oct 2015 - Feb 2017 <i>Konstanz, Germany</i>

Language Skills

German (native speaker), **English** (fluent, TOEFL iBT score: 113/120), **Italian** (intermediate, B1), **French** (beginner)

IT Skills

Advanced knowledge of **Stata**, **LATEX**, **MS Office**. Intermediate knowledge of **R**. Basic knowledge of **Python**, **Gephi** (Networks), **EViews**, **ArcGIS**.

Other Qualifications

- Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT): Total score 690/800 (86%)
- Online course by Matthew O. Jackson from Stanford University: *Social and Economic Networks: Models and Analysis*

*Bocconi grading system: GPA of 27.64 (min: 0; max: 30) scaled up to 110 grade points, plus 8 grade points (min: 0; max: 8) for the Master thesis.

†German grading system with 1.0 being the best grade and 5.0 the worst.