

**FERRUCCIO BIOLCATI-RINALDI**  
*CURRICULUM VITAE*

**1. PERSONAL DATA**

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**2. CURRENT POSITION**

*Associate professor in Sociology*  
Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan  
(since March 2015)

**3. SPECIALIZATION AREA**

- Methodology and techniques of social research
- Programmes evaluation (social policy, education and research)
- Poverty and income support policies
- Religious change
- Cultural consumption

**4. EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC CAREER**

*Assistant professor in Sociology*  
Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan  
(December 2005 – February 2015).

*Post-doctoral position in Sociology*

Department of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Naples “Federico II”  
(June 2003 – May 2005)

*Ph. D. in Methodology of Social Sciences*

Department of Social Research and Sociological Methodology, University of Rome “La Sapienza”  
(November 1999 – October 2002).

*Master’s Degree in Sociology*

Faculty of Sociology, University of Trento  
(November 1991 – June 1998)

## **5. STUDY AND RESEARCH ABROAD**

Research fellow at the *Institute of Social and Political Opinion Research (ISPO), KU Leuven* (November 2014).

Visiting researcher at the *EUROLAB (European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne)* (July 2014).

Visiting researcher at the *EUROLAB (European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne)* (November 2012).

*37th Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research), University of Essex, Colchester* (July 2004).

Visiting researcher at the *Centre for Social Policy Research, University of Bremen* (January – March 2003).

*54th Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, ISR (Institute for Social Research), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor* (June – July 2001).

*30th Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research), University of Essex, Colchester* (July – August 1997).

*Erasmus student at the University of Sussex, Brighton* (October 1995 – June 1996).

## **6. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS (selected)**

a) Call For Paper presentations

*Calibrating self-reported church attendance measures in online surveys. Experimental evidence from the Italian context* (with Cristiano Vezzoni). XXX Convegno della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), Milano, 15-17 settembre 2016.

*Towards a common pattern of religious change. Church attendance declining trends in seventeen western European countries (1973-2013)* (with Cristiano Vezzoni). 33rd ISSR Conference, "Sensing Religion", Louvain-La-Neuve, 2-5 July 2015.

*Le disuguaglianze sociali nella salute in Lombardia e in Italia (2010-2012): un'analisi multilivello delle condizioni individuali e degli effetti di contesto dei comuni* (con Simone Sarti e Alberto Vitalini. "Qualità della vita in Italia: venti anni di studi attraverso l'indagine Multiscopo dell'Istat", Convegno Istat-Aiquav (Associazione Italiana per gli Studi sulla Qualità della Vita), Istat, Roma, 27-28 gennaio 2015.

*Understanding church attendance trend in Italy. A cohort analysis based on pooled cross-section surveys (1972-2009)* (with Cristiano Vezzoni). "Values, Solidarity and Generations", workshop organized by European Values Study and University of Deusto, Bilbao, 10 October 2014.

*Estimating Societal Trends from Heterogeneous Cross-Sectional Time Series Surveys. Some Challenges Demonstrated on the Example of Church Attendance Trends in Europe* (with Markus Quandt and Cristiano Vezzoni). "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for a Global Sociology", XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, 13-19 July 2014.

*Individualisation and poverty over time. The Italian case (1985-2011)* (with Simone Sarti). 11th European Sociological Association (ESA) Conference, Torino, 28-31 August 2013.

*Church attendance and religious change in Europe (1970-2011). Theoretical debate, methodological issues and empirical results* (with Cristiano Vezzoni). 5th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference, Ljubljana, 15-19 July 2013.

*Tempi di crisi: povertà e spesa sanitaria nelle famiglie italiane. Un'analisi di trend dal 1997 al 2010 [Times of crisis: poverty and health expenditure of Italian families. An analysis of 1997-2011 trends]* (con Simone Sarti). Quinta conferenza annuale Espanet Italia, "Risposte alla crisi. Esperienze, proposte e politiche di welfare in Italia e in Europa", Roma, 20-22 settembre 2012.

*Measuring Church attendance trend in Italy (1968-2009) using multilevel analysis. Does EVS fit in the trend?* (with Cristiano Vezzoni). European Values Study International Conference "The Value(s) of Europe", Tilburg, 24-25 November 2011.

*Secularization or religious revival? Measuring church attendance trend in Italy using multilevel analysis* (with Cristiano Vezzoni).

4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), Lausanne, 18-22 July 2011.

*Italy: religion and politics, from the old party system to the post-1994 one* (with Paolo Segatti and Cristiano Vezzoni).

"Sociology on the Move", XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Goteborg, 11-17 July 2010.

*Quali indicatori bibliometrici per le scienze sociali? [What bibliometric indicators for the social sciences?]*.

Tredicesimo Congresso Nazionale dell'Associazione Italiana di Valutazione (AIV), "Valutare nella crisi. Idee, esperienze, problemi", Pisa, 25-26 marzo 2010.

*Assessing individualisation: the case of poverty.*

"Changing societies in the context of European Union Enlargement", European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) conference, Paris, 11-12 December 2009.

b) Keynote speaker

*Church attendance and religious change in Europe.* Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), 4th International Conference, Sibiu, 29 September – 1 October 2016.

c) Seminars organisation

*Trasformazioni e prospettive dell'indagine campionaria in Italia. La survey e le sfide dell'era digitale*, conference organized on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of ISTAT, in collaboration with ISTAT - Territorial Office for Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta, Lombardy and Liguria (North West), Milan, 13 December 2016.

*First Italian European Values Study (EVS) conference*, "Italy and Europe: Values, generations and geographical context from the 1980s until today. Analyses and reflections based on the EVS study", University of Trento – Department of Sociology and Social Research, 12-13 November 2015. Member of the Scientific Committee.

*Better data, better lives. La statistica per aumentare l'uguaglianza e l'inclusione sociale*, conference organized on the occasion of the Italian Statistics Day 2015, in collaboration with ISTAT - Territorial Office for Lombardy, Milan, 21 October 2015.

*Global societal change 2* (with Cristiano Vezzoni), session of the 6th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference, Reykjavik, 13-17 July 2015.

*Religions, secularizations and modernities* (with Marco Maraffi), international workshop organized for the Network for the Advancement in Social and Political Studies (NASP) and the Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences of the

University of Milan (GSSPS), Milan, 10-11 December 2014.

*Strategies of harmonization with pooled cross-sectional datasets* (with Markus Quandt and Cristiano Vezzoni), session of the conference “Modes, measurement, modelling: achieving equivalence in quantitative research” organised by ESC working group on “Quantitative Methods in Criminology” (EQMC) and ESA Research Network on “Quantitative Methods” (ESA RN21), Mannheim, 24-25 October 2014.

*Survey effects in secondary analysis of pooled data* (with Cristiano Vezzoni), session of the 5th European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference, Ljubljana, 15-19 July 2013.

## 7. PUBLICATIONS (selected)

### a) Journal articles

- 2015            Vezzoni C. and Biolcati-Rinaldi F., “Church attendance and religious change in Italy (1968-2010). A multilevel analysis of pooled datasets”, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, v. 54, n. 1, pp. 100-118, DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12173
- 2015            Biolcati-Rinaldi F. and Sarti S. (2015), “Individualisation and poverty over time: the Italian case (1985-2011)” in *European Societies*, v. 17, n. 1, pp.47-72, ISSN 1461 6696, DOI: 10.1080/14616696.2014.968799.
- 2013            Biolcati-Rinaldi F. and Vezzoni C., “Partecipazione alla messa e cambiamento religioso in Italia (1968-2010). Dibattito teorico, problemi metodologici e risultati empirici” [Church attendance and religious change in Italy (1968-2010). Theoretical debate, methodological issues and empirical results], *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, v. LIV, n. 1, pp. 55-88, ISSN 0486-0349.
- 2012            Biolcati-Rinaldi F., Ferrara A., Pinotti L. and Salini S., “The problem of disciplinary heterogeneity in research evaluation. Lesson learned by Unimival researchers during the Comparative Bibliometric Analysis project (ABC)”, *Rassegna Italiana di Valutazione*, v. XVI, n. 52, pp. 81-100, ISSN 1826-0713.
- 2012            Biolcati-Rinaldi, F., “Quali fonti di dati e indicatori bibliometrici per le scienze sociali? Alcuni risultati a partire da uno studio di caso” [What sources of data and bibliometric indicators for the social sciences? Some results from a case study], *Polis*, v. XXVI, n. 2, pp. 171-201, ISSN 1120-9488.

2011 Biolcati-Rinaldi F. and Giampaglia G., “Dinamiche della povertà, persistenze e corsi di vita” [Poverty dynamics, persistence and life course], *Quaderni di Sociologia*, v. LV, n. 56, pp. 151-179, ISSN 0033-4952.

2008 Biolcati Rinaldi F., “Meccanismi e valutazione: un confronto tra approcci” [Mechanisms and evaluation: comparing different approaches], *Rassegna Italiana di Valutazione*, v. XII, n. 42, pp. 27-51, ISSN 1826-0713.

#### b) Books and edited books

2012 Biolcati-Rinaldi F. and Vezzoni C., *L'analisi secondaria nella ricerca sociale [Secondary analysis in social research]*, il Mulino, Bologna, ISBN 978-88-15-23920-4.

2006 Biolcati Rinaldi F., *Povert , teoria e tempo. La valutazione delle politiche di sostegno al reddito [Poverty, theory and time. Evaluating income support policies]*, Franco Angeli, Milano, ISBN 88-464-7554-2.

2003 Giampaglia G. and Biolcati Rinaldi F. (Eds), *Le dinamiche della povert  in Italia alle soglie del 2000 [The dynamics of poverty in Italy at the beginning of 2000]*, Liguori, Napoli, ISBN 88-207-3722-1.

#### c) Books chapters

2014 Biolcati-Rinaldi F. and Boni F., “Il dito che indica la luna, e gli altri satelliti. La televisione e la radio” [The finger pointing at the moon, and the other satellites. Television and radio] in Santoro M. (Ed), *La cultura che conta. Misurare oggetti e pratiche culturali [The culture that counts. Measuring objects and cultural practices]*, il Mulino, Bologna, pp. 267-295.

2011 Biolcati-Rinaldi F., "Likert Scales" in Southerton D. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture*, Sage, Los Angeles, pp. 865-867, ISBN 9780872896017.

2011 Biolcati-Rinaldi F., "Longitudinal Studies" in Southerton D. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture*, Sage, Los Angeles, pp. 871-873, ISBN 9780872896017.

2011 Biolcati-Rinaldi F., "Surveys" in Southerton D. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture*, Sage, Los Angeles, pp. 1414-1417, ISBN 9780872896017.

2008 Biolcati Rinaldi F. and Podest  F., “Two countries in one: the working poor in Italy” in Andre  H.-J. e Lohmann H. (Eds), *Working Poor in*

*Europe: Employment, poverty and globalization*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, pp. 203-226, ISBN 978-1-84720-798-2.

- 2007 Biolcati Rinaldi F. (2007), “Consumi mediali e nuove tecnologie” [Media consumption and new technologies] in Buzzi C., Cavalli A. and de Lillo A. (Eds), *Rapporto Giovani. Sesta indagine dell’Istituto Iard sulla condizione giovanile in Italia [Youth Report. Sixth IARD Institute survey on youth in Italy]*, il Mulino, Bologna, pp. 303-327, ISBN 88-15-11895-0.

## **8. UNIVERSITY TEACHING (Academic Year 2016-2017)**

*Metodologia della ricerca sociale e valutativa [Methodology of social research and evaluation]*

Bachelor programme in Social Sciences for Globalisation, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan (60 hours).

*Communication Research*

Master programme in Public and Corporate Communication, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan (40 hours).

*Applied Multivariate Analysis*

Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan (20 hours).

## **9. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (selected)**

*Deputy Head*

Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan  
(since October 2015)

*Scientific coordinator*

Graduate School in Social & Political Sciences, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan  
(January 2012 – December 2014)

*Faculty member of the Ph.D. Programme in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research*

Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan  
(since November 2009)

*Referee* for the following journals (Comunicazione Politica – ComPol, Mondi Migranti, On the Horizon, Polis, Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia, Rassegna Italiana di Valutazione – Riv, Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Scuola democratica) and publishing houses (Franco Angeli, Routledge)

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