

ALESSANDRA MINELLO

Curriculum vitae
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Research interests:
Fertility, gender inequalities, work, education, care, historical demography

CURRENT POSITION AND CAREER HISTORY

Feb 2024 – present	Assistant Professor of Demography (RTD-B, SECS-S/04) Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padua
Since December 2024	FIS2 Consolidator project eligible: Only-child Narratives and Experiences. A Mixed Methods Comprehensive Exploration of Only-Child Fertility Decisions in Europe
Since August 2023	Principal Investigator of the PRIN PNRR 2022 Sector SH7 Project: FORTIES (Fertility Over fortIES). A mixed method comprehensive approach to understand parental well-being and trajectories of late and latest-late fertility With Livia Ortensi (University of Bologna), Alessandra Decataldo (University Milano-Bicocca)
Mar 2021 – Feb 2024	Assistant Professor of Demography (RTD-A, SECS-S/04) Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padua
Nov 2018 – Feb 2021	Assistant Professor of Demography (RTD-A, SECS-S/04) ERC project EU-FER (Economic Uncertainty and Fertility in Europe), Prof. Vignoli D. Department of Statistics, Computer Science, Applications, University of Florence
March 2018-Oct 2018	Post-doctoral Research Fellow (SECS-S/04) ERC project EU-FER (Economic Uncertainty and Fertility in Europe), Prof. Vignoli D. Department of Statistics, Computer Science, Applications, University of Florence
October 2017-Feb 2018	Maternity leave
Nov 2015- Sept 2017	Post-doctoral Research Fellow in General Sociology (SPS/07) DFG project: Determinants of the emergence of gender-specific patterns of competencies and decision making over the educational career in Germany European University Institute, Fiesole. PI: Prof. H. P. Blossfeld
May 2012-Aug 2015	Post-doctoral Research Fellow in General Sociology (SPS/07) DFG project: Changes in gender-specific educational trajectories and their consequences for job entry and careers of men and women in Germany University of Bamberg, Germany and European University Institute, Fiesole. PI: Prof. H. P. Blossfeld

QUALIFICATIONS and EDUCATION

National Scientific Qualifications:
Demography and Social Statistics, 13/D3, II fascia, since 2018
General Sociology, 13/D3, II fascia, since 2022

PhD:
Sociology and Social Research, 2013, University of Trento

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

- Minello A., Russo C. (2025) The good parent. Emerging themes and gender convergence in narrating fertility choices. *Family Relations*. 10.1002/FARE.13185
- Vignoli, D., Minello, A., Bazzani, G., Matera, C., Rapallini, C. (2022) Narratives of the Future Affect Fertility: Evidence from a Laboratory Experiment. *European Journal of Population*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-021-09602-3>
- Lappegård, T., Kristensen, A. P., Dommermuth, L., Minello, A., and Vignoli, D. (2022) The impact of narratives of the future on fertility intentions in Norway. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 1– 18. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12822>
- Matera, C., Dommermuth, L., Bacci, S., Bertaccini, B., Minello, A., Vignoli, D. (2022) Perceived Economic Uncertainty and Fertility Intentions in Couples: A Dyadic Extension of the Theory of Planned Behaviour. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09872-x>
- Minello A., Dalla-Zuanna G., Alfani G. (2021) The growing number of given names as a clue to the beginning of the demographic transition in Europe. *Demographic Research*, 45(6): 187-220. Doi: 10.4054/DemRes.2021.45.6
- Minello A., Russo C. (2021) Dentro lo schema. Accademiche italiane tra ricerca e didattica. *Sociologia del lavoro*, 160/2021: 88-109.
- Russo C., Minello A. (2021) Laboring academia: higher education never-ending youth and geriatric pregnancies' issues. *Italian Journal of Sociology of Education*, 3(2): 145-170. DOI: 10.14658/pupj-ijse-2021-2-7
- Minello A., Martucci S., and Manzo L. K. C. (2020) The pandemic and the academic mothers: present hardships and future perspectives. *European Societies*, DOI: 10.1080/14616696.2020.1809690
- Vignoli D., Guetto R., Bazzani G., Pirani E., Minello A. (2020) A Reflection on Economic Uncertainty and Fertility in Europe: The Narrative Framework. *Genus. Journal of Population Sciences*. 76, 28 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41118-020-00094-3>
- Minello A., Caltabiano M., Dalla Zuanna G., Vignoli D. (2020) Catching up! The Sexual Behavior and Opinions of Italian Students (2000-2017). *Genus, Journal of Population Sciences*. 76(16). Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41118-020-00085-4>
- Manzo L., Minello A. (2020) Mothers, childcare duties, and remote working under COVID-19 lockdown in Italy: Cultivating communities of care. *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 10(2):120-123. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2043820620934268>
- Minello A., Dalla Zuanna G. (2019) A gender geography of intentional homicide within and outside of the family: Male and female murders in Europe, the US and Canada (2003–15). *European Journal of Criminology*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1477370819884251>
- N. Kulic, A. Minello, S. Zella (2019) Manage your money, be satisfied? Money management practices and financial satisfaction of couples through the lens of gender. *Journal of family issues*, 41(9):1420-1446. doi: 10.1177/0192513X19891463
- Minello A., Dalla Zuanna G. (2019) Morire in Italia: omicidi di donne, omicidi in famiglia. *Popolazione e storia*. DOI: 10.4424/ps2019-7
- Minello A., Tocchioni V. (2018) Tra lavoro e famiglia: analisi della relazione tra tempo dedicato al lavoro e prima unione in Italia. *Rivista Italiana di Economia, Demografia e Statistica*, LXXII(4): 18-29.
- Minello A., Dalla Zuanna G. and G. Alfani (2017) First signs of transition: The parallel decline of early baptism and early mortality in the province of Padua (northeast Italy), 1816-1870. *Demographic Research*, 36(27): 759-802. DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2017.36.27
- Bukodi E., Eibl F., Buchholz S., Marzadro S., Minello A., Wahler S., Blossfeld H-P., Erikson R. and A. Schizzerotto (2017) Linking the macro to the micro: a multidimensional approach to educational

inequalities in four European countries.

European Societies, 20(1): 26-64. DOI: 10.1080/14616696.2017.1329934

Minello A. and H.P. Blossfeld (2017) From parents to children: The impact of mothers' and fathers' educational attainments on those of their sons and daughters in West Germany.

British Journal of Sociology of Education, 38(5): 686-70. DOI: 10.1080/01425692.2016.1150156

Minello A. and H-P., Blossfeld (2014) From mother to daughter: changes in intergenerational educational and occupational mobility in Germany.

International Studies in Sociology of Education, 24(1): 65–84.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09620214.2014.895139>

Minello A. (2014) The educational expectations of Italian children: the role of social interactions with the children of immigrants.

International Studies in Sociology of Education, 24(2): 127-147

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09620214.2014.896567>

Piccione L., Dalla Zuanna G. and A. Minello (2014) Mortality selection in the first three months of life and survival in the following thirty-three months in rural Veneto (North-East Italy) from 1816 to 1835.

Demographic Research, 31(39): 1199-1228 doi: 10.4054/DemRes.2014.31.39

Minello A. and G. Dalla Zuanna (2014) Children of immigrants in the Italian school system: What kind of assimilation?

Statistica Applicata – Italian Journal of Applied Statistics, 23 (2) 193-213

Minello, A. and N. Barban (2012) The educational expectations of children of immigrants in Italy.

The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 643 (1), 78–103. Doi:

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716212442666>

Books

Minello, A. and Nannicini, T. (2024) *Genitori alla pari. Tempo, lavoro, libertà*. Feltrinelli.

Minello, A. (2022) *Non è un paese per madri*, Laterza.

Dalla Zuanna G. P. , A. Minello and L. Piccione (2017) *Sweet CHILD of mine*. Padova, CLEUP.

Solicited contributions

Minello A. (2020) The pandemic and the female academic. *Nature* doi: 10.1038/d41586-020-01135-9

Minello, A. (2021) The double-lock. Academic women's motherhood and career paths.

Cambio. Rivista sulle trasformazioni sociali, OpenLab on Covid-19. DOI: 10.13128/cambio-10297

Book chapters

Minello, A., Vettoreto, E., & Ortensi L. E. (2025, in press) La Violenza ostetrica. Dove e quanto. In Dello Preite, F. e Gheno, V. (eds) *Altre prospettive sulla violenza di genere. Sguardi multidisciplinari per la prevenzione e il contrasto*, Franco Angeli Ed.

Minello, A. and Tocchioni, V. (2024) Intergenerational social mobility: The relevance of family and labour-market dynamics for studying the mother-daughter line. In Kilpi-Jakonen, E., Blanden, J., Erola, J., & Macmillan, L. *Research Handbook on Intergenerational Inequality*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Beier, L., Minello, A., Uunk, W., Pratter, M. Yastrebov, G. and H.P. Blossfeld (2023) The Emergence of Gender-Specific Competence Patterns and Decision Making During the Course of Educational and Job Careers in Germany. In Weinert, S., Blossfeld, G., & Blossfeld, H.-P. (eds.). *Education, Competence Development and Career Trajectories: Analysing Data of the National Educational Panel Study (NEPS). Methodology of Educational Measurement and Assessment*. pp 59-86. Cham: Springer.

Fariello, S. and Minello, A. (2023) Dal passato al presente. Dinamiche di fecondità, interpretazioni sociali e politiche pubbliche per un Paese che invecchia. In Pacifici Noja, U. G. *Global health, conflitti e dinamiche di genere*. Tab edizioni.

Martucci, S., Minello, A., & Manzo, L. K. C. (2022). The Unequal Ivory Tower. In Fornalè E. (ed.) *Gender Equality in the Mirror*. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill | Nijhoff.

- Tocchioni V., Petrucci A., Minello A. (2021) Short-term and long-term international scientific mobility of Italian PhDs: An analysis by gender. In Bertaccini B., Fabbri L., Petrucci A., *ASA 2021 Statistics and Information Systems for Policy Evaluation*, Firenze University Press, DOI: 10.36253/978-88-5518-304-8.08
- Dalla Zuanna G., Minello A., Vignoli D. (2021) Da Venere verso Marte. Nuovi comportamenti e ricerca del piacere. In: Dalla Zuanna G., Vignoli D.: *Piacere e fedeltà, i millennials italiani e il sesso*. Bologna, Il Mulino.
- Vignoli, D.; Bazzani, G.; Guetto, R.; Minello, A.; Pirani, E. (2020) Uncertainty and Narratives of the Future. A Theoretical Framework for Contemporary Fertility. In: Schoen R.. *Analyzing Contemporary Fertility*, pp. 1-20 Springer.
- Uunk W., L. Beier, A. Minello, P. Blossfeld (2019) Studienfachwahl MINT durch Frauen – Einfluß von Leistung in Mathematik, Lebenszielen und familialem Hintergrund (Women studying STEM: the influence of the performances in mathematics, life goals and family background). In: E. Schlemmer and M. Binder (eds.): *MINT oder Care? Eckpunkte einer gendersensiblen Berufsorientierung*. Weinheim & Basel: Beltz/Juventa, 2019, ISBN:978-3-7799-3940-5
- Minello A. and H.P. Blossfeld (2017) Can adult education compensate for early disadvantages? The role of adult education in reducing inequalities for German men and women. In Erola J. and Kilpi-Jakonen E. (eds) *Social Inequality Across the Generations: The Role of Compensation and Multiplication in Resource Accumulation*, Edward Elgar Publishing.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Minello, A. and Tocchioni, V. (submitted) Gender Inequalities in Permanent Employment: A Comparative Analysis of Academic and Non-Academic Career Paths.
- Rapallini, C.; Minello, A. Vignoli, D., Rustichini, A. (Under review) Fluid intelligence and fertility intentions, *PLOS ONE*.
- Dalla Zuanna, G.; Minello, A.; Paolin C. (submitted) No Longer a Traditional Country. Exploring the Changing Impact of Work and Uncertainty on Fertility Patterns among Italian Couples, 2012-2020.
- Minello A. (Submitted) Climbing the (STEM) Ladder. Unraveling Gender Disparities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Participation and its effect on intergenerational social mobility.

CONSULTING (third mission related activities)

- 2024 *Save the Children*, Editor of the report “Le equilibriste: la maternità in Italia nel 2024”
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- 2022 IRES, Director research on violence against older women. Client: *SPI-CGIL*.
- 2021 Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Population Europe, report on COVID and care. Client: *Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth*.
- 2018 IRS, Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale, consultant for the project: Gender-related challenges in European education systems. Client: *European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE/2016/OPER/08)*

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- University of Padua (2021-2023):
 International demography (MA)
 Psychological testing (BA)
 Historical demography (BA and MA)
- University of Florence (2018-2020)
 Measures and statistical methods for social work (MA)
 Demography and tourism (MA, in English)
 Historical demography (MA)
- European University Institute (2015-2017)

Educational inequalities in the lifecourse (PhD)

Foundations of Comparative Sociology (PhD)

Notes: President of the 2021-2023 BA course Introduction to Historical Demography (28h), Univ. of Padova
President of the course Historical Demography 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 (36h), Univ. of Florence

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SPEAKER (selected)

- 2023: Population Days, Rome; Bologna – Centro Studi sul genere e l'educazione.
2022: SISP – Società Italia Scienze Politiche, Rome; 2022 SISEC – Società Italia di Sociologia Economica, Bologna.
2021: Transforming care conference, Venice; CFP International Conference: Gender and Media Matters, Sapienza Rome; Scuola Democratica Conference, online; “Know the gap!” seminar series. World Trade Institute, University of Bern; Università post-Covid, un mondo da ricostruire? Organized by SPGI, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Giuridiche, Internazionali, University of Padua; Gli effetti della pandemia sulla violenza di genere, Istat and University of Padua.
2020: European Population Conference; SEMM (European School of Molecular Medicine), IEO, European Institute of Oncology, Milan; University of Genua, European day of Statistics.
2019: European Society of Historical Demography Conference, Pécs, Hungary; Population Days, Milan;
2018: European Population Conference, SIEDS – Società Italiana di Economia, Demografia e Statistica conference; Information Quality workshop, Lorentz Center, Leiden.
2017: DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Priority Programme 1646, Florence; Population Days, Florence; Gli omicidi delle donne: racconti di relazioni violente, ISTAT, Rome.
2016: European Population Conference, Mainz; DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Priority Programme 1646, Education as a Lifelong Process Conference, Florence; FORS seminar, Lausanne, Switzerland; EUI Forum Conference on Demography, Florence.
2015: DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Priority Programme 1646, Education as a Lifelong Process Conference, Bamberg; ECSR2015, Tallin; PAA (Population Association of America) conference, San Diego.
2014: RC28, Budapest; DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Priority Programme 1646, Education as a Lifelong Process, Florence; INDIRECT workshop (Intergenerational Cumulative Disadvantage and Resource Compensation, Turku.
2013: ECSR (European Consortium for Sociological Research), Tillburg; ECSR/EQUALSOC Conference: Economic change, Quality of life and Social cohesion, Stockholm; Colloquium DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Priority Programme, Bamberg; Population Days, Bressanone; Il valore della statistica per le imprese e la società. Ricerche di opinione e di mercato, Cattolica University Milan.
2012: Opening meeting DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Priority Programme 1646, Bamberg; European Population Conference (EPC 2012), Stockholm; MZES (Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung), Mannheim.
2011: Institute for Economic Analysis, Barcellona.
2010: SSHA Social Science History Association conference, Chicago; Next-Generation Global Workshop “Migration: Global Reconstruction of Intimate and Public Spheres”, Kyoto.

REFeree SERVICE

Nature; Demography; European Sociological Review; Journal of Gender Studies; Journal of Marriage and Family; European Societies; Advances in Life Course Research; Social Sciences; International Migration Review; Statistica Applicata - Italian Journal of Applied Statistics; Comparative Migration Studies; International Journal of Time Use Research; Annales de démographie historique; Popolazione e storia.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Other National Projects:

Coordinator of the CHILD (Collecting Habsburgical Information on Life and Death) project on child mortality in the Veneto region in the 19th century. University of Padua, with G. Dalla Zuanna

Fundings: "Determinants of mortality at 3-59 months of age in the region of Veneto 1816 - 1870", fondo Investimento Strategico di Dipartimento. Progetti SID, Università degli Studi di Padova. With Gianpiero Dalla-Zuanna, Irene Barbiera.

Fundings: Exploratory study of the possibility offered by data from civil registers of parochial archives (CHILD- Collecting Hasburgical Information about Life and Death - project) to analyse intergenerational social mobility. Funded period at the European University Institute: 2017.

Coordinator of SELFY (Sexual and Emotional LiFe of Youths), a survey on the sexual attitudes and behaviours and the emotional life of Italian university students. Project coordinated by G. Dalla Zuanna, University of Padua, M. Caltabiano, University of Messina e D. Vignoli, University of Florence.

Visiting periods:

Princeton University, USA; Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Insitute, Den Haag, The Netherlands.

Fellowships:

Bocconi University, Milan. Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics: Analysis of data on human capital of immigrants' children and second generations in Italy, a comparison with Italian children

University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research: A comparison between educational outcomes, expectations and aspirations of immigrants' children and natives in Europe.

Networks:

SISEC, Società Italiana di Sociologia Economica, AISP, Italian Association for Population Studies, SIDES, Società Italiana Demografia Storica, FLoPS: FLorentine Population Studies (University of Florence and European University Insitute); Comparative Life Course and Inequality Research Centre (CLIC), European University Insitute, Florence; University of Oxford Fell Fund project on changing role of social origins in educational attainment in Europe from a historical and comparative perspective, Oxford, UK; Princeton global network on child migration, Princeton University, USA.

Trainings:

ECSR Oxford Spring school in quantitative methods for social research, University of Oxford (GB).

Course: Generalized linear latent and mixed models

International Max Planck Research School for Demography, Max Planck Institute, Rostock (DE)

Course: Applied Event History Analysis

IRVAPP Institute of Evaluation of Public Policies, Trento

Course: Fundamentals and methods for impact evaluation of public policies

Service:

Member of the Orientation Committee at the Department of Social Statistics; Thesis supervisor for ba and ma students in sociology, psychology, history, demography and social statistics.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION (*third mission related activities*)

Writing for newspapers and online scientific dissemination journals: Lavoce, Ingenere, Neodemos, Population Europe.

Participation to several book and cultural festivals (selection): Internazionale Festival (Ferrara), Una Montagna di Libri (Cortina), Scrittorincittà (Cuneo), Festival della Scienza (Genova), La Fiera delle Parole (Padova).

Colummist of Il fatto quotidiano. Author for Domani Newspaper.

Author of the Gender Budget, University of Florence 2019, 2020.

President of the no profit organization "Mina con noi".

I declare under the terms of articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. 445 of 2000 the truthfulness of the information provided in this CV.