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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2016-current: Assistant Professor in Sociology, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

2012 – current: Research Fellow Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy, Bocconi University, Italy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology, family and fertility, social capital and networks. Health behaviors, disability and subjective well-being. Quantitative methods and statistical analysis applied to social sciences

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Groningen (Groningen, The Netherlands), December 2012.
Dissertation: “Family, Friends and Fertility”

MSc, Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), 2008.
Graduation Mark: 110/110 cum laude

B.A., Business Administration and Management, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), 2005.
Graduation mark: 110/110 cum laude

PAST RESEARCH ACTIVITIES & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2013-2016: AXA Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator on the research project “Adolescent substance use: assessment of risk factors and risk prevention in a comparative perspective”, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

2012-2013: Postdoctoral Researcher on the PRIN project “A new childbearing and childrearing regime?”, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy (P.I.: F.C. Billari)

2008-2012: PhD candidate on the research project “Fertility, social capital and social network”, Department of Sociology, University of Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands

2008: Research Assistant on the research project “Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)” and REPRO project “Reproductive decision-making in a macro-micro perspective”, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

GRANTS, AWARDS, & PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Grants & Awards:

CIVICA project: Mapping Emotions during COVID-19 pandemic using Twitter data (EMOMAP, 2021) – P.I. Nicoletta Balbo, Bocconi University (41,000 €)

Bocconi Young Researcher Grants (2017-2018) – (8,000 €)

Bocconi Research Excellence Awards 2017 & 2021 – (7,500 €)

AXA Postdoctoral Fellowship (2013 - 2016) – (P.I.: 120,000 €)

Best PhD thesis Award of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR, 2013)

Participations in national and international research projects:

2021- current: SickFam: A Register Study on the Short- and Long-Term Effects of Severe Sickness on Family Members – P.I. Øystein Kravdal, University of Oslo (1.2 million €)

2020 – current: Fondazione Cariplo – Monitoring Coverage, Attitudes and Accessibility of Italian measures in response to COVID-19 (MONICA) – P.I. Debora Nozza, Bocconi University, Italy (121,223.38 €)

2019-current: PRIN MIUR - The Great Demographic Recession (GDR) – P.I. Daniele Vignoli, University of Florence

2017-current: ERC DisCont - Discontinuities in Household and Family Formation – P.I. Francesco Billari, Bocconi University

2017-current: ERC SMITE - Social Mobility and Inequality across Italy and Europe, 1300-1800 – P.I.: G. Alfani, Bocconi University

2018-2019: GFC project – Global Family Change – collaborative project supported by the National Science Foundation. P.I.: H.P. Kohler and F.F. Furstenberg (University of Pennsylvania)

2013-2019: ERC SWELLFER – Subjective Well-Being and Fertility – P.I.: L. Mencarini, Bocconi University

2011-2013: PRIN MIUR - A new childbearing and childrearing regime? – P.I.: F.C. Billari, Bocconi University

2008-2010: REPRO - Reproductive decision-making in a macro-micro perspective – European Commission FP7, collaborative project. P.I.: A.C. Liefbroer (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute)

2008-2012: GGP - Generations and Gender Programme: A European Research Infrastructure on the Causes and Consequences of Demographic Developments– European Commission FP7, collaborative project. P.I.: A.C. Liefbroer (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute)

TEACHING

2017-current: Lecturer in Sociology

Two undergraduate level courses (Bachelor of International Politics and Government and an elective course cross-Bachelor) at Bocconi University, Italy

2016-2019: Lecturer in Applications for Management

Two courses at the undergraduate level (Bachelor in International and Economic Management) at Bocconi University, Italy

2014: Lecturer in the Population Dynamics and Economics

Graduate level course (Master of Science in Economics and Social Sciences) at Bocconi University, Italy

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2021– current: Strand organizer of the “Fertility” Theme for the European Population Conference 2022, NL

2019 – current: Local and Scientific committee member for the Alpine Population Conference Alp-Pop, Italy

2019: Local and Scientific committee member for Popdays Conference 2019, Italy

2017 : Scientific Committee member of the European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference 2017, Italy

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSABILITIES

2016 – current: Faculty member, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, Italy

2021 – current: Member of the Bylaws Committee, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, Italy

2021 – current: Member of the Scientific committee of the Italian Association for Population Studies

2019 – current: Co-chair of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) working group on Child and Adolescent Development

2019 – 2021: Secretary of the Italian Association for Population Studies 2018 – 2021 Organizer of the Internal Seminar Series, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

SUPERVISION & ADVISING

2018 – current: Supervision of 1 PhD student, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

2015 – 2017: Supervision of 2 AXA Post-doctoral fellows, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy Bocconi University

2016 – current: Thesis supervision of 31 Bachelor students and 1 Master student, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University

Acconsento alla pubblicazione del mio CV in ottemperanza alle disposizioni di legge dettate in materia di trasparenza (D.Lgs 33/2013).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Anelli, M., and **Balbo, N.** (2021); Fertility Drain or Fertility Gain? Emigration and Fertility During the Great Recession in Italy. *Demography* 58 (2): 631–654.
- Balbo, N.**, Carapella, P., and Toffolutti, V. (2020). Trends in the use of mind-altering drugs among European adolescents during the Great Recession, *Health Policy* 124 (5): 568–574.
- Balbo, N.**, Billari, F.C., and Melegaro, A. (2020). The strength of family ties and COVID-19. *Contexts*
- Ivanova, K., and **Balbo, N.** (2019). Cementing the stepfamily?: Biological and stepparents' relationship satisfaction after the birth of a common child in stepfamilies. *Journal of Family Issues*, 40(10), 1346-1363.
- Arpino, B., Bordone, V., and **Balbo, N.** (2018). Grandparenting, education and subjective wellbeing of older Europeans. *European Journal of Aging*. DOI: 10.1007/s10433-018-0467-2
- Balbo, N.**, and Arpino, B. (2016). The role of family orientations in shaping the effect of fertility on subjective well-being. *Demography*, 53(4): 955-978
- Aassve, A., Arpino, B., and **Balbo, N.** (2016). It takes two to tango: couples' happiness and childbearing. *European Journal of Population*, 32(3): 339-354
- Korff, V., **Balbo, N.**, Mills, M., Heyse, L., and Wittek, R. (2015). Mission Impossible? The impact of humanitarian aid context and individual characteristics on aid worker retention. *Disasters*. DOI: 10.1111/disa.12119
- Balbo, N.**, and Barban, N. (2014). Does fertility behavior spread among friends? *American Sociological Review*, 79(3): 412-431
- Balbo, N.**, Billari, F.C., and Mills, M. (2013). Fertility in advanced societies: a review of research. *European Journal of Population*, 29(1): 1-38
- Balbo, N.**, and Mills, M. (2011). The influence of the family network on the realization of fertility intentions. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research 2011*, 9: 179-206
- Balbo, N.**, and Mills, M. (2011). Social capital and pressure in fertility decision-making: second and third births in France, Germany and Bulgaria, *Population Studies*, 65(3): 335-351

BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS & REPORTS

- Balbo N.**, Barban N. (2020) Social Contagion Effects in Fertility: Theory and Analytical Strategy. In: Schoen R. (eds) Analyzing Contemporary Fertility. The Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis, vol 51. Springer, Cham.
- Balbo, N.**, Kashnitsky, I., Melegaro, A., Meslé, F., Mills, M.C., de Valk, H., et al. (2020). Demography and the coronavirus pandemic. *Population and policy brief, Vol. 25* (2020). Population Europe
- Balbo, N.** (2018). The Mental Toll of Being Connected: Is social media having an impact on adolescent health? *Population and Policy Compact Policy Brief 19/2018*, Max Planck Society/Population Europe, Berlin, Germany
- Balbo, N.** (2015). Fertility Theory. In: *James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2nd edition*, Vol. 9. Oxford: Elsevier. pp. 19–27.

Balbo, N. (2012). Family, Friends and Fertility. *ICS Dissertation Series*, Groningen, The Netherlands

SELECTION OF PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- PAA 2021: Population American Association, *April 2020, online conference*
- Popdays 2019: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *January 2020, Milan (Italy)*
- PAA 2019: Population American Association, *April 2019, Austin (USA)*
- ECSR 2018: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *October 2018, Paris (France)*
- EPC 2018: European Population Conference, *June 2018, Bruxelles (Belgium)*
- PAA 2018: Population American Association, *April 2018, Denver (USA)*
- Alp-Pop 2018: The Alpine Population Conference, *January 2018, La Thuile (Italy)*
- IUSSP 2017: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, *Cape Town (South Africa)*
- ECSR 2017: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *August 2017, Milan (Italy)*
- PAA 2017: Population American Association, *April 2017, Chicago (USA)*
- Popdays 2017: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *February 2017, Firenze (Italy)*
- ECSR 2016: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *September 2016, Oxford (UK)*
- Popdays 2015: Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione, *February 2015, Palermo (Italy)*
- ISQOLS 2014. Quality of Life Conference, *September 2014, Berlin (Germany)*
- EPC 2014: European Population Conference, *June 2014, Budapest (Hungary)*
- BSPS 2014: British Society for Population Studies, *September 2014, Winchester (UK)*
- IUSSP 2013: International Population Conference, *August 2013, Busan (Korea)*
- EPC 2012: European Population Conference, *June 2012, Stockholm (Sweden)*
- Alp-Pop 2012: The Alpine Population Conference, *January 2012, La Thuile (Italy)*
- PAA 2012: Population American Association, *May 2011, San Francisco (USA)*
- ASA 2011: Spring Methodology Conference of the American Sociological Association, *May 2011, Tilburg (The Netherlands)*
- PAA 2010: Population American Association, *April 2010, Dallas (USA)*
- VID 2010: Vienna Institute of Demography Conference, *December 2010, Vienna (Austria)*
- EPC 2010: European Population Conference, *September 2010, Vienna (Austria)*
- ECSR 2009: European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, *December 2009, Paris (France)*
- IUSSP 2009: International Population Conference, *September 2009, Marrakech (Morocco)*

INVITED TALKS

- Invited speaker at *European University Institute, CLIC* (Comparative Life Course and Inequality Research Centre) e IWG (Inequality Working Group), *March 2022 (upcoming), Italy*
- Invited speaker at *ICS Master Class*, *April 2021, Utrecht University, NL*
- Invited speaker at *UCL Quantitative Social Science Seminar*, *March 2021, UCL, UK*
- Invited speaker at the *Amsterdam Centre of Inequality Studies (AMCIS) Seminar Series*, *University of Amsterdam, May 2019, Amsterdam, NL*
- Guest speaker at the *Bookcity event “Matrimoni & Patrimoni”*, *November 2018, Borsa Italiana, Milan, Italy*
- Invited speaker at the *Swellfer Seminar Series*, *May 2014, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy*

Acconsento alla pubblicazione del mio CV in ottemperanza alle disposizioni di legge dettate in materia di trasparenza (D.Lgs 33/2013).

- Invited speaker at the opening plenary session of the **28th Young Leaders Conference on “The new demographics”**, organized by the Council for the United States and Italy, October 2012, Trieste, Italy
- Invited speaker at the **AKS-seminar**, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, October 2013, Oslo, Norway
- Invited speaker at the **ECSR (European Consortium for Sociological Research) Conference 2013**, October 2013, Tilburg, The Netherlands

MEDIA COVERAGE

The paper “Does Fertility Behavior Spread among Friends?” has been cited by: [Fox News](#); [New York Daily News](#); [Business Insider](#); [La Stampa](#); [El Mundo](#); [Le Figaro](#); [Il Corriere della Sera](#)

The paper “The Role of Family Orientations in Shaping the Effect of Fertility on Subjective Well-being: A Propensity Score Matching Approach” has been cited by [La Stampa](#); [Il Messaggero](#); [La Vanguardia](#)

The policy brief “The Mental Toll of Being Connected. What kind of impact is social media having on adolescent health?” [has been cited by La Vanguardia](#)

Short articles in: “[GGP at Glance](#)”, and “[Via Sarfatti 25](#)”

Blog entry in: [Openpop.org](#); [SHARE Blog](#)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Population Association of America; European Association for Population Studies; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; Associazione Italiana per gli Studi di Popolazione

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ad-hoc Reviewer for journals including: *American Journal of Sociology*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Sociology*, *International Migration Review*, *European Journal of Population*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Demographic research*, *Demography*, *Population Studies*, *Journal Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, *Social Forces*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Social Forces*, *American Sociological Review*.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

STATA, SPSS, R, EViews.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native speaker; English: fluent; Spanish: basic; Dutch: basic.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizen: Italian; Civil Status: Married with two children (born in 2013 and 2015)