

RASSA GHAFFARI

TEACHING ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL

OFFICIAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE
A.A. 2024/2025

Adjunct faculty

Adjunct professor, Theories and Techniques of Communication (SPS/08),
BA degree in Media, Communication and Society (40 hrs)

**UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA - DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE, REHABILITATION,
OPHTHALMOLOGY, GENETICS, AND MATERNAL AND CHILD SCIENCES**
A.A. 2023-20224

Adjunct faculty

Adjunct professor, Sociology of Cultural Process (SPS/08), BA degree in
Techniques of Psychiatric Rehabilitation (10 hrs)

**UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**
A.A. 2021-2022

Adjunct faculty

Adjunct professor, Sociology of Family (SPS/08), MA degree in Social
Services (42 hrs)

TEACHING SUPPORT GRANTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

**UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA - DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH**
A.A. 2022-2023

Teaching assistant

Teaching assistant of the course "Intercultural communication" (SPS/08), MA
degree in Social Processes Analysis (15 hrs)

**UNIVERSITY OF PISA - DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIZATION AND FORMS
OF KNOWLEDGE**
A.A. 2022-2023

Teaching assistant

Teaching assistant of the course "History and Institutions of Asia" (SPS/14),
MA degree in Peace's History and Science (10 hrs)

**UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND
SOCIAL RESEARCH**
A.A. 2020-2021

Teaching assistant

Teaching assistant of the courses:

"Sociology of Family" (SPS/08), BA degree in Sociology (20 hrs)

"Gender, Generations and Tourism" (SPS/07), BA degree in Tourism Sciences and
Local Communities (26 hrs)

"Social Transformations and Everyday Life" (SPS/07), BA degree in Social
Services (15 hrs)

PERSONAL CONTACTS

AREA 14 - POLITICAL AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES
SPS/08 - SOCIOLOGY OF
CULTURAL AND
COMMUNICATIVE PROCESSES
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LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Italian (Mother tongue)
- Persian (Mother tongue)
- English (listening, speaking, reading, and writing IELTS level 8/9)
- Dari (listening, speaking: level C1; reading and writing level B2).

REFERENCES CONTACT

- Luca Quierolo Palmas, senior professor of Sociology of Migration, University of Genova, P.I., 56165@unige.it
- Sveva Magaraggia: associate professor of Sociology, University of Milano-Bicocca, sveva.magaraggia@unimib.it
- Francesco Mazzucotelli, associate professor of History of Turkey and the Middle East, University of Pavia, MA supervisor, francesco.mazzucotelli@unipv.it
- Soraya Batmanghelichi, associate Professor of Middle East Studies, University of Oslo, Visiting supervisor, k.s.batmanghelichi@ikos.uio.no

UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

A.A. 2019-2020

Teaching assistant

Teaching assistant of the course "Sociology of Family" (SPS/08), BA degree in Sociology (20 hrs)

UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

A.A. 2018-2019

Teaching assistant

Teaching assistant of the course "Gender and Tourism" (SPS/07), BA degree in Tourism Sciences and Local Communities (32 hrs)

Teaching at doctoral level

23/02/2023 - lesson "Ethnographic notes and writing", PhD course for the ERC ADVANCED SolRoutes, University of Genova

26/05/2023 - lesson "Gendering migration and borders", PhD course for the ERC ADVANCED SolRoutes, University of Genova

DOCUMENTED TRAINING OR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

01/02/2023-31/01/2025

University of Genova - Department of Educational Sciences

Post-doctoral researcher in the ERC 2021 AdG 101053836 SolRoutes P.I.: prof. Luca Queirolo Palmas

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

01/12/2022-01/03/2023

University of Dublin - School of Law and Government

Research assistant in the project "Anti-feminism and anti-'gender ideology' agenda in authoritarian diffusion. The case of Iranian influence in Italy". In charge of literature analysis, data collection and analysis
P.I.: prof. Paola Rivetti

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

21/03/2021-21/10/2021

University of Milano-Bicocca- Department of Sociology and Social Research

Research assistant in the project "ConciliAZione: la conciliazione in condivisione" ("Conciliation: conciliation in sharing"), on gender stereotypes related to work-family reconciliation among elementary school pupils. In charge of conducting in-depth interviews and focus groups, data analysis.
P.I.: prof. Sveva Magaraggia, dr. Maria Grazia Gambardella

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

LIBERITUTTI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE S.C.C 21/07/2022

PROJECT FAMI INTERAZIONI 26/04/2022 - 13/06/2022

COOPERATIVE ITC 20/01/2022 - 30/04/2022

FOUNDATION CEIS 01/12/2021 - ONGOING

NO NAME KITCHEN MOVEMENT 01/07/2024 - ONGOING

TERRA PSY - PSYCHOLOGUES SANS FRONTIÈRES 28-29/11/2024

Interpreter and cultural and linguistic mediator

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

31/10/2016 – 25/03/2020

PhD in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research

Thesis titled: "Gender Through Generations: Transformations of Gender Roles among Two Generations of Tehran's Middle Class"

UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

1/10/2013 – 23/07/2015

Master's degree in International Relations - African and Asian studies

Thesis titled: "The Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a gender perspective: the effects of military occupation on the elaboration of gender roles"

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1/10/2010 – 15/11/2013

Bachelor's degree in International Studies - Human Rights curriculum

Thesis titled: "Social Revolution: The Social Media's Role in the Muslim Revolutions"

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

SUMMER COURSE "GENDER IN MUSLIM CONTEXTS"

6-14/07/2020

Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, Agha Khan University; Center for Comparative Muslim Studies, Simon Fraser University; Venice International University

Module topics: Gendering Migration; Gender and Sharia; Men and Masculinities; Everyday Islam and Women's Empowerment; Islamic Feminism

ONLINE COURSE "GENDER AND INTERSECTIONALITY"

11/05-22/06/2020

University of Iceland-Ulceland X

Module topics: Gender and Religion; Gender and Class; Gender and Race; Gender and Sexuality; Gender and Nationalism; Gender and the Idea of Quality

TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHING

31/01-10/04/2020

University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Intensive courses in psychology, pedagogy, anthropology, and teaching methodology aimed at teaching qualification in primary and secondary schools

VISITING RESEARCHER

01/02-01/04/2020

Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo

Visiting period under the supervision of Professor Soraya Batmanghelichi, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Studies

ECPR WINTER SCHOOL IN METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

2-9/03/2018

University of Bamberg, Germany

Qualitative interviewing and MAXQDA software's intensive courses

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH GROUPS, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS OR CONFERENCES

- Member of the scientific and organizing committee and discussant at ERC SolRoutes kick-off meeting "Solidarity and (as) the new abolitionism. Collective knowledge for debordering EU-rope", University of Genova, 25-29/09/2023. Papers presented: "Following the routes: Türkiye, the border with Iran, the Balkans"; Going to the fieldwork. Critical reflections on methodologies and ethics". Organizer of book presentation and film screening.
- Member of the scientific board of the "Manifesta" series, Astarte Edizioni, a spin-off project of the University of Pisa. Responsible for reading, approving and reviewing manuscript proposals and organising promotional events.
- Member of the scientific and organizing committee of the lectures "Decentrare le ecologie. Un dialogo su decolonialità, immaginari e conflitti eco-sociali", University of Milano-Bicocca, May 2023.
- Member of the scientific and organizing committee and discussant at "bell hooks lectures", University of Milano-Bicocca, October-July 2022.
- Co-coordinator at the AtGender 11th European Feminist Research Conference, strand n. 9 "Life courses and generations in a feminist and intersectional perspective", University of Milano-Bicocca, 15- 18/06/2022.
- Member of the local organizing committee of the ESA Research Network 33, Mid-term Conference, University of Milano-Bicocca, 13-14/06/ 2022.

PRIZES, AWARDS AND FUNDINGS

- Il Paese delle Donne first Prize (ex-aequo) for the book 'Strade di donne in Iran. Generi, generazioni, proteste', Astarte Edizioni, Pisa, 2023 (Casa Internazionale delle Donne, Roma, 2024)
- Marina Chiola Prize for the best thesis on gender issues and themes (University of Pavia, 2016)
- Cesare Bonacossa Prize for the best research proposal (University of Pavia, 2014)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the European Sociological Association RN33 scientific board.
- Member of the Italian Society for Middle East Studies (SeSaMO).
- Member of FAC - Feminist Autonomous Centre
- Member of AtGender - European Association of Gender Research, Education and Documentation
- Member of the editorial board "Genders and Society", FrancoAngeli

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

- AtGender. International Journal of Gender Studies (2024)
- Women's Studies International Forum (2023)
- Afriche e Orienti (2023)
- Religions (2022)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- Magaraggia, S., Gambardella, M.G., Ghaffari, R. & Pirola, T., *'Immaginari in crescita: bambine e bambini alla scoperta del futuro'*, Genova University Press [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Amigoni, L., Ghaffari, R. & Jano, D., (eds), *'Solidarity in Motion. Exploring Unauthorized Movements, Routes and Solidarity Networks across Europe at Large'*, Genova University Press [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Ghaffari, R., *'Strade di donne in Iran. Generi, generazioni, proteste'*. Astarte Edizione, Pisa, 2023.

Contributes in volumes

- Ghaffari, R., Tesauro, T., Irrera, F., Giunta, F. & Romano, M., 'Apprendimenti e saperi emersi dalla ricerca partecipativa nell'ambito delle migrazioni', in Andrea Nucita e Tiziana Tarsia (eds), *'Saperi professionali e co-ricerca nei servizi. Otto saggi di scrittura collettiva'*, Franco Angeli [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Ghaffari, R. & Korukmez, L., 'Following the routes: Türkiye, the border with Iran and the Balkans', in Amigoni, Ghaffari, Jano (eds.), *'Solidarity in Motion. Exploring Unauthorized Movements, Routes, and Solidarity Networks across Europe at Large'*, Genova University Press [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Amigoni, L., Bonnin, I., Cannarella, M., Chaouch, N., Fravega, E., Ghaffari, R., Lovato, M., Oubad, I., & Queirolo Palmas, L., 'Going to the fieldwork. Critical reflections on methodologies and ethics', in Amigoni, Ghaffari, Jano (eds.), *'Solidarity in Motion. Exploring Unauthorized Movements, Routes, and Solidarity Networks across Europe at Large'*, Genova University Press [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Ghaffari, R., 'Contentious walls: the representation of Iranian women in post-2009 Islamic Republic of Iran', in Tijen Tunali & Josepha Wessels (eds.), *'Art against Authoritarianism: Aesthetic Activism in PostArab Spring Middle East and North Africa'*, 2024, Bloomsbury Publishing.
- Ghaffari, R., 'Mujeres y Hombres Después de 40 Años de Revolución Islámica: la Transformación de los Roles de Género entre los Jóvenes en Teherán', in Moisés Garduno García (ed.), *'Iran a 40 años de Revolución: Sociedad, Estado y Relaciones Exteriores'*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Publications in scientific journals (Fascia A Italian ranking)

- Ghaffari, R., 'Conformity and agency in female bodily practices in Iran: an empirical research among post-revolutionary young women', *Iride. Filosofia e discussione pubblica*, 2023 (3), 429-440 (14-c/1).
- Ghaffari, R. & Rivetti, P., 'Anti-Gender Ideology and the Transnational Diffusion of Authoritarianism: Examining a Common Discursive Space Between Iran and Italy', *Afriche e Orienti*, 2022 (2), 51-73 (14-b/2).
- Ghaffari, R., 'Iranians' unauthorized mobility project to Europe: a digital ethnography of expectations and imaginaries', *Partecipazione and Conflitto Journal* [currently under 2nd round of review] (14-c/2).
- Ghaffari, R., review of 'Vite precarie. Attesa e speranza in Iran. Traduzione di Gioele Zisa e Gabriella Palermo, PM edizioni, 2022', *Studi Culturali*, 2024 (1), 134-135 (14-c/2).
- Ghaffari, R. & Ruspini, E., editors of the special issue 'Interreligious Dialogue: Future Perspective and New Social Actors' in *Religions* (14-c/2).
- Ghaffari, R. & Ruspini, E., 'I am a Different Father'. An Intergenerational Analysis of the Social Transformation of Fatherhood in the Islamic Republic of Iran', *Journal of Family Studies*, Special Issue in memory of Dr. Michael Rush "The Politics of Fatherhood around the World", 2023 (14-c/1).
- Ghaffari, R. & Ruspini, E., 'Locating Millennial Feminism beyond the Western Context. The Iranian Case', *Partecipazione e Conflitto. The Open Journal of Sociopolitical Studies*, 2020 (13:1), 665-690 (14-c/2).
- Ghaffari, R., 'L'accesso femminile all'istruzione superiore in Iran. Cambiamenti strutturali e ruolo della path dependency', *Il Politico. Rivista italiana di scienze politiche*, 2015, year LXXX (2:3), 337-352 [14-b/1].

Publications in scientific journals

- Ghaffari, R. & Queirolo Palmas, L., editors of the special issue 'Indigenous solidarities and contemptuous ethnographic fieldworks: challenging the State's thought on unauthorized mobilities in the Mediterranean', *Critical Criminology* [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Ghaffari, R. & Oubad, I., 'The digital infrastructures of illegal border crossings: solidarity actors and networks in the Arabic and Persian speaking virtual spheres', *Critical Criminology* [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Fravega E., Ghaffari R & Korukmez, L., 'To see and to be seen: multilayered fields ethnography in the Evros/Merig region', *Critical Criminology* [accepted for publication, forthcoming].
- Ghaffari, R. & Ruspini, E. 'Giovani e pandemia. Relazioni sociali, benessere, sessualità', *Città in Controluce*, 2021, (37), 183-197.
- Ghaffari, R., 'Between official propaganda and street art: the representation of the female figure on the Iranian walls', *Public Art Journal*, Special Issue 'Public Arts and the Contested Urban Public Space', 2021 (3:2), 42-60.
- Ghaffari, R., 'Beyond Martyrs and Mullahs: Transformations of Gender Roles and Identities among Tehran Middle-Class's Men', *MENAS Online Journal*, 2020 (1), 3-20.
- Ghaffari, R., 'Doing gender research as a 'gendered subject': challenges and sparks of being a dual-citizenwoman researcher in the Islamic Republic of Iran', *The Anthropology of the MiddleEast*, 2019 (14:2), 130-142.

Other publications

- Ghaffari, R., 'La criminalizzazione della solidarietà dal basso e la figura dello smuggler: il caso della Grecia', *Controfuoco. Per una critica all'ordine delle cose*, 2024, (1) 50-56.
- Ghaffari, R., 'Questa è la nostra rivoluzione: essere giovani nelle proteste iraniane oggi', *Rivista Gli Asini*, 2023, Maggio-Giugno 108.

DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Scientific conferences and events as invited speaker

- Coloquio: Estudios comparados y multidisciplinarios sobre un mundo de migraciones y fronteras', Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, November 21-23, 2024. Paper presented: "From Afghanistan through the western Balkan route: solidarity, digital infrastructure and the role of women".
- MEDl' Summer School in Sociology of Migration, University of Genova, invited speaker for the session "Mediterraneo: Solidarietà, Infrastrutture digitali, Immaginari. Spunti dal progetto ERC SolRoutes", 27/05/2024.
- "Dialogues on Gender. ABCD Research Seminars", ABCD Interdepartmental Centre for Gender Studies, University of Milano-Bicocca, 29/11/2022.
- Cosmos Talks, Cosmos -The Centre on Social Movement Studies, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, 20/10/2023. Paper presented: "The Long Fight for Iranian Women's Self-determination: a Generational and Sociological Perspective".
- Webinar "Iran: Domestic Challenges and international politics", organized by CeSPI (Center for the Study of International Politics), 24/03/2020.
- Webinar "Critical Perspectives on Racialization and Identities in the Middle Eastern Studies and the Italian Academy", organized by SeSaMo - The Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies, 25/11/2020.
- Webinar "Violence, gendered bodies, and heteronormativity: rethinking the position of violence in the construction of gender and sexuality in post-revolutionary Iran", University of Reykjavik, 30/10/2020. Paper presented: "Performing sexuality in a gender regime: the middle-class Iranian youth".
- Webinar "Kurdish Youth Mobilization in Turkey in the 1990s" organized by the Cesare Bonacossa Center for Extra-European People's Studies (University of Pavia) in collaboration with Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network Italy Section and the Research Project of National Interest (PRIN 2017), Genealogies of African Freedoms, 27/10/2020.
- Presentation of the volume "Iran a 40 anos de Revolucion: Sociedad, Estado y Relaciones Exteriores", edited by Moisés Garduno Garcia, within the online event "Sectarismo y Giustizia Social en Norte Africa y Medio Oriente: Analisis a Diez Anos de los Movimientos Populares de 2011", Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, 5- 7/10/2020,
- Webinar "The Aesthetic Body or Ascetic Body: Iranian Sexuality and Gender Transformations Before and After Modernization", University of Verona, 5/06/2020. Paper presented: "The Iranian families and modernity: an analysis of social representations over the centuries".

Scientific conferences and events

- 21st Annual Conference of Historical Materialism 'Countering the Plague: Forces of Reaction and War and How to Fight Them', SOAS University, November 7-10, 2024 6. Paper presented: "Iranians' unauthorized mobility projects to Europe: a digital ethnography of smuggling and solidarity".
- XVI SeSaMO Conference 'Crossings and contaminations. Practices, languages and politics in transit in the Middle East and North Africa', University of Cagliari, Cagliari, October 3-5, 2024. Convenor and chair of the panel "Iran after Woman Life Freedom: Domestic and International Politics".
- 2nd National Conference of the Emancipatory Social Science Network, University of Parma, 17-20/01/2024. Paper presented: "The Sound of the Witnesses: music as a Tool for Storytelling and Resistance in a creative laboratory in Izmir".
- INTERPIM – Interdisciplinary perspectives on international migration, University of Venice Cà Foscari, 28-29/11/2023. Paper presented: "Iranians' unauthorized mobility project to Europe: a digital ethnography of expectations and imaginaries".
- VII National conference of doctoral students in social sciences, panel "Academy and the social production of knowledge: challenges and prospects", University of Catania, 30/11-3/12/2022. Paper presented: "Decentralizing knowledge: a path to decolonization within the academy".
- Co-chair at the II International Conference of the journal "Scuola Democratica", panel I.13.1 "Feminist Knowledge and Methodologies in Education. Opportunities and Challenges", 2-5/06/2021. <https://www.scuolademocratica-conference.net/>.

- “Art and the City: Urban Space, Art and Social Change” Conference, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, 28-30/04/2021. Paper presented: “Between official propaganda and street art: the representation of the female figure on the Iranian walls”.
- Semi-plenary session of the 14th Conference of the European Sociological Association, University of Manchester, 20- 23/08/2019. Paper presented: “Locating Millennial Feminism beyond Western Culture. The Case of Iran”.
- British Society of Middle Eastern Studies Conference, “Joining the Dots: Interdisciplinarity in Middle East Studies”, University of Leeds, 24-26/06/2019. Paper presented: “Doing gender research as a gendered subject: challenges and sparks of being a dual-citizen woman researcher in the Islamic Republic of Iran”.
- II International Conference on Gender Research (ICGR19), the Scientific Observatory on Gender Issues, University of Rome, 11-12/04/2019. Paper presented: “Transformations of gender roles among two generations in Tehran”.
- 14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) Turin, Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin, 31/01-2/02/2019. Paper presented: “Between real and virtual: cafes, parks, and social networks as places of renegotiation of gender roles 40 years after the Islamic Revolution”.
- I Conference on Social Policies in the Muslim World, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, 12- 13/05/2018. Papers presented: “Millennials of Tehran: Identities, Social Policies, Perspectives”, and “Contraception and Family Planning in Islam and Christianity: A Comparison Between Italy and Iran”.
- X Youth Forum of Italians Association of Sociology, University of Naples, 26-27/10/2017. Paper presented: “What alternatives to secularization? Analysis of the discourse on Islam and modernity between West and East”.
- Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ryerson University, 27-31/05/2017. Paper presented: “Homelessness and Homecoming: Experiencing Exile in the Works of Azadeh Moaveni and Marjane Satrapi”.
- International Day of Studies: “Underground as a Strategy of Political Fight. Modalities, Discourses and Social Dynamics since the XIX Centuries until Today”, University of Bologna, 9-10/02/2017. Paper presented: “Women in Illegality: The Female Participation to Resistance in Two Case Studies: Pre-Revolutionary Iran and Hamas”.
- XIII SeSaMO Conference, University of Catania, 17-19/03/ 2016. Paper presented: “Homeland, diaspora, language and belonging: Moaveni's homecoming within the return narratives”.

- **Other communication activities (selected events)**

- Invited speaker at Festival dell'Antropologia 2023, panel “Iranian women's protests, the repression and the body as a political tool”, 15/03/2023.
- Invited speaker to the TerraViva Festival, panel “Migrations and Conflicts”, 23/11/2022.
- Radio interview with SBS Australia on 2022 Iranian protests, 14/11/2022.
- Invited speaker to the event “Progetto Tessiture: Metodi per una lettura trasversale e culturale del passato e del presente” / “Tessiture Project: Methods for a transversal and cultural reading of the past and present”, organized by the University of Pisa, 11/12/2021.
- Online interview with Antonello Sacchetti on masculinities in Iran, 08/09/2020.
- Interview with Professor Paola Rivetti on her book ‘Political Participation in Iran from Khatami to the Green Movement’ for the podcast series ‘Intervista Autori’, 18/06/2020.