CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT RESEARCH POSITION

February 2020 – ongoing: FWO senior fellow. Centre of Sociological Research (CeSO), research areas "Theory, Culture and Religion".
Project title: "Fighting for Love. Mixed/Christian-Muslim Families' Associations in Belgium, France and Italy"

AWARDS - GRANTS

FWO (Research Foundation Flanders) senior postdoctoral fellowship
Call: FWO 2018
Application number: 12X6120N
Project title: "Fighting for Love. Mixed/Christian-Muslim Families' Associations in Belgium, France and Italy"
Duration (months): 36
Amount: 272.000 €.
Success rate: 18%

STARS Supporting TAlent in ReSearch@University of Padova
Call: STARS@UNIPD 2019: finanziamento linea "Starting Grants (STARS-StG)" –
Principal Investigator: Francesco Cerchiaro
Application Number: 166264
Acronimo progetto: "FiLoMix"
Project title: "Fighting for Love. Mixed/Christian-Muslim Families' Associations in Belgium, France and Italy"
Duration (months): 24
Amount: 132.000 €
Success rate: 17%
After a two-round selection (Cv+proposal and interview) and the successful application I decided to decline the fellowship and start the FWO fellowship.

Marie Skłodowska Curie Post-doctoral Fellow [Total score: 96.40/100 - Threshold: 70/100]
Call: H2020-MSCA-IF-2016
Funding scheme: MSCA-IF-EF-ST
Proposal number: 747592
Proposal acronym: ReMix
Project title: "Christian-Muslim families dealing with religious pluralism in everyday family life: Religious reconstruction in religiously mixed marriages"
Duration (months): 24
Amount: 160.800 €
Success rate: 12,3%

PREVIOUS POST-DOC POSITIONS

February 2018 – February 2020: Marie Curie postdoctoral fellow at KU Leuven. Centre of Sociological Research (CeSO), research areas "Theory, Culture and Religion". Supervisor: prof. Dick Houtman.
Project title: "Christian-Muslim families dealing with religious pluralism in everyday family life: Religious reconstruction in religiously mixed marriages"

February 2016 – February 2018: post-doc position at FiSPPA (Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology - Univerisity of Padova). Scientific director: Prof. Stefano Allievi.
Project title: "Mixed couples and families: negotiating identity through generations" **Brief description:** Through an ethnographic study the project aims to understand what kind of "cultural repertoire" children of mixed couples develop and how they represent their identities.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

June 2013 – June 2014: Innovation Project Manager at **Lago S.p.a.** Villa del Conte (PD), Italy.
Brief description of my activities: **Sociological consulting:** connecting design, product and social changes for new development business formats; **Marketing strategist:** Creation of new brand contents (video concepts, Facebook campaign contents…); **Copyeditor:** brand communication; Project Manager for EXPO Milano 2015 LAGO related activities (events, business activities, communication).

March 2013 – June 2013: Researcher at **IRES Veneto – Istituto di ricerche economiche e sociali** [Economic and Social Research Institute]. **Brief description:** the qualitative research inquiries the representations of *ius soli* in scholastic institutions through focus groups and in-depth interviews.

September 2008 – April 2009: Internship at **the Minister of Foreign Affairs (MAE) – Italian Embassy (Budapest). Brief description:** In-depth analysis on national and foreign Hungarian policy, political reports of the most important newspapers. I followed and reported on OIG and ONG international meetings and summit.

June 2007 – October 2007: Internship at the **CNR – IRPPS (Rome). Brief description**: I collaborated to the writing of the international cooperation project "Come2play" in Ethiopia promoted by the EU together with the Italian Cooperation Agency. I conducted surveys for the research on "Citizens and sports politics" promoted by the CNR-IRPPS and the Lazio region.

CAREER BREAK

November 2014 – February 2016: Health problems

EDUCATION

January 2010 – 15th April 2013: PhD in Social Sciences: Interactions, Communication and Cultural Constructions. [Doctorate School in Social Sciences: Interactions, Communication and Cultural Constructions, Department of Sociology - University of Padova].
Title of the thesis: "Fare casa fuori casa. Processi di *mixité* coniugale nei racconti di vita delle coppie miste in Veneto" *[Doing home far from home. Mixité processes in the life stories of mixed couples in the Veneto Region].* Supervisor: prof. Enzo Pace; co-supervisor: prof. Chantal Saint-Blancat.

April 2006 – 18th March 2008: Laurea specialistica in Istituzioni e politiche dei Diritti Umani e della Pace [Master in European Institutions and Politics for Human rights and Peace - University of Padova]. Final grade: **110/110 cum laude.**
Title of the thesis: "Gendering terrorism: The conflict between Al-Qaeda and Western countries through masculinity representation".

October 2001 – 15th March 2005: Laurea triennale in Scienze politiche e relazioni internazionali – Università di Padova [Bachelor in Political Sciences and International Relations - University of Padova]. Final grade: **110/110 cum laude.**
Title of the thesis: "Il controllo delle migrazioni: verso un regime migratorio globale" *[Controlling migrations: trough out a regime of worldwide migrations].*

RESEARCH AREAS

- Sociology of Culture
- Sociology of Religion
- Sociology of Family
- Sociology of migration

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

February 2012 – June 2012: visiting PhD student at "Erasmus Universiteit" - Rotterdam. Research and collaboration with CROCUS (Centre for Rotterdam Cultural Sociology, Netherlands). Supervisor: prof Dick Houtman

February 2020 – ongoing: affiliated member of the "Leuven centre for the study of Islam, culture and society" (LCSICS)

February 2020 – ongoing: collaboration with the research group of "Literary Theory and Cultural Studies, Leuven"

February 2018 – ongoing: KU Leuven. Centre of Sociological Research (CeSO), research areas "Theory, Culture and Religion".

Member of Kosmoi – "Leuven Centre for the Study of Religion and Worldview**"** (KU Leuven, Belgium)

March 2016 – ongoing: member of HERMES (Intercultural Research Group on Mobility, Religions, Family, Gender) – FiSPPA Department (University of Padova, Italy)

2011: Collaboration with WRERU (Warwick Religions and Education Research Unit) (Director: Robert Jackson). Supervisor: Prof. Elisabeth Arweck

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2018 – ongoing: Member of **ISSR/SISR**: International society for the sociology of religion
2019 – ongoing: Member of the European Research Network for **Qualitative inquiry**
2019 – ongoing: Member of **ESA** (European Sociological Association – Sociology of migration)
2018 – ongoing: Member of **ISA** (International Sociological Association)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ORGANISATION

10 – 11 January 2020, Ku Leuven (Belgium), Organizer of the **1st International Conference on Muslim non-Muslim families.**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

22 April 2021 – KEYNOTE SPEAKER - My lecture "Pluralità religiosa e differenza culturale in Europa le coppie miste tra sfide e risorse" was included within the seminars' cycle "Pluralismo confessionale e dinamiche interculturali: le *best practices* per una società inclusiva" promoted by the "Istituto di Studi Politici 'San Pio V'" (Roma).

7 – 8 April 2021, Helsinki, Finland – IASYM European Biennial Conference 2021 in Helsinki: Cultivating Youth Spirituality: Faith, Nurturing and Youth Ministry – paper presented: Re-mixing faith. Religious identification amongst offspring of Christian-Muslim couples.

8 – 10 August 2020, San Francisco, CA - 115TH ASA Annual meeting "Power, Inequality and Resistance at Work" – paper presented: When I told my parents I was going to marry a Muslim: 'Christian-Muslim' couples facing family opposition in Italy, France and Belgium.

5 – 7 February 2020, ECQI 2020 – University of Malta, 4° European Conference of qualitative inquiry – paper presented: "we…as a couple" methodological implications in interviewing partners individually or together.

9 – 12 July 2019, ISSR/SISR (International Society for the Sociology of Religion) (Barcellona – Spain) – paper presented: "Dilution" or "reshaping"? Ethnic and religious identifications amongst offspring of "Christian-Muslim" couples.

2 – 3 July 2019, International ERC MusMar Workshop, "Politics and/of 'Muslim Marriages', University of Amsterdam, Department of Anthropology – paper presented "Family negotiations and social activism: the case study of two "Christian-Muslim" families' associations in Belgium and France".

16 – 18 June 2019, Tel Aviv University, (Israel), Globordered Intimacies Immigration and Gendered Labor, Family and Personal Relationships – paper presented: What is Love About? Migration, Emotions and Gender Constructions in Christian-Muslim Couples in Italy, France and Belgium.

20 March 2019, Università degli Studi di Milano, (Italy), Secondo Convegno Mondi Migranti, Migrazioni e società alla prova dei sovranismi: una sfida per l'Italia e per l'Europa – paper presented (together with Ricucci Roberta**):** Parlarsi, ma non comprendersi: la sfida del bilinguismo per i figli di coppie miste o migranti.

13 – 15 February 2019, University of Edinburgh, (Scotland, UK), ECQI 2019 – 3° European Conference of qualitative inquiry – paper presented: "The missing data" Researching on intimacy and stigmatization.

17 – 19 October 2018, Université Al-Akhawayn, (Ifrane, Morocco), International Conference "Identities and (trans)nationalism in mixed families: transmission, agency and social constraints" – paper presented: Ethnic and religious identifications amongst offspring of "Christian-Muslim" couples.

12 October 2018, Kosmoi (Centre for the Study of Religion and Worldview) Symposium (Leuven, Belgium) – paper presented: The spiritual way: A case study of three associations of "Christian-Muslim" families in Italy, France and Belgium.

15 – 21 July 2018, XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology 2018 (Toronto, Canada) - Session Organizer "International Family Migration and Normative Languages" (RC25, Language and society) **and paper presentation (avec Laura Odasso),** Behind the Circumcision: Kinship, Gender and Religion in the Life Stories of Mixed Couples with an Arab-Muslim Partner (RC31, Sociology of migration).

16 – 18 April 2018, European Conference "**Europe's New Migrants: Marriage Practices and Policies" at the University of Birmingham (Birmingham, UK):** paper presented: The "Culturalisation" of couple's conflicts? Dealing with religious pluralism in Catholic- Muslim families living in Italy.

4 – 7 July 2017, ISSR/SISR (International Society for the sociology of Religion) (Lausanne – Switzerland) – paper presented: "Is it always the same God"? Religious identities in the children of Christian-Muslim couples.

27 February 2017, (Milano – Università di Milano Bicocca): Keynote speaker at the international seminar "Mixed unions: challenges and opportunities for the transnational society"

19 – 20 October 2016, Keynote speaker at the International Conference at the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder) and Collegium Polonicum (Słubice). Conference title "*Sex Still Sells. Paradoxical Right Wing Sexual Politics in Europe*" - paper presented: Anti-Gender Mobilisations in Europe: Actors, Networks and Politics.

11 – 13 September 2014, 1st International Symposium of Men and Masculinities (Izmir – Turkey) – paper presented*:* Doing Home Far From Home: The Migrant Man in the Mixed Couple Between Tradition and Betrayal.

7 – 9 June 2012, IV Ethnography congress (Bergamo - Italy) - paper presented: The semantic of love: love as a "communication code" within the life stories of Christian-Muslim couples.

7 – 10 September 2011, ESA (European Sociological Association - 10th conference) Network: "Sociology of Culture". (Geneve – Switzerland) – paper presented: Religious and cultural differences on mixed couples in Italy: Alliances, mixité, gender constructions within the lives of Muslim-Western families.

19 – 26 May 2011 (Istanbul– Turkey): Participation to the seminar *"Istanbul Seminars: Overcoming the Trap of Resentment"* organised by Reset DOC.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

"Cultore della materia" SPS/07/08 (Sociology/Cultural processes) – it is an Italian requirement to be entitled to teach at the University on a specific scientific discipline

September 2021: Professor of **"Culture, Identity and Alterity"** (4 credits – 26 hours) – KU Leuven

April 2020: lectures on interreligious mixed marriages within the course of *Godsdienstsociologie* ["Sociology of Religion"] (prof. Dick Houtman) – Ku Leuven (Belgium).

21.12.2019: Invited keynote lecture within the PriMed project: "Prevenzione e interazione nello spazio trans-mediterraneo". Presentation title: "Pluralità religiosa e differenza culturale in Europa. Le coppie miste tra sfide e risorse".

April 2019: lectures on interreligious mixed marriages within the course of *Godsdienstsociologie* ["Sociology of Religion"] (prof. Dick Houtman) – Ku Leuven (Belgium).

November 2017 – January 2018: Professor of **"Imaginaries of alterity"** (6 credits – 42 hours) – University of Padova – Corso di laurea magistrale in culture, formazione e società globale [MA "Cultures, formation and global societies"].

16.05.17 – PhD seminar: "Fare ricerca sui fenomeni religiosi oggi: Identità e mixité" [Doing research on contemporary religious phenomena: Identities and intermarriages] – PhD school in Social Sciences

March 2016 – May 2017: Professor of the course **"Diveristy, Minorities and Cultural conflicts"** (6 credits – 42 hours) – University of Padova – Corso di laurea magistrale in culture, formazione e società globale (Co-teaching with – Prof. Stefano Allievi).

November 2016: lectures of "Sociology of emotions" within the course of "**Sociology**" – University of Padova – Corso di laurea in comunicazione (Master course – Prof. Stefano Allievi).

April 2014: lectures within the course of **"Intercultural and communicative processes"** – University of Padova – Corso di laurea magistrale in sociologia *(Master course – Prof. Chantal Saint-Blancat).*

March-April 2013: lectures within the course of **"Social change and globalization"** – University of Padova – Corso di laurea in comunicazione *(Master course – Prof Franca Bimbi).*

May 2013: lectures within the course of **"Sociology of cultural processes"** – *University of Padova* – Corso di laurea magistrale in sociologia *(Master course – Prof. Luca Trappolin).*

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

KU Leuven (Belgium):
Co-supervising of Bachelor thesis: (Student: Bavo Goffin) – 3de Bachelor Sociologie – A.Y. 2018-2019
Co-supervising of Bachelor thesis: (Student: Tine De Smet) – 3de Bachelor Sociologie – A.Y. 2018-2019

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer Skills
Windows, Knowledge of the principal software: Microsoft Office, Excel, Access. ECDL patent
Software for qualitative and quantitative analysis: *Atlas.ti* and *SPSS*

Languages

- Italian: Mother Tongue
- English: Fluent
- French: Intermediate
- Spanish: Basic

PUBLICATIONS

Publications on scientific peer-review journals:

Cerchiaro, F., (2021). "When I told my parents that I was going to marry a Muslim…" 'Christian-Muslim' couples facing family opposition in Italy, France and Belgium, in Therrien C., La Gall J., Cerchiaro F., (Eds.) Mixed Muslim/non-Muslim families: couple's social perception and majority/minority groups relations, Special Issue, *Social Compass,* (forthcoming 2021).

Cerchiaro, F. and Odasso, L., (2021). 'Why do we have to circumcise our son?' Meanings behind male circumcision in the life stories of mixed couples with a Muslim partner, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies,* (online first). https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2021.1926941

Cerchiaro, F. and Houtman, D., (2021). "Stage Fright and Romanticism in *Il Giro del Mondo*", *Annals of Tourism Research*, 89. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annals.2021.103201

Cerchiaro, F. (2020). Dissonant Masculinities? Migration, emotions and masculinities in marriages between Italian women and Moroccan men living in Italy, *Journal of Gender Studies*, (online first, 24 February 2020). doi: 10.1080/09589236.2020.1730162

Cerchiaro, F. (2020). Identity loss or identity re-shape? Religious identification among the offspring of 'Christian–Muslim'couples. *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 35(3), 503-521. doi: 10.1080/13537903.2020.1839250

Cerchiaro, F. (2019). Fighting for What? Couples' Communication, Parenting and Social Activism: The Case Study of a "Christian-Muslim" Families' Association in Brussels (Belgium). *Religions*, 10(4), 270. https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10040270

Cerchiaro, F. (2019). 'In the name of the children': mixed couples' parenting analysed through their naming practices. *Identities*, 26(1), 51-68. (online first, 27 July 2017). doi: 10.1080/1070289X.2017.1353314

Cerchiaro F., (2016). Between recognition and betrayal. The migrant man in the mixed couple: the management of masculinity(ies), *Masculinities: A Journal of Identity and Culture*, 5, 53-78.

Cerchiaro F., (2016). 'Coppia mista? In che senso?'. Un'analisi della riflessività dei partner di coppie miste rispetto al discorso sulla differenza, ['Mixed couple? In what sense?' An analysis on the reflexivity of mixed couples' partners concerning the discourse on difference]. *Quaderni di Sociologia*, 72 (3), 165-184. doi: 10.4000/qds.1585

Cerchiaro F., Houtman D., Aupers S., (2015). Christian-Muslim couples in the Veneto region, northeastern Italy. Dealing with religious pluralism in everyday family life. *Social Compass*, 62 (1), 43–60. doi: 10.1177/0037768614561151

Edited volumes/Special Issues:
Therrien C., La Gall J., Cerchiaro F., (Eds.) Mixed Muslim/non-Muslim families: couple's social perception and majority/minority groups relations, Special Issue, *Social Compass*, (forthcoming 2021).

Therrien C., La Gall J., Cerchiaro F., (Eds.) Mixed Muslim/non-Muslim families: Intergenerational transmission and offspring identifications, Special Issue, *Social Compass*, (forthcoming 2021).

Book chapters:
Cerchiaro F., (2020). Single, dual, beyond: Ethnic, racial and religious self-identification among mixed individuals raised in Christian-Muslim families in Italy, in Le Gall J., Therrien C., Geoffrion K., (Eds.), *Identities and (trans)nationalism in mixed families: transmission, agency and social constraints,* London, Routledge.

Cerchiaro F., (2017). "Sfidare i confini. Perché e come studiare la coppia mista" in Allievi S., Guolo R. e Rhazzali K. (a cura di), *I musulmani nelle società europee. Appartenenze, interazioni, conflitti,* Milano, Guerini ed. ISBN:9788862506700

Cerchiaro F., (2019). “I matrimoni misti e la prospettiva sociologica: epistemologia, integrazione e secolarizzazione”, [Intermarriages and the sociological perspective: epistemology, integration, secularisation], in Tognetti Bordogna M., (a cura di), *I matrimoni misti nel nuovo millennio*, Milano, Franco Angeli, p. 71-90.

Cerchiaro F., (2019). Negoziare la religione nella famiglia mista: il caso delle coppie “cristiano-musulmane”, [Negotiating religion in the mixed family: the case of Christian-Muslim couples”], in Tognetti Bordogna M., (a cura di), *I matrimoni misti nel nuovo millennio*, Milano, Franco Angeli, p. 141-165.

Monograph/Book:
Cerchiaro F., (2016). *Amori e confini. Le coppie miste tra islam, educazione dei figli e vita quotidiana.* [Love and borders. Mixed couples amongst Islam, children’s education and everyday life]. Guida Ed., Napoli.

Other publications:
Cerchiaro F., (2014). “Lo Ius soli a scuola. Dirigenti e docenti raccontano le ‘seconde generazioni’”, [“*Ius soli* in school. Headmasters and teachers narrate ‘second generations’”]. *Paper Ires*, n.77, March 2014. https://iresveneto.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/cerchiaro-lo-ius-soli-a-scuola-ires-veneto-paper-77-1.pdf