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## LINKS

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## PROFILE

Passionate doctoral researcher with a focus on social protection, cash transfers and UBI. Lucky to have had a multidisciplinary background, including subjects such as economics, management, public policy and poverty reduction. Keen on today's most inspiring and pressuring challenges. Proud to be a board member of my family's small NGO.

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## EDUCATION

Nov 2020 — Present

### Ph.D. in Development Studies (Economics), Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp

Antwerp, Belgium

Expected defence date: 01/11/2024.

Title of dissertation: *"One for all and all for cash? An inquiry into sustainable social network and collective action effects of cash transfers in rural Uganda"*.

The quasi-experimental impact study is linked to pilot universal unconditional mobile cash transfers. In addition to a substantive contribution to the scarce existing evidence on cash transfers' impacts on collective-level outcomes and climate change adaptation, and in general on the sustainability (namely, persistence after program closure) of social assistance effects, the research also provides methodological innovations, as it is the first to apply Social Network Analysis (SNA) to the evaluation of cash transfers.

Finally, the project implications will also contribute to the constantly growing debate on Universal Basic Income (UBI).

Sep 2019 — Aug 2020

### M.Sc. in Public Policy and Human Development, United Nations University - MERIT

Maastricht, the Netherlands

Double degree with Maastricht University. Entirely taught in English. GPA 8.53/10 (graduated cum laude).

Specialisation in Social Protection Policy (in collaboration with ILO).

Relevant courses: Public Economics, Public Policy Analysis, Regression Analysis, Quantitative Techniques for Social Protection Policy Design, Financing Social Protection.

M.Sc. quantitative thesis: *"Impact evaluation of the effects on time and risk preferences of the WFP cash, food and food voucher transfer in Ecuador"* (supervisor Dr. Silvio Daidone, FAO).

Sep 2016 — Mar 2019

### M.Sc. in Marketing Management, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

Milan, Italy

Entirely taught in English.

Relevant courses: Market Research, Industry Analysis, Predictive Analytics for Data Driven Decision-Making.

M.Sc. thesis: *"Donor Behaviour and Purchase Drivers for Non-profit Organizations: the case of Luconlus"* (supervisor Prof. Andrea Rurale).

Sep 2013 — Nov 2016

### B.Sc. in Business Administration and Management, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

Milan, Italy

Taught in Italian.

Relevant courses: Business Strategy, Strategic Leadership, Statistics, Public Administration Economics.

Exchange Program at Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar, Chile (July-December 2015): attended courses in Spanish and English.

B.Sc. thesis: *"An historical overview of the literature on the issues of overpopulation and resource scarcity: from Malthus to Amartya Sen"* (supervisor Prof. Matteo Di Tullio).

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## PUBLICATIONS

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (2023). [Follow the hand that feeds you? The effects of non-governmental cash transfers on citizenship. Social Policy & Administration.](#)

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (2023). *Can universal cash transfers spur citizenship? An evaluation of Busibi CT's impacts on (perceived) political efficacy*. Analysis and Policy Brief n°51. University of Antwerp: Institute of Development Policy.

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (2023). *Investigating the sustainability of cash transfer effects: the Busibi case*. Analysis and Policy Brief n°50. University of Antwerp: Institute of Development Policy.

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (s.d.). *Shifting the focus? From individual to collective-level effects of social cash transfers. A systematic review of the impacts on social capital* (under review for publication).

Grisolia, F. (s.d.). *Can cash transfers really be transformative? A literature review of the sustainability of their impacts* (under review for publication).

Grisolia, F., Holvoet, N., & Dewachter, S. (s.d.). *Evaluating the sustainability of the productive effects of a universal cash transfer in rural Uganda. Can impacts on savings, investment, production and labour persist after program end?* (under review for publication).

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (s.d.). *Permanently exiting poverty all together? Evaluating the sustainability of the collective-level impacts of a basic income experiment in rural Uganda* (under review for publication).

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (s.d.). *Facing climate change together? The role of collective variables in mediating CT effects on climate adaptation* (under review for publication).

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## PEER-REVIEW SERVICE

2023  
Reviews for:  
*Social Policy & Administration*  
*Social Indicators Research*

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## CONFERENCES

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|----------|---|----------------------------|
| Aug 2023 | <b>Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) Congress 2023</b><br>Presentation: " <i>Permanently exiting poverty all together? Evaluating the sustainability of the collective-level impacts of a basic income experiment in rural Uganda</i> ".  | online (Seoul, Korea Rep.) |
| Jun 2023 | <b>Development Studies Association (DSA) Conference 2023</b><br>Presentation: " <i>Evaluating the sustainability of the productive effects of a (universal) cash transfer in rural Uganda. Can basic income overcome the negative influence of COVID-19 on employment, savings and investment?</i> ".                 | online (Reading, UK)       |
| Mar 2023 | <b>Poverty and Social Protection Conference (PSPC) 2023</b><br>Presentation: " <i>Can cash transfers really be transformative? A literature review of the sustainability of their impacts after program end</i> ".  | online (Bangkok, Thailand) |
| Sep 2022 | <b>Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) Conference 2022</b><br>Poster presentation: " <i>A SNA application to the evaluation of a universal unconditional cash transfer program in Uganda. Reaching collective action through social capital and agency</i> ".   | Antwerp, Belgium           |
| Jul 2022 | <b>Sunbelt 2022, the XLII Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)</b><br>Presentation: " <i>A SNA application to the evaluation of a universal unconditional cash transfer program in Uganda. Reaching collective action through social capital and agency</i> ". | online (Cairns, Australia) |

Jul 2022

## Development Studies Association (DSA) Conference 2022

online (London, UK)

Presentation: *"Follow the hand that feeds you? The effects of non-governmental cash transfers on citizenship"*.

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| May 2019 — Jul 2019 | <b>Researcher for "Give a sense to profit" Project, Bocconi University<br/>CERGAS Research Centre</b><br>Milan, Italy  |
|                     | I conducted research for a major Italian nonprofit association in measuring and applying the Social Return on Investment (SROI) evaluation method to its business welfare plans. |
| Oct 2018 — Apr 2019 | <b>Operations&amp;Technology Intern, AXA Corporate Solutions<br/>Assurance</b><br>Milan, Italy   |
|                     | Assisted in the implementation and monitoring of new business practices. Harmonization of international insurance coverage plans for some of the biggest Italian companies.      |
| Aug 2017 — Feb 2018 | <b>Intern - Strategic Philanthropy Advisory unit, AIFO - Associazione<br/>Italiana Financial Family Officer</b><br>Milan, Italy  |
|                     | Consulted in the definition of a business plan for the newly created Strategic Philanthropy Advisory unit of the association.  |

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### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Apr 2023 — Jun 2023 | <b>UNDP IPC-IG – socialprotection.org Ambassador Programme<br/>(10th edition), UN Volunteers</b>  |
|                     | Supervision of Ambassadors included in the blog team.   |
| Mar 2022 — Jun 2022 | <b>UNDP IPC-IG – socialprotection.org Ambassador Programme<br/>(9th edition), UN Volunteers</b>   |
|                     | Promotion and dissemination of socialprotection.org content.<br>Production of the blog article " <i>When are we getting Universal Basic Income in Europe (if we ever are)?</i> " published on the platform. |
| Sep 2012 — Present  | <b>Board member, Luconlus - Associazione Umanitaria Luca Grisolia<br/>ONLUS (NGO)</b><br>Rome, Italy  |
|                     | Project management and M&E.<br>Projects in Mali, India, Togo, Rwanda, Uganda, DRC and Italy.  |
| Apr 2012            | <b>UN Model General Assembly session</b><br>New York City, USA  |
|                     | Representing Lebanon in the negotiation of international resolutions.<br>Drafted a Policy Planning paper on the topic " <i>The human right to renewable energy as energy independence for all</i> ".        |

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### COURSES

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| Oct 2023            | <b>edx/SDGAcademyX – ILO's Making Universal Social Protection a<br/>Reality</b>   |
| May 2019 — Aug 2019 | <b>MIT MicroMasters online course – The Challenges of Global<br/>Poverty, taught by Ester Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee, Nobel<br/>Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences laureates</b> |

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## PROJECTS

Jun 2020                      **ILO COVID-19 Social Protection Response report**  
Contributed to the drafting process for the section regarding the Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

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## ORGANIZATIONS

Aug 2023                      **BIEN (Basic Income Earth Network)**

Mar 2023                      **IOB DNA Task Force** Antwerp, Belgium  
The task force is in charge of guiding and assessing the decolonization process at the Institute of Development Policy (IOB) of the University of Antwerp.

Nov 2022                      **NOVA Talent**  
NOVA is the global top talent network which connects the top 3% of talents in each professional sector.

Sep 2019 — Sep 2020                      **United Nations Student Association** Maastricht, the Netherlands

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| SKILLS | MS Office (ECDL Core) | Expert      | Tableau   | Skillful    |
|        | STATA                 | Experienced | NVivo     | Experienced |
|        | R                     | Experienced | LaTeX     | Skillful    |
|        | Python                | Beginner    | Qualtrics | Experienced |
|        | SPSS                  | Skillful    | SurveyCTO | Skillful    |
|        | Knime                 | Skillful    |           |             |

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| LANGUAGES | English (IELTS 7.5)      | C2 | French  | A2             |
|           |                          |    | Italian | Native speaker |
|           | Spanish Castilian (DELE) | C2 |         |                |
|           | German                   | A2 |         |                |

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## TEST SCORES

May 2019                      **GMAT - 680 (44Q, 39V, AWA 6.0)**

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## REFERENCES

**Prof. dr. Nathalie Holvoet, Ph.D. Supervisor from  
Institute of Development Policy, University of  
Antwerp**

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**Dr. Silvio Daidone, M.Sc. thesis supervisor from  
FAO**

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