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Profile

Passionate doctoral researcher with a focus on social protection (in particular, cash transfers and UBI), development/labour economics and climate change adaptation. 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 non-profit organization.

Education

Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp — Antwerp, Belgium

Ph.D. Development Studies (Economics) — November 2020 - September 2024 (expected)

- Quasi-experimental impact evaluation of universal unconditional cash transfers conducted in rural Uganda
- Focus on social capital, labour patterns and climate change adaptation
- Complementing the scarce evidence on the sustainability (persistence after program end) of cash transfer effects
- First study to apply Social Network Analysis (SNA) to the assessment of cash transfer impacts
- Contributing to the growing debate on Universal Basic Income (UBI)

United Nations University-MERIT — Maastricht, Netherlands

M.Sc. Public Policy and Human Development — September 2019 - August 2020

- Double degree with Maastricht University
- Graduated cum laude
- Specialization in Social Protection Policy (in collaboration with the ILO)
- Relevant courses: Public Economics, Public Policy Analysis, Regression Analysis, Quantitative Techniques for Social Protection Policy Design, Financing Social Protection
- 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)

Bocconi University — Milan, Italy

M.Sc. Marketing Management — September 2016 - March 2019

- Relevant courses: Market Research, Industry Analysis, Predictive Analytics for Data Driven Decision-Making
- Research thesis: "*Donor Behaviour and Purchase Drivers for Non-profit Organizations: the case of Luconlus*" (supervisor Prof. Andrea Rurale)

Bocconi University — Milan, Italy

B.Sc. Business Administration and Management — September 2013 - October 2016

- Relevant courses: Business Strategy, Strategic Leadership, Statistics, Public Administration Economics
- Exchange Program at Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Viña del Mar, Chile (July-December 2015): attended courses in Spanish and English
- 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)

Publications

Journal articles

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (2024). Shifting the focus? From individual to collective-level effects of social cash transfers. A systematic review of the impacts on social capital. *Journal of International Development.*

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, 57*(6), 976-992.

Monographs

Grisolia, F. (2024). *Exploring the sustainability of the collective-level effects of cash transfers: Insights from universal unconditional CT programs in rural Western Uganda* [Doctoral dissertation]. University of Antwerp: Institute of Development Policy.

Book projects

Transformative Social Policy and Climate Change (together with N. Mussche, T. De Herdt, T. Soens, G. Verbist, J. Vanhille, W. Saelens & F. Simpson).

Policy and research briefs

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°52. 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.

Discussion papers

Grisolia, F. (2024). *Can cash transfers really be transformative? A literature review of the sustainability of their impacts.* IOB Discussion Paper 2024.02. University of Antwerp: Institute of Development Policy.

Working papers

De Herdt, T., Geenen, S., Fergus S., & Grisolia, F. (s.d.). *Can social protection be transformative in times of jobless growth?.* [Manuscript in preparation].

Manuscripts submitted 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?* [Manuscript submitted 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* [Manuscript submitted 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* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., Holvoet, N. (s.d.). *Always better to rely on friends: a QAP of social support and risk-sharing networks in a Ugandan village after the inception of a cash transfer program* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Peer-review service

Reviews for *Social Policy & Administration*, *Social Indicators Research*, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities.*

Conferences

2024: ISA RC19 Conference (Oslo, Norway), BIEN Congress (Bath, UK), ECPR General Conference (online - Dublin, Ireland), DSA Conference (London, UK), SEEDEC Symposium (Bergen, Norway), PSPC Conference (online - Bangkok, Thailand)

2023: BIEN Congress (online - Seoul, Korea), DSA Conference (online - Reading, UK), PSPC Conference (online - Bangkok, Thailand)

2022: HDCA Conference (Antwerp, Belgium), Sunbelt Conference (online - Cairns, Australia), DSA Conference (online - London, UK)

Memberships

AIPRIL - Antwerp Interdisciplinary Platform for Research into Inequality January 2024 - Present

The Centre of Excellence AIPRIL is a collaboration between the Centre for Social Policy Herman Deleeck, the Centre for Urban History and the Institute of Development Policy (IOB) of the University of Antwerp. It brings together an interdisciplinary team of supervisors and researchers in different fields, such as economics, sociology, economic history and development studies.

BIEN - Basic Income Earth Network August 2023 - Present

IOB DNA Task Force March 2023 - June 2024

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.

NOVA Talent November 2022 - Present

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

United Nations Student Association September 2019 - September 2020

Employment History

Bocconi University CERGAS Research Centre Milan, Italy

Researcher May 2019 - July 2019

- "Give a sense to profit" project
- 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

AXA Corporate Solutions Assurance Milan, Italy

Operations&Technology Intern October 2018 - April 2019

- Assisted in the implementation and monitoring of new business practices
- Harmonization of international insurance coverage plans for some of the biggest Italian companies

AIFO - Associazione Italiana Financial Family Officer Milan, Italy

Intern - Strategic Philanthropy Advisory unit August 2017 - February 2018

- Consulted in the definition of a business plan for the newly created Strategic Philanthropy Advisory unit of the association

Extra-curricular activities

UNDP IPC-IG – socialprotection.org Ambassador Programme (10th edition)

UN Volunteer April 2023 - June 2023

- Supervision of Ambassadors included in the blog team

UNDP IPC-IG – socialprotection.org Ambassador Programme (9th edition)

UN Volunteer March 2022 - June 2022

- Promotion and dissemination of socialprotection.org content

- Production of the blog article "When are we getting Universal Basic Income in Europe (if we ever are)?" published on the platform

Luconlus - Associazione Umanitaria Luca Grisolia ONLUS Rome, Italy
Board Member September 2012 - Today

- Project management and M&E
- Projects in Mali, India, Togo, Rwanda, Uganda, DRC and Italy

Courses

EUROMOD on-site training – European Commission May 2024

edx/SDGAcademyX – ILO's Making Universal Social Protection a Reality October 2023

Network Analysis - Statistical Analysis of Network Data online (St. Gallen, Switzerland)
GSERM - Global School in Empirical Research Methods - Summer School 2021 June 2021

Social Network Analysis online
ECPR - European Consortium for Political Research - Winter School 2021 March 2021

The Challenges of Global Poverty May 2019 - August 2019

- MIT MicroMasters online course
- Taught by Ester Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee, Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences laureates

Projects

International Labour Organization Maastricht, the Netherlands
ILO COVID-19 Social Protection Response report June 2020

- Contributed to the drafting process for the section regarding the Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Skills

Languages: English (C2), Spanish (C2), French (A2), German (A2), Italian (mother tongue)

IT Tools: MS Office (expert), Stata (expert), R (experienced), Python (beginner), EUROMOD (skillful), SPSS (skillful), Knime (skillful), Tableau (skillful), NVivo (experienced), Qualtrics (experienced), SurveyCTO (skillful), LaTeX (experienced)

References

References available upon request