

# Curriculum Vitae



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## Current position

- University of Perugia: Associate Professor of "General Psychology" and "Psychology of the functioning, disability, and health", Department of Philosophy, Social & Human Sciences and Education; lecturer in "Psychology of aging", post-graduate School in Geriatrics, Department of Medicine, University of Perugia.
- Since July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017: National Scientific Qualification to Full Professor.
- Member of the Italian Order of Psychologists, n. 731 of the 23/02/2007.
- Member of the College of Teachers of Doctoral (PhD) course [DOT1326K5A] "PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE" at Sapienza University of Rome.
- Member of the Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE), World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Superior Institute of Communication and Information Technologies, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy, Rome.

## Current Directions of or Responsibility for Research at Research and Educational Institutions

- Since 2014, Scientific guarantor of the *Expressive Gestalt Psychotherapy Institute* (IPGE) and of the *Four-year Training Program in Gestalt Psychotherapy*.
- Since 2017, Representative of the University of Perugia designated by Rector's decree in the Scientific Board of the *Interuniversity Research Center on Cognitive Processing in Natural and Artificial Systems* (ECONA).
- Since 2017, Scientific guarantor of the *Puglia Gestalt Institute* (IGP) and lecturer at the *Four-year Training Program in Gestalt Psychotherapy*.
- Since 2019, Scientific director of *Myèsis, Research and Development Company*, Rome, Italy.
- Since 2022, President of *LoveLife APS* (<https://www.love-life.it/>), *Association for the Promotion sexual health of people with disabilities*.

## Education

- 1985 – Bachelor of Theology (Magna cum Laude.) Pontificae Gregorian University of Rome.
- 15/10/1987 – Bachelor of Science Education (Magna cum Laude.) Pontificae Salesian University of Rome.
- 07/01/1992 – Diploma in Theology (Summa cum Laude) Pontificae Salesian University of Rome.
- 14/07/1993 – Bachelor+Master in Philosophy (110/110 cum Laude) Sapienza University of Rome.
- 21/06/1996 – Research Doctorate in Theology (Magna cum Laude) Pontificae Salesian University of Rome.
- 16/06/1998 – Research Doctorate in Special Education University of Rome "Roma-Tre".
- 29/01/2000 – Winner of Research Grant at the University of Lecce for the SSD M11A
- 20/06/2005 – Bachelor+Master in Psychology (Summa cum Laude) Pontificae Salesian University of Rome.

## Formal assignment of teaching or research positions (fellowships) at qualified national universities and research institutes

- From 1985 to 1997  
Istituto di Studi sul Lavoro di Roma  
Researcher, collaborator and coordinator of studies and research carried out by the Institute on topics belonging to psychological disciplines (in the areas of occupational psychology, communication psychology, prevention of certain technopathies of neuropsychological etiology)
- From 2001 to 2002  
Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"
  - *Facoltà di Psicologia*  
Adjunct lecturer of:
    - 1) Corso di Psicotecnologie dell'apprendimento (4 cfu)
    - 2) Laboratorio di Psicotecnologie per l'integrazione delle disabilità (2 crediti)
  - *ILITEC – Facoltà di Ingegneria and Regione Lazio*  
Coordinator of teaching in the psychological area in the Lazio Region Project of "Experts in Web Environments" for individuals with disabilities.
  - *Interuniversity Centre for Research on Cognitive Processing in Natural and Artificial Systems (ECONA) – Facoltà di Psicologia – Facoltà di Ingegneria and Regione Lazio*  
Project coordination and teaching in the Lazio Region Project on "The inclusion of disabled people in the School, University and Work environment".
- From 2002-to 2005  
Università degli Studi di Perugia
  - *Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione*  
Adjunct lecturer of "Psicologia generale".  
Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"
  - *Facoltà di Psicologia*  
Adjunct lecturer of:
    - 1) Psicotecnologie dell'apprendimento (4 cfu)
    - 2) Psicopedagogia delle disabilità (4 cfu)
    - 3) Laboratorio di Psicotecnologie per l'integrazione delle disabilità (2 cfu)
    - 4) Tirocinio di tecnologie per la disabilità (2 cfu)
  - *Facoltà di Psicologia – Facoltà di Ingegneria*  
Lecturer and member of the scientific committee of the Level I Master's degree "Designing natural and virtual environments usable by all: psychotechnology for disability integration."

- From 2003 to 2004

Università degli Studi di Perugia

- *Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione*

Adjunct lecturer of:

Psicologia generale (12 cfu)

Psicologia sociale (3 cfu + 4 cfu)

Psicologia dell'handicap (2 cfu)

Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

- *Facoltà di Psicologia*

Adjunct lecturer of:

1) Psicotecnologie dell'apprendimento (4 cfu)

2) Psicopedagogia delle disabilità (4 cfu)

3) Laboratorio di Psicotecnologie per l'integrazione delle disabilità (2 cfu)

4) Tirocinio di tecnologie per la disabilità (2 cfu)

- From 2004 to present

Università degli Studi di Perugia

- *Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione*

Associate professor of General Psychology

- From 2004 to 2005

Università degli Studi di Perugia

- *Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione*

Additional assignments of:

1) Psicologia del lavoro e delle organizzazioni (4 cfu)

2) Psicologia dell'handicap (2 cfu)

Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

*Facoltà di Psicologia* Docente a contratto di:

Adjunct lecturer of:

1) Psicotecnologie dell'apprendimento (4 cfu)

2) Psicopedagogia delle disabilità (4 cfu)

3) Laboratorio di Psicotecnologie per l'integrazione delle disabilità (2 cfu)

4) Tirocinio di tecnologie per la disabilità (2 cfu)

- *Facoltà di Psicologia – Facoltà di Ingegneria*

Lecturer and member of the scientific committee of the Level I Master's degree  
"Designing natural and virtual environments usable by all: psychotechnology for  
disability integration."

- From 2003 to 2005

Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

- *Interuniversity Centre for Research on Cognitive Processing in Natural and Artificial Systems (ECONA) and Facoltà di Psicologia*  
Scientific director of the psychological area of the Research contract with the Company ALENIA MARCONI SYSTEMS S.p.A. on "Ergonomics of operating stations within coastal control operations centers".

## Formal assignment of teaching or research positions (fellowships) at qualified foreign or supranational universities and research institutes

- From 01-01-1996 to 31-12-1997  
Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium, Invited Lecturer to lead the following courses:
  - 1) Vita affettiva e percorsi dell'intelligenza. Intelligenza e affettività nel comportamento Infantile (2 cfu);
  - 2) "Handicappati: un amore negato?" Educazione sessuale ed handicap (2 cfu).
- From 01-01-1997 to 31-12-1998  
Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium, Invited Lecturer to lead the following courses:
  - 1) L'alfabetizzazione affettiva come problema educativo. Dalla competenza affettiva alla pedagogia speciale (2 cfu);
  - 2) Handicap e sessualità: analisi di alcuni testi didattici (2 cfu).
- From 01-01-1998 to 31-12-1999  
Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium, Invited Lecturer to lead the following courses:
  - 1) "I santi innocenti": cronaca dell'abuso dei minori (2 cfu);
  - 2) Educazione sessuale e prevenzione primaria alla pedofilia (2 cfu).
- From 1995 to 2001  
Study and support of rehabilitation pathways for "Clergy sexual abusers" in collaboration with the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, Seattle, USA.
- From 2002 to 2003  
Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Afghan Ministry of Education.  
Author and Supervisor of the project on Inclusion and Integration of Afghan Students with Disabilities in Accessible Education Pathways in Afghanistan.
- From 2014 to present  
Lecturer at the New European Association for Therapeutic Arts, Invited Lecturer on General Psychology and Psychology of Disability

## Scientific responsibility for funded research projects

- Title: *AmAAbili: Integrated social health project for affective and sexual promotion of disabled people*. Funded by the Umbria Region – Projects aimed at the Health Care with DD 1318/2009 for an amount of 36,000 euros. Duration 1 year.
- Title: *Matching Aid and Person (MAP): Analysis, evaluation and optimization of models of assignment and reuse of assistive technology*. Funded by the Umbria Region – Projects aimed at the Health Care with DD 1494/2010 for an amount of 34,000 euros. Duration 1 year.
- Title: *VITA – Visualization of Information and Assistive Technologies*. Funded by the Umbria Region with DGR n° 328/2013 for an amount of 100,000 euros. Duration 2 years.
- Title: *MusicalMente - Integrated social-health project to evaluate the effectiveness of music therapy on patients with progressive chronic cognitive impairment*. Research projects aimed at programming socio-health of the Umbria region. Funded by the Umbria Region (MUSICT14; E17903P4, 2013) for an amount of 50,000 euros. Duration 2 years.
- Title: *Cultural Epidemiology Research on the factors that determine cultural differences in the perception of objects and contexts and in the use of dialectical proverbs*. Funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Perugia. Project code: 2009.010.0344 for an amount of 15,000 euros. Duration 2 years.
- Title: *PA++, For a more mobile and usable Public Administration: Design and usability evaluation of the PA websites and online services on mobile devices*. Funded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy, on 22/09/2015, for an amount of 100,000 euros. Duration 2 years.
- Title: *AssTech Centre at Embu (Embu-ATC): Becoming Expert for and developing the Assistive Technology Service Delivery Centre*. To create at the Embu University College in Embu, Kenya, an Assistive Technology Service Delivery Centre (Embu-ATC) for training and assistive technology provision with the cooperation of the Institute for Matching Person & Technology, Webster, USA and the Leonarda Vaccari Institute for Rehabilitation Integration and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Rome. Funded by the Embu University, in 2016, for an amount of 150,000 euros. Duration 2 years.
- Title: *eGLU-box PA: A Semi-automatic Usability Evaluation Tool for Public Administrations*. Funded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy, on 22/12/2017, for an amount of 100,000 euros. Duration 2 years.



- Title: *eGLU-box PA PRO: A Semi-automatic Usability Evaluation Tool for Public Administrations*. Funded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy, on 06/08/2019, for an amount of 100,000 euros. Duration 2 years.
- Title: *Job-satisfying: Assessing the perceived quality of the environment and work technologies, under smart-working conditions of public administration (PA) employees: Pilot survey*. Funded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy, on 06/08/2019, for an amount of 25,000 euros. Duration 6 months.
- Title: *eGLU-box Mobile: A Semi-automatic Usability Evaluation Tool for Public Administrations*. Funded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy, on 03/03/2022, for an amount of 100,000 euros. Duration 1 year.
- Title: *eGLU-box Plus: Defining a methodological framework for the assessment of user awareness*. Funded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Italy, on 19/07/2023, for an amount of 100,000 euros. Duration 1 year.

## Current and past other scientific activities

- From 2005 to 2011, Participation in the College of Teachers of Doctoral (PhD) course [DOT0326974] "COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY AND PERSONALITY" Sapienza University of Rome.
- From 2011 to 2019 and from 2021 to present, Participation in the College of Teachers of Doctoral (PhD) course [DOT1326K5A] "PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE" Sapienza University of Rome.
- From 2019 to 2021, Participation in the College of Teachers of Doctoral (PhD) course [DOT19RS8SB] "ETHICS OF COMMUNICATION, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION" University of Perugia.
- Since 2001, Sapienza University of Rome: Professor of "Assistive Technology for the integration of disabilities" at the Faculty of Psychology – until 2010.
- In 2003, Founder of "Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Disability and Technologies for Autonomy" (CIRID – Research Center of the University of Rome "La Sapienza").
- Since 2014, lecturer at the New European Association for Therapeutic Arts.
- Since 2016, member (ID: 181) of the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE).

- Since 2003, member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Space Cognition (ICSC).
- Since 2005, member of the editorial board of the International Journal "Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology".
- Since 2010, member of the editorial board of the International Journal "Cognitive Processing".
- Since 2014, Academic editor of "PLOS ONE".
- Since 2018, Academic editor of "Innovations in Rehabilitation Research".
- Since 2018, member of editorial board member of the Scholarly Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences (SJPBS).
- Since 2018, member of editorial board member of the International Journal Continuity in Education.

### **Achievement of prizes and awards for scientific activity**

Award for the best book on assistive technology given to the authors of the "Assistive Technology Assessment Handbook" by the Leonarda Vaccari Institute in Rome on 12-09-2012. The award was given to the editors of the work, Federici and Scherer, not only for bringing together the contributions of more than 55 scholars from different continents, but also for writing many of the chapters of the handbook themselves, developing a new ideal model of the process of assigning assistive technologies.

### **Organization of or participation as a speaker at scientific conferences in Italy or abroad**

- Participation as an invited speaker at VALENTINI DAY, Sapienza Università di Roma, Rome, Italy  
From 12-01-2001 to 12-01-2001
- Participation as a speaker at the 7th Convegno Nazionale Informatica, Didattica e Disabilità, Università di Roma "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy  
From 08-11-2001 to 10-11-2001



- Participation as a speaker at 11<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Personality of the European Association of Personality Psychology, Jena, Germany  
From 21-07-2002 to 25-07-2002
- Organizer and member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Space Cognition: ICSC  
From 01-01-2003 to present
- Participation as a speaker at the 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE), University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland  
From 31-08-2003 to 03-09-2003
- Participation as a speaker at the 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Psychological Assessment, Budapest, Hungary  
From 31-08-2005 to 04-09-2005
- Participation as a speaker at the Conference of the Associazione Italiana di Psicologia AIP, Sezione di Psicologia Sperimentale, Cagliari, Italy  
From 18-09-2005 to 20-09-2005
- Participation as a speaker at the International Conference on "Religioni in Europa Occidentale e America Latina: Cattolicesimo, cattolicesimi e pluralismo religioso", Rome  
From 25-10-2006 to 28-10-2006
- Participation as a speaker at the National Conference on "Famiglie e Genitorialità Oggi. Nuovi Significati e Prospettive", Lecce, Italy  
From 17-11-2006 to 18-11-2006
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National conference on "Sessualità e Disabilità: Possibili percorsi verso un riconoscimento della sessualità, Rome, Italy  
From 08-06-2007 to 09-06-2007
- Participation as a speaker at the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology, Marseille, France  
From 29-08-2007 to 01-09-2007
- Participation as a speaker at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics and Informatics, Orlando, Florida, USA  
From 29-06-2008 to 02-07-2008
- Participation as a speaker at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics and Informatics, Orlando, Florida, USA  
From 29-06-2008 to 02-07-2008
- Participation as a speaker at the IAPS 20<sup>th</sup> Conference, Rome, Italy  
From 28-07-2008 to 01-08-2008

- Participation as a speaker to 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Disability Studies Conference, Lancaster University, United Kingdom  
From 02-09-2008 to 04-09-2008
- Participation as a speaker at the Conference of the Associazione Italiana di Psicologia AIP, Sezione di Psicologia Sperimentale, Padova, Italy  
From 20-09-2008 to 22-09-2008
- Participation as a speaker to 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference, UAHCI 2009, Held as Part of HCI International 2009, San Diego, CA, USA  
From 19-07-2009 to 24-07-2009
- Participation as a speaker to European Conference for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE), Inclusion between past and future AT from adapted equipment to inclusive environments, Florence, Italy  
From 31-08-2009 to 02-09-2009
- Participation as a speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convegno Nazionale di Psicologia dell'Invecchiamento SIPI, Brescia, Italy  
From 13-11-2009 to 14-11-2009
- Participation as a speaker at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs, Vienna University of Technology, Austria  
From 14-07-2010 to 16-07-2010
- Participation as a speaker at the TOBI Workshop II: Translational Issues in BCI Development: User Needs, Ethics, and Technology Transfer, Rome, Italy  
From 02-12-2010 to 03-12-2010
- Participation as a speaker at the International Conference on Universal Learning Design: ULD '11, Brno, CZ  
From 08-02-2011 to 11-02-2011
- Participation as a speaker at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Association of Psychology and Psychiatry for Adults and Children, Atene, Grecia  
From 17-05-2011 to 20-05-2011
- Participation as a speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> European Conference for the Advancement of Assistive Technology: (AAATE), Maastricht, NL  
From 31-08-2011 to 02-09-2011
- Participation as an invited speaker to Conference on "Processi emotivi e cognitivi nella relazione d'aiuto", Perugia, Italy  
From 11-04-2012 to 11-04-2012
- Participation as a speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> European Mind Change Conference, Villach, Carinthia, Austria  
From 02-05-2012 to 04-05-2012

- Participation as a speaker at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Association of Psychology and Psychiatry for Adults and Children, Atene, Greece  
From 15-05-2012 to 18-05-2012
- Participation as a speaker at the International Workshop "Service Delivery Systems for Assistive Technology in Europe", Copenhagen, Denmark  
From 21-05-2012 to 22-05-2012
- Participation as a speaker to 6th Convegno Nazionale di Psicologia dell'Invecchiamento SIPI, Orvieto, Italy  
From 26-05-2012 to 27-05-2012
- Participation as a speaker to the International Conference on "Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America Annual Conference: RESNA '12", Baltimore, USA  
From 30-06-2012 to 02-07-2012
- Participation as an invited speaker to International Conference on "La proposta di Tecnologie Assistive" organized by the Ausilioteca di Bologna. Bologna, Italy  
From 11-09-2012 to 11-09-2012
- Participation as an invited speaker to Conference on "Artiterapie: creatività e relazione d'aiuto", Perugia, Italy  
From 18-10-2012 to 18-10-2012
- Participation as a speaker at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference, HCI International 2013, Las Vegas, NV, USA  
From 21-07-2013 to 26-07-2013
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Convention of the Federazione Logopedisti italiani su "Tecnologia e Riabilitazione", Rome, Italy  
From 14-09-2013 to 14-09-2013
- Participation as an invited speaker to Conference on "La 'Cura' della Persona con Demenza", Perugia, Italy  
From 05-10-2013 to 05-10-2013
- Participation as an invited speaker at the Conference on "Le Trame dello Sguardo: Arte Terapia tra percezione ed espressione. Le immagini, il video e la fotografia nella relazione d'aiuto", Rome, Italy  
From 16-11-2013 to 16-11-2013
- Participation as an invited speaker to the 14<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Associazione Italiana di Psicogeriatria, Florence, Italy  
From 10-04-2014 to 12-04-2014
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference on "Cos'è che cura", Rome, Italy

From 09-05-2014 to 10-05-2014

- Board Members di Human-Computer Interaction  
From 01-07-2014 to present
- Participation as an invited speaker at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference, HCI International 2014, Heraklion, Crete, Greece  
From 22-07-2014 to 27-07-2014
- Participation as an invited speaker at the Conference on "Sei Tu Che Lavori Dove Vivo Io", for World Alzheimer Day 2014, Perugia, Italy  
From 22-09-2014 to 22-09-2014
- Participation as an invited speaker at the Conference on "Bisogni Educativi Speciali... Nessuno È Escluso" by Centro FARE, Terni, Italy  
From 08-11-2014 to 08-11-2014
- Organization and participation as a speaker at the National Conference of Psicologia e psicoterapia "Psicoterapia: Arte della Relazione", Perugia, Italy  
From 03-10-2015 to 03-10-2015
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference of Arteterapia "Conoscenza di sé tra percezione ed espressione", Rome, Italy  
From 07-11-2015 to 07-11-2015
- Participation as a speaker at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference, HCI International 2015, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
From 02-08-2015 to 07-08-2015
- Participation as a speaker at the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference on "Il contributo dei Centri per i Disturbi Cognitivi e le Demenze nella gestione integrata dei pazienti" dell'Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy  
From 13-11-2015 to 13-11-2015
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Convention of the Istituto "Leonarda Vaccari" – Etica in Riabilitazione: Tra Esperienza e Innovazione al Servizio della Persona, Rome, Italy  
From 19-02-2016 to 20-02-2016
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference "Forum PA", Palazzo dei Congressi, Rome, Italy  
From 24-05-2016 to 26-05-2016
- Organization and participation as a speaker at the National Conference of Psicologia e Psicoterapia "Psicoterapia, fra narrazione e conoscenza di sé", Perugia, Italy  
From 15-10-2016 to 15-10-2016
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference "Forum PA", Convention Center "La Nuvola", Rome, Italy

From 23-05-2017 to 25-05-2017

- Participation as an invited speaker at the 1st International Conference on Tecnologia Assistiva e Disabilità, Università Pontificia Salesiana, Rome, Italy

From 04-10-2017 to 06-10-2017

- Participation as an invited speaker at the Conference on "Dove Tutto ha Inizio: Osservazione e Intervento tra Prima e Seconda Infanzia" by Centro FARE, Deruta, Italy

From 30-09-2017 to 31-09-2017

- Participation as an invited speaker at the 3rd Conference on "Le emozioni nei contesti individuali e sociali", Perugia, Italy

From 12-12-2017 to 13-12-2017

- Participation as an invited speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brain Awareness Week (BAW)., Perugia, Italy

From 12-03-2018 to 18-03-2018

- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference on La Comunicazione in Pediatria", Perugia, Italy

From 03-05-2018 to 10-05-2018

- Participation as an invited speaker at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference by SIMS – Società Italiana Midollo Spinale, Florence, Italy

From 10-05-2018 to 12-05-2018

- Participation as a speaker at the International Conference on Advanced Visual Interfaces, Grosseto, Italy

From 29-05-2018 to 01-06-2018

- Participation as a speaker at the 20th International Conference, HCI International 2018 Las Vegas, NV, USA

From 15-07-2018 to 20-07-2018

- Participation as a speaker at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Joint Conference on Computer Vision, Imaging and Computer Graphics Theory and Applications, Prague, Czech Republic

From 25-02-2019 to 27-02-2019

- Participation as an invited speaker at the 4<sup>th</sup> Brain Awareness Week (BAW)., Perugia, Italy

From 11-03-2019 to 16-03-2019

- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference on "Dispositivi e ausili nella Comunicazione Aumentativa e Alternativa e nelle Tecnologie Assistive", by Istituto Superiore di Sanità and Società Internazionale per La Comunicazione Aumentativa e Alternativa (ISAAC Italy), Rome, Italy

From 25-03-2019 to 25-03-2019

- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference "Forum PA", Convention Center "La Nuvola", Rome, Italy

From 14-05-2019 to 16-05-2019

- Participation as a speaker at the 21<sup>st</sup> HCI International Conference, HCII 2019 Orlando, FL, USA  
From 26-07-2019 to 31-07-2019
- Participation as an invited speaker at the 2nd International Conference on Tecnologia Assistiva e Disabilità, Università Pontificia Salesiana, Rome, Italy  
From 19-09-2019 to 21-09-2019
- Participation as an invited speaker at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, by Organization Syndrome Angelman's, Santa Maria degli Angeli (PG), Italy  
From 11-10-2019 to 13-10-2019
- Participation as a speaker at the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) 52nd Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA, USA  
From 04-07-2020 to 07-07-2020
- Participation as an invited speaker at the 6th America International Conference on Education, Research & Development, New York, NY, USA  
From 15-08-2020 to 30-08-2020
- Participation as a speaker at the 17th International Conference, ICCHP 2020, Lecco, Italy  
From 09-09-2020 to 11-09-2020
- Participation as an invited speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> Brain Awareness Week (BAW), Virtual Event  
From 16-11-2020 to 21-11-2020
- Participation as a speaker at the International Scholarly and Scientific Research & Innovation, Vienna, Austria  
From 24-12-2020 to 25-12-2020
- Participation as a speaker at the 23rd HCI International Conference, HCII 2021, Virtual Event  
From 24-07-2021 to 29-07-2021
- Participation as an invited speaker at the National Conference on "Dal Malessere Esistenziale al Benessere Psicologico", IPGE, Virtual Event  
From 16-10-2021 to 17-10-2021
- Participation as an invited speaker at the 1st Assisi-Cambridge International Conference Neurodevelopmental Disorders Disabilities and Neuroscience, Assisi (PG), Italy  
From 16-10-2021 to 17-10-2021
- Participation as a speaker at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCII 2022, Virtual Event  
From 26-06-2022 to 01-07-2022
- Participation as a speaker at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference, ICCHP-AAATE 2022, Lecco, Italy  
From 11-07-2022 to 15-07-2022



- Participation as a speaker at the 25<sup>th</sup> HCI International Conference, HCII 2023, Copenhagen, Denmark  
From 23-07-2023 to 28-07-2023

## Direction or participation in the activities of a research group characterized by national or international collaborations

- From 2001 to present: Collaboration with the INSTITUTE FOR MATCHING PERSON & TECHNOLOGY, of Webster, NY ([IMPTg7@aol.com](mailto:IMPTg7@aol.com)) to develop assignment process models and assistive technology assessment tools. In particular, during this long period of collaboration with Chair Marcia J. Scherer, the research group has adapted into Italian the Matching Person and Technology in Adult and Children's Versions (MPT and MATCH), the ATUFS – Assistive Technology Use Follow-up Survey, co-edited special issues of international journals and manuals in the different fields of application of assistive technologies. Collaboration with Prof. Marcia J. Scherer and 55 other scholars from all continents resulted in a Handbook on the Assistive Technology Assessment Process: Handbook of Assistive Technology Assessment. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. 2012. Due to the international success of this work, a second edition was published in 2018 with new contributions and updates to previous contributions. The work was also published in 2014 in an Italian translation: Handbook of Assistive Technology Assessment. Milan, IT: Pearson. The contribution of the editors, Federici and Scherer, goes far beyond a simple collection of the chapters of the contributors, as the editors themselves have written many of the chapters of the Handbook, by developing a new ideal model of the assistive technology allocation process. Considering the scientific relevance of the work and the contribution of the candidate in writing and editing the chapters, it has been selected among the 12 scientific publications according to art.1 of the call D.R. 3195/2023.
- From 01-10-2012 to present: Participation in the Usability Working Group, which brings together professional cultures from different backgrounds, with the intention of placing the culture of usability at the heart of administrative action. The aim is to collect the experiences of public administration on the subject in order to propose a standard, low-cost analysis methodology within the reach of all web editors. The working group, coordinated by Dr. Emilio Simonetti from the of Public Service, Prime Minister's Office, Rome, sees the participation of experts from various Italian and foreign universities and private companies (see: [componenti del GLU \(funzionepubblica.gov.it\)](http://componenti.del.GLU(funzionepubblica.gov.it))). The latest version of eGLU LG, born from the merger of procedures 2.1 (generalist) and M (mobile),

has recently been published ([Linee guida di design per i servizi web della Pubblica Amministrazione | 5.1. Usabilità \(italia.it\)](#)).

- From 01-01-2016 to present: Director of the research group "AssistiveTech Center at Embu" (Embu-ATC) consisting of: Embu University College, Embu, Nigeria, referee Prof. Madrine G. King'endo; University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy, referee Prof. Stefano Federici; Institute for Matching Person and Technology, Inc, Rochester, USA. President Prof. Dr. Marcia J. Scherer; Leonarda Vaccari Institute of Rome, Rome, Italy, referee Dr. Fabrizio Corradi; Key & Key Communications, Deruta (PG), Italy, referee Prof. Gabriella B. Klein and Dr. Koffi M. Dossou. The project "Becoming Expert for and Developing the Assistive Technology Service Delivery Centre" aims to establish an Assistive Technology Service Delivery Centre (Embu-ATC) at the University College of Embu in Embu, Kenya, for the provision of assistive technology and training in allocation processes. The Embu-ATC has a dual objective of (i) developing an international Master's degree in Assistive Technology Assessment for university students through an e-learning program and (ii) establishing a center for Assistive Technology Assessment and Delivery for people with disabilities in the Embu region.
- From 01-04-2016 to present: Head of the research group of the "Musicalmente" project at the University of Perugia. The research group is composed by Paolo Valigi, Full Professor, Affherent to the Faculty of Engineering. University of Perugia; Rabih Chattat, Associate Professor, affiliated to the Department of Psychology, University of Bologna; Patrizia Mecocci, Full Professor and Martina Pigliatile, PhD, affiliated to the Section of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Department of Medicine, University of Perugia. The project aims to evaluate the effectiveness of music therapy on the health of people with dementia through a multidisciplinary paradigm with a biopsychosocial approach. The research group participates in the "#hackUniTO for Aging" initiative launched by the University of Turin.
- From 07-05-2016 to present: Head of the Research Unit at the University of Perugia of the project "WHODAS 2.0 in Iran". The project was sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry of the Behavioral Sciences Research Center of Shahid Behesti University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran. The research team from the University of Perugia consists of Prof. Francesco Bartolucci and Prof. Silvia Bacci from the Department of Economics and Dr. Fabio Meloni from the Department of Philosophy, Social, Human and Educational Sciences. The project aims to validate the Iranian version of the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 with psychiatric patients.

## Editing or serving on the editorial boards of journals, series, encyclopedias, and treatises of recognized prestige.

- Editorial Board Member of Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology  
01-01-2005 to present.
- Member of the editorial board of Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications (EISTA)  
From 01-01-2008 to present.
- Member of the Editorial board of International Journal of Education, Informatics and Cybernetics  
From 01-01-2009 to present.
- Member of the Editorial board of Cognitive Processing  
From 01-01-2010 to present.
- Member of the Editorial board of International Institute of Informatics and Systemics (IIS)  
From 01-01-2010 to present.
- Member of the Editorial board of IN Psychology Psychotherapy Psychiatry  
From 01-01-2012 to present.
- Academic editor of PLOS ONE  
From 01-01-2014 to present.
- Editorial board member of the international journal "Universal Access to the Information Society: An international interdisciplinary journal" (UAIS)  
From 24-11-2016 to present.
- Section Editor of the The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Disability (Springer Nature), edited by G. Bennett and E. Goodall,  
From 11/11/2023 to present.

## Research Main Topics

- Cognitive psychology: religion, sexuality, computer science, disability, perception, emotions, implicit processes.
- Evolutionary psychology: religion, sexuality, emotions, disability.
- Assistive Technology: models of AT service delivery, human factors, measurements.
- Human-Computer Interaction: User experience and usability, sonification, measurements.
- Disability: Sexuality, cognitive representations, models of, classifications, measurements.
- Sexuality: Gender attribution, alternative sexuality, sexual behavior, measurements.

# Biography

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I am a religious person, but not a believer. I feel I share the “human universal” of a constant search for meaning<sup>1</sup>. As humans we evolved “constraints” to look for a meaning for our existence and, like a domesticated fox, I too look for meaning in the golden color of a wheat field in the memory of an encounter<sup>2</sup>. But I do not believe in any content of faith, though I was educated and trained in the Roman Catholic religion and, as a Doctor of Theology, I taught Catholic theology.

I love doing research that satisfies my curiosity to learn and have new experiences.

From 1995 to 1998, I was an adjunct professor at the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences «Auxilium» in Rome. My teaching on the religious and sexual education of people with disabilities and the fight against pedophilia in the Roman Church led to my removal.

From 1998 to 2000, I lived in the United States, where I contributed to the understanding of feminist theology and sexual abuse and the condition of women in the Christian environment<sup>3</sup>, with reference to the patriarchal structures of Biblical and post-Biblical Judaic society and reform movements against *kyriarchal sex/gender systems*<sup>4</sup>, according to the approach of the critical feminist liberation movement<sup>5</sup>.

Returning to Rome in 2000 and unable to teach at pontifical universities because of my research on clergy sexual abuse, I began to collaborate with the University of Lecce as a research fellow in psychology and with the Sapienza University of Rome as a contract professor, teaching “Assistive technology for the integration of disabilities” in the Faculty of Psychology.

In 2005, I became Associate Professor of General Psychology at the University of Perugia, and having obtained the National Scientific Qualification, was qualified to a professorship in 2017.

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In the same year, I was designated (by decree of the rector) representative of the University of Perugia on the Scientific Board of the Interuniversity Research Center on Cognitive Processing in Natural and Artificial Systems (ECONA)<sup>6</sup>.

In 2003, I became one of the founders of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Disability and Technologies for Autonomy (CIRID) at the Sapienza University of Rome.

On May 26, 2022, I founded the association for the sexual health of people with disabilities named LoveLife APS ([www.love-life.it](http://www.love-life.it)). Since November 24, 2022, I have been the President of this association.

I have initiated numerous national and international research projects, attracting hundreds of thousands of euros.

My training and research as a philosopher, theologian, special educator, and experimentalist psychologist is interdisciplinary and concerns two main scientific macro fields: technology and human sciences. In the former, I work on assistive technologies in collaboration with the *Institute for Matching Person & Technology* (Webster, USA)<sup>7</sup> and the *Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology* (GATE) initiative by the World Health Organization<sup>8</sup>. I have worked on web sonification, brain-computer interfaces, eye tracking, exoskeletons, chatbots, and user experience and usability in human-computer interaction. In the latter, I deal with the cognitive and behavioral processes of people with and without disabilities in the areas of sexuality, gender violence, gender attribution, cognitive representations and models of disability, evolutionary psychology and the architecture of mind, cognitive impairment (Alzheimer's), and specific learning disorders.

The research projects I have directed or collaborated on have allowed me to collaborate with researchers and scientists in theology, engineering, computer science, statistics, sociology of religion, geriatrics, sexology, anthropology, neuroscience, and psychology.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://web.uniroma1.it/econa/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://sites.google.com/view/matchingpersontechnology/home>

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.who.int/initiatives/global-cooperation-on-assistive-technology-\(gate\)](https://www.who.int/initiatives/global-cooperation-on-assistive-technology-(gate))

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