

Valeria Silvia Pandolfini

Associate Professor – Academic field: General Sociology (GSPS-05/A)

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2009

PhD in Research Methodology in Human Sciences
University of Genoa – Genoa – IT

2004

Degree in Education Sciences – Expert in Training Processes (110/110 cum laude)
University of Genoa – Genoa – IT

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2020–2023

Tenure-Track Researcher (Type B), Academic field: General Sociology (GSPS-05/A)
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2015–2019

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Academic field: General Sociology (SPS/07)
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2009–2013

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Academic field: General Sociology (SPS/07)
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025–present

Delegated to university orientation activities for the Department of Education Sciences
University of Genoa

2024–present

Member of the Council of the School of Social Sciences
University of Genoa

2024–present

Member of the Department Board
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2024–present

Member of the Scientific-Editorial Committee of Genoa University Press (G.U.P.) as faculty representative for the School of Social Sciences

University of Genoa

2024–present

Coordinator for Sociology Curriculum within the PhD in Social Sciences

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2022/2023–present

Member of the Academic Board of the National PhD Program Learning Sciences and Digital Technologies - 39th Cycle

Lead University: University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

2020/2021–present

Member of the Academic Board of the PhD School in Social Sciences

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH PROJECTS – INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

2022–present

Member of the research team for the European Project CLEAR (Constructing Learning Outcomes in Europe. A Multi-Level Analysis of (Under-)Achievement in the Life Course), HORIZON-CL2-2021-TRANSFORMATIONS-01

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2016–2019

Member of the research team for the European Project Young_ADULLLT (Policies Supporting Young Adults in their Life Course. A Comparative Perspective of Lifelong Learning and Inclusion in Education and Work in Europe), HORIZON 2020

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2006–2010

Member of the research team for the European Project CAPRIGHT: Resources, Rights and Capabilities: in Search of Social Foundations for Europe, funded by the European Commission

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

RESEARCH PROJECTS – NATIONAL LEVEL

2021–present

Member of the research project co-funded by the National School of Administration: Mapping, Evaluation, and Development of Public Administration Skills

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2021–present

Member of the evaluation team for the project “Genova – A Bridge to the Future”, Call “Un passo avanti” – Con i Bambini Social Enterprise – Tackling child educational poverty
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2020–present

Member of the evaluation team for the project “Rete CEET – Culture, Education, Empowerment, Territory”, Call “Un passo avanti” – Con i Bambini Social Enterprise
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2023–2024

Member of the team for the PNRR MUR Project – Mission 4 “Education and Research” – Component 1 “Strengthening the provision of education services: from nursery schools to university” – Investment 1.6 “Active Guidance in the School–University Transition”
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2019–2025

Member of the PRIN 2017 Project “Evaluating the effectiveness of school–work alternance pathways on guidance in the school-to-work transition and governance of the system”
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2018–2024

Member of the evaluation team for the project “A Village to Grow Up In”, Call “Prima Infanzia” – Con i Bambini Social Enterprise – Tackling child educational poverty
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2015–2017

Member of the research team for the PON VALES Project in Objective Regions (Calabria, Campania, Puglia, and Sicily), funded by INDIRE
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2011–2012

Member of the research team “Digital School – Lavagna. National Plan for the Dissemination of Interactive Whiteboards”
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2010–2011

Member of the research team evaluating the Cl@ssi 2.0 Project, within the PhD in Evaluation of Educational Processes and Systems and Research
Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

2006–2009

Member of the PRIN 2004 Project “Social Distance in the Genoese Context: Urban Networks, Social Ties, and the Digital Divide”

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

[2006–2007](#)

Member of the PRIN 2004 Project “Normative Transformations and Relations between Social Actors in the Italian Educational System: Attitudes and Behaviours of Families”

Department of Education Sciences, University of Genoa

TEACHING OR RESEARCH POSITIONS (FELLOWSHIPS) AT FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

[2021–2025](#)

Lecturer of Applied Sociology – Focus on Educational Policies, at the Institut d'études politiques de Paris, Sciences Po Paris, Menton Campus (France) (annually, 24 hours, 3 ECTS)

[2007–2008](#)

Visiting Researcher at CUNY University (New York) – Prof. Anthony Picciano, Professor and Executive Officer of the Urban Education Department

EDITORSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN EDITORIAL BOARDS OF JOURNALS, PUBLISHING SERIES, ENCYCLOPAEDIAS AND TREATISES

[2025–present](#)

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Valutazione Series of the Italian Evaluation Association (AIV), Franco Angeli Publishing

[2019–present](#)

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Series Inequality: Disuguaglianze e Politiche Sociali, Genoa University Press (GUP)

[2012–present](#)

Member of the Editorial Board of the Series Innovazione, Educazione, Società (IES), Franco Angeli Publishing

[2013–2020](#)

Member of the Editorial Board of the World Journal of Education

[2013–2018](#)

Member of the Editorial Board of Journalism and Mass Communication

[2013–2018](#)

Member of the Editorial Board of Journal of Politics and Law

[2012–2018](#)

Member of the Executive Committee and Editorial Board of the Italian Journal of Sociology of Education (IJSE)

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS AND RESEARCH NETWORKS

2022–present

Member of the Scientific Council of the Methodology Section of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS-MET)

2019–present

Board Member of the international research group RYOT (Research on Youth Opportunities and Transitions)

2017–present

Co-coordinator of the Thematic Group Evaluation, Communication, and Digital Literacy of the Italian Evaluation Association (AIV)

2010–present

Member of the Italian Evaluation Association (AIV)

2006–present

Member of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS)

2006–present

Member of Sociologia per la Persona (SPE)

2012–2018

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Sociology of Education Section of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS-EDU)

2012–2018

Member of the European Sociological Association (ESA)