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Short Bio

After graduating with lode in Political Science from the Univeristy of Florence in 1998, I received a scholarship from the Region of Tuscany for the training of experts in active labour market policies and, in 2000, a scholarship for specialization in Economy and the Sociology of Work at the IRPET (Tuscany's Regional Institute of Economic Planning).

From 2001 to 2002 I was head of research of the immigration division of IRES Toscana and coordinator of the Foreign Immigration Research Centre in the Florentine Area (in the Municipality of Florence and municipalities of the province's northwest zone).

In 2002 I began my PhD in Sociology at the University of Florence, which I finished in 2005. In that same year, I started as Colin Crouch's research assistant at the European University Institute of Florence and continued until 2006.

Since 2007 I have done consulting for the Region of Tuscany and I was a research fellow at the University of Florence (until 2011).

From 2010 to 2016 I taught Sociology of Work at the University of Siena.

From 2011 to 2016 I was a researcher at IRIS Prato and a member of the staff for a special project in the Prato area of the Region of Tuscany; from 2011 to 2016 I was also an editor of the social science review 'Cambio. Rivista sulle trasformazioni sociali'.

Since 2017 I have been a member of the editorial board of Altravista.

Since 2016 I have been a Researcher in the Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Siena and Department representative for orientation and mentoring.

Since 2020 I have been Associate Professor in the Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Siena.

Since 2021 I have been President of the Degree Programme in Social Service Sciences (L39) and a member of the editorial board of the review *Sociologie*.

Since 2023 he has been a member of the editorial board of the SocietàMutamentoPolitica review.

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