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Curriculum vitae
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

CURRENT POSITION AND CAREER HISTORY

Nov 2026– present	Associate Professor of Demography (SECS-S/04) Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova
Feb 2024 – Oct 2026	Assistant Professor of Demography (RTD-B, SECS-S/04) Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova Interdepartmental: SPGI Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies
Mar 2021 – Feb 2024	Assistant Professor of Demography (RTD-A, SECS-S/04) Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova Interdepartmental: Department of Developmental and Socialization Psychology
Nov 2018 – Feb 2021	Assistant Professor of Demography (RTD-A, SECS-S/04) Department of Statistics, Computer Science, Applications, University of Florence ERC project EU-FER (Economic Uncertainty and Fertility in Europe), Prof. Vignoli D
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

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Since December 2024	FIS2 Consolidator project eligible (FIS-2023-03671) ONE project. Only-child Narratives and Experiences. A Mixed Methods Comprehensive Exploration of Only-Child Fertility Decisions in Europe
2024-2026	Principal Investigator, PRIN PNRR 2022 Sector SH7 FORTIES (Fertility Over fortIES). A mixed method comprehensive approach to understand parental well-being and trajectories of late and latest-late fertility.
2023-2024:	Unit coordinator, Bando P.A.R.I. *Progetti e Azioni di Rete Innovativi per la parità e l'equilibrio*, Veneto Region STEM BYTE project, Confindustria Venezia.
2017:	Funded period at the European University Institute. 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.

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:	2013, Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento
Master and BA:	2006/2008 Sociology, University of Padova

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

Minello, A., & Dalla-Zuanna, G. (2026). The risk of being Giovanni or Maria: Naming practices and child mortality during the demographic transition. *Population Studies*, 1–21. https://doi.org/10.1080/00324728.2025.2608593

Mattioli, F., Minello, A., & Nannicini, T. (2026, in press) The demographic impact of leadership: Mayoral education and COVID-19 excess mortality in Italy. Revise and resubmit, *Population and Development Review*.

Gorodetskaya, O., Vitali, A., Tocchioni, V., & Minello, A. (2026, in press). *The best time to become a parent: The relationship between tenure and fertility among academics*. *PLOS ONE*. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0353232

Minello, A., Tosi, F., Vettoretto, E., Comolli, C. L., Dalla-Zuanna, G., & Ortensi, L. E. (2026) Delivery type and fertility intentions: Age-stratified evidence from Italian mothers, *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. *24 (1)*, 1–23.

Minello A. & Dalla-Zuanna G. (2026). Breaking Traditional Rules: The Onomastic Revolution and Demographic Transition. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *56*(4), 407-433.

Minello A. (2025) From Childbirth as an Event to Childbirth as an Experience. The "Embodied Motherhood Penalty" as a New Perspective in Fertility Studies. *AG AboutGender*, 14(28), 465-486. DOI: 10.15167/2279-5057/AG2025.14.18.2427

Vettoretto E., Minello A., Ortensi L.E. & Tosi F. (2025). Understanding the dimensions of mental labor: the invisible load of Italian mothers. *Frontiers of Socio*logy 10:1683261.

Minello, A. (2025). Raccontare e contare. Perché i femminicidi richiedono uno sguardo sociologico. [Telling and counting: Why femicides require a sociological perspective]. *Polis, Ricerche e studi su società e politica*, 3, 407-417, doi: 10.1424/118539

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., & 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., & 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. & G. Alfani (2017). First signs of transition: The parallel decline of early baptism and early mortality in the province of Padova (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. & 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. & 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. & 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. & 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. & 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. (2025). *Senza figli. Scelte, vincoli, conseguenze della denatalità*. Ed. Laterza.

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

Minello, A. & 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. & 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. & 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., Fabbris 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. & 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 UNDER REVIEW

Minello, A., Tosi, F., & Ortensi, L. E. Pronatalist policies without natalist effects? Early parenthood support and young mothers' fertility intentions in Italy. Revise and resubmit, *Population Research and Policy Review*.

Vettoretto, E., Minello, A., Ortensi, L. E., & Tosi, F. Invisible gender inequality, mental load, and fertility

intentions in Italy. Manuscript under review, *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Leucci, A. C., Minello, A., Caranci, N., Berti, E., Perrone, E.Supporting parenthood within the perinatal care system and subsequent fertility: evidence from a population-based study, third round review *Scientific Reports*.

Russo, C. & Minello, A. (2027) *Mothering and Motherhood in Academia*. Bristol University Press.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Padova

Rtd B (2024-present):

- International Demography, BA in Political Science, International Relations and Human Rights Laboratory of Statistical Sciences, BA in Education and Training Sciences
- Historical demography, BA in History
- PhD Program in PhD Course in Developmental medicine and health planning sciences Women's and Children's Health: Lecture in Demography

Rtd A (2021-2023)

- Historical Demography, BA in History, and Historical Demography Advanced, MA in Historical Sciences
- Psychological Testing, BA in Psychological Sciences of Development, Personality, and Interpersonal Relationships
- Clinical Research Methodology, Specialization Schools: Lifespan Psychology

University of Florence (2018-2020) courses in:

Historical demography (MA) (primary instructor)
Measures and statistical methods for social work (MA)
Demography and tourism (MA, in English)

European University Institute (2015-2017) tutoring with HP Blossfeld:

Educational inequalities in the lifecourse (PhD)
Foundations of Comparative Sociology (PhD)

Thesis supervisor for BA and MA students in political sciences, history, demography and social statistics.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION (THIRD MISSION)

2026 Member of the Editorial Board of the University of Padova's Gender Equality Report
Participant in the University of Padova event "Caleidos. Riflessioni contemporanee", a theatrical performance and public discussion organized for International Women's Day
TedX Milano Speaker

2025 Organizer of the event "Maternità senza ferite" (Motherhood without harm), part of the Third Mission activities of the Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova.
Neodemos E-book: Tutto quello che avreste voluto sapere sulla fecondità (e non sapevate dove cercare) (curatela)
Save the Children, Editor of the report "Le equilibriste: la maternità in Italia nel 2025"

2024 Participant in the University of Padova event "Oltre gli stereotipi di genere nella didattica" (Beyond gender stereotypes in teaching), organized as part of the Day for the Continuous Improvement of Teaching.
Save the Children, Editor of the report "Le equilibriste: la maternità in Italia nel 2024"

2023 *Save the Children*, Editor of the report "Le equilibriste: la maternità in Italia nel 2023"

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)

Guest on national television programs (e.g., *Quante Storie*, Rai 3; *Speciale TG1*).

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).
Columnist for ItalyPost, previously Il fatto quotidiano. Author for La Stampa and Domani Newspaper. Author of the Gender Budget, University of Florence 2019, 2020.
President of the no profit organization "Mina con noi".

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS (SELECTED)

2026: SISEC, Firenze; The European Public Choice Society, Madrid
2025: FORTIES final conference; Pop-Days, Cagliari
2024: "Delayed Reproduction: Challenges and Prospects" Wittgenstein Centre Conference, Vienna
GENDER-ACT. A laboratory on gender equality policy reforms in universities. University of Florence
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 Padova; Gli effetti della pandemia sulla violenza di genere, Istat and University of Padova.
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; Poulation 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; Poulation 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.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Service:

Since 2024:
Coordinator of the EIS Committee (Equity, Inclusion, and Sustainability), Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova;
Departmental Delegate for Gender Equality.
2026:

Other National Projects:

CHILD (Collecting Habsburgical Information on Life and Death) project on child mortality in the Veneto region in the 19th century. University of Padova, with G. Dalla Zuanna
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 Padova, M. Caltabiano, University of Messina e D. Vignoli, University of Florence.

Visiting periods:

Princeton University, USA (2011);
Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Insitute, Den Haag, The Netherlands (2011).

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 (2010-2012)
University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research: A comparison between educational outcomes, expectations and aspirations of immigrants' children and natives in Europe (2012).

Networks:

AISP, Italian Association for Population Studies, SISEC, Società Italiana di Sociologia Economica, 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

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.

