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### CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Since October 2015

- Research Group “Self-Regulation and Health” – Institute for Health and Behaviour – Integrative Research Unit on Social and Individual Development (INSIDE), University of Luxembourg – Belval Campus:  
Ph.D. in “Psychology”.  
Project title: *“Mental health and wellbeing during adolescence: The role of child attachment and parents’ representations of their children”* (ATTACH).  
The project is part of a broader investigation that involves several research groups (Adoption & Attachment Research Network – AARN).  
Fields: Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Health Psychology.  
Doctoral supervisor: Prof. Dr. Claus Vögele.  
Doctoral co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. Blaise Pierrehumbert (University of Lausanne, Switzerland).

January 2011 – March 2013

- Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science, University of Trento – Rovereto Campus (Italy):  
Psy.M. in “Psychology” (major in Clinical Neuropsychology, minor in Clinical Psychology and Developmental Psychology), cum laude.  
Thesis title: *“Attachment in adopted adolescents: An empirical study using the Friends and Family Interview”*.  
Subject: Clinical Developmental Psychology.  
Thesis director: Prof. Barbara Ongari.  
Examiner: Prof. Dr. Maria Paola Paladino.

September 2006 – November 2009

- Faculty of Psychology, University of Bologna – Cesena Campus (Italy):  
B.Sc. in “Sciences of Behaviour and Social Relations”.  
Thesis title: *“L’accoglienza ai minori in Trentino: Il Gruppo Girasole del Centro per l’Infanzia”* [Reception of underage children in Trentino: The Sunflower Group of the Childhood Centre].

Subject: Developmental Psychology.  
Thesis director/Examiner: Prof. Dr. Felice Carugati.  
Thesis co-director/Examiner: Prof. Dr. Elvira Cicognani.

September 2007 – June 2008

- Department of Psychology, Aarhus University (Denmark):  
Second academic year through the international student exchange program  
“Socrates/Erasmus” of the European Commission.

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

3 – 14 July 2017

- Department of Public Health and Primary Care, University of Cambridge (England, U.K.):  
“*Strange Situation Procedure (SSP) training seminar*” (60 hours).  
Lecturer/Supervisor: Dr. Judith Solomon.

24 – 26 May 2017

- Attachment and Parenting Support Lab (LAG), University of Pavia (Italy); Adolescent Health Laboratory – Simon Fraser University, Burnaby (Canada):  
“*CONNECT Parent Group training seminar*” (24 hours).  
Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Marlene Moretti and Mr. Ove Östling.

1 – 31 October 2016

- Institute for Health and Behaviour, University of Luxembourg; The Berkeley Psychophysiology Laboratory (BPL) – University of California, Berkeley (U.S.A.):  
“*Family Interaction Task (FIT) and Autonomy and Relatedness Coding System (ARCS) training seminar*” (15 hours).  
Lecturer: Ms. Casey Leigh Brown.

30 March – 2 April 2016

- Attachment and Parenting Support Lab (LAG), University of Pavia (Italy); Centre for Child and Family Studies, Leiden University (Netherlands):  
“*Video-feedback Intervention to promote Positive Parenting and Sensitive Discipline (VIPP-SD) training seminar*” (35 hours).  
Certification as “Intervener” acquired on 13 June 2017.  
Lecturers/Supervisors: Dr. Francesca Lionetti and Prof. Dr. Lavinia Barone.

7 – 8 October 2015

- Medical Centre, “Ludwig Maximilian” University of Munich (Germany); Center for Attachment Research – The New School, New York (U.S.A.):  
“*Friends and Family Interview (FFI) and Parent Development Interview (PDI) training seminar*” (16 hours).  
Certification as “Reliable Coder” for the FFI acquired on 21 March 2016.  
Certification as “Reliable Coder” for the PDI-RF acquired on 6 July 2017.  
Lecturer/Examiner: Prof. Dr. Howard Steele.

15, 19 November 2013, 15 January 2014

- Clinical Psychology Unit – Provincial Health Services Authority (APSS), Autonomous Province of Trento (Italy):  
“*Clinical interpretation of the WISC-IV training seminar*” (12 hours).

Lecturers: Ms. Silvia Rovoletto, Ms. Laura Valentina Coletti, Mr. Francesco Padovani, Dr. Floriana La Femina and Mr. Francesco Reitano.

10 October 2013

- Association for Cognitive Psychology (APC) – Branch of Verona (Italy):  
“MMPI-2 and semi-structured interviews SCID I and II (DSM-IV-TR) training seminar” (8 hours).  
Lecturers: Mr. Andrea Pasetto and Ms. Nicoletta Rossi.

27 – 29 August 2013

- Attachment and Parenting Support Lab (LAG), University of Pavia (Italy); Center for Attachment Research – The New School, New York (U.S.A.):  
“Reflective Functioning training seminar” (15 hours).  
Certification as “Reliable Coder” for the AAI-RF acquired on 31 January 2014.  
Lecturer/Examiner: Prof. Dr. Howard Steele.

## **SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **ACADEMIC**

January – September 2015

- Research Group “Self-Regulation and Health” – Institute for Health and Behaviour – Integrative Research Unit on Social and Individual Development (INSIDE), University of Luxembourg – Walferdange Campus:  
Research associate.  
Research activity for the projects “*Epigenetic effects of early life adverse events on adult pathology*” (EPIPETH) and “*Attentional bias to body- and sexually-relevant stimuli*” (BODYBIAS).  
Fields: Clinical Psychology and Health Psychology.  
PI: Prof. Dr. Claus Vögele.  
Co-PIs: Prof. Dr. Claude P. Muller (Luxembourg Institute of Health – LIH), Prof. Dr. Hartmut Schächinger (University of Trier – Germany), Ms. Agnieszka Czełuscińska-Pęczkowska (University of Luxembourg) and Prof. Dr. Jens Blechert (University of Salzburg – Austria).

October 2009 – December 2014

- Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento (Italy):  
Research assistant.  
Research and supervision activities for the project “*The construction of the attachment bonds in international adoption: Analysis of the processes of intergenerational transmission between adoptive parents and children, and evaluation of the outcomes in adolescence*”.  
The project is part of a broader investigation that involves several work teams (Adoption & Attachment Research Network – AARN).  
Fields: Developmental Psychology and Clinical Psychology.  
PI: Prof. Barbara Ongari.  
Co-PIs: Prof. Dr. Blaise Pierrehumbert (University of Lausanne – Switzerland) and Prof. Dr. Paola Molina (University of Turin – Italy).

## CLINICAL

April – December 2014

- Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento; “La Dimora” Association NPO; Service for Social and Housing Policies, Autonomous Province of Trento (Italy):  
Psychologist.  
Conduction of talk groups addressed to adopted adolescents within the action research project *“Adopted adolescents and the construction of the affective and social identity: Interventions to support integration”*.  
Field: Clinical Psychology.  
PI: Prof. Barbara Ongari.

March 2013 – March 2014

- Clinical Psychology Unit – Provincial Health Services Authority (APSS), Autonomous Province of Trento; Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science, University of Trento – Rovereto Campus (Italy):  
Trainee psychologist.  
Mandatory post-graduate clinical internship (1000 hours).  
The Unit offers psychological assistance to children, adolescents and adults, dealing with developmental disorders, psychosomatic disorders, cognitive and/or learning problems, issues related to school integration, conflicts related to the affective and social environment, both at a preventive level and at the onset of psychopathological disorders. Diagnostic and therapeutic interventions include psychological evaluation through interviews and personality, cognitive and neuropsychological tests, play session observations, psychological support to parents as well as individual, couple, family and group psychotherapy. Furthermore, among adult interventions there are those aimed at psychologically evaluating couples in order to assess their suitability for national and international adoption as well as at the assessment of the psychological suitability of patients awaiting surgery for kidney transplantation.  
Fields: Clinical Psychology and Developmental Psychology.  
Clinical supervisor: Ms. Silvia Rovoletto.  
Academic advisor: Prof. Dr. Paola Venuti.

## AWARDS

- 2017: “Science for everyone!” journalism contest 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the best article on educational science, National Research Fund (FNR), Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), Luxembourg.
- 2017: “Society for Emotion and Attachment Studies (SEAS)” bursary, International Attachment Conference (IAC), SEAS, England, U.K.
- 2015: “AFR (Supports to Research-Training) Ph.D.” grant, National Research Fund (FNR), Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), Luxembourg.
- 2007: “Socrates/Erasmus” scholarship, European Commission, Italy.
- 2003: scholarship, AFS (American Field Service) Intercultural Programs, Italy.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Since January 2016: Society for Emotion and Attachment Studies (SEAS); <http://www.seasinternational.org/>
- Since October 2009: Attachment and Adoption Research Network (AARN); <https://aarnetwork.wordpress.com/>

## **PEER REVIEW FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

- Infant Mental Health Journal (Ad Hoc), European Journal of Health Psychology (Ad Hoc).