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Employment History

- Current Position ◇ **Professor in Technology and Population Health (60%):** Department of Business Economics, Health and Social Care, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland, Switzerland.
- 2019-2022 ◇ **Postdoctoral Researcher.** Department of Sociology, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow. Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
- 2017 – 2019 ◇ **Post-doctoral Fellow.** Dondena Center, Bocconi University, Italy.
- 2016 – 2017 ◇ **Post-doctoral Fellow.** Politecnico di Milano, Italy.

Other Affiliations

- March 2025 – Today ◇ **Associate Member:** Lives – Swiss Center of Expertise in Life-Course Research, Université de Genève, Switzerland.
- October 2021 – Today ◇ **Associate Researcher:** Department of Sociology & Nuffield College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
- October 2016 – Today ◇ **NEUROMI - Milan Center for Neuroscience**
- September 2021 – Today ◇ **Swiss School of Public Health**

Education

- October 2012 – February, 9th 2016 ◇ **Ph.D. in Economics (distinction), Catholic University of Milan, Italy.**
Supervisors: *Prof. Luca Stanca (University of Milano-Bicocca)* and *Prof. Giuseppe Attanasi (University of Nice)*
- 2009 – 2011 ◇ **M.Sc. in Economics (distinction), Politics and International Institutions, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.**
Supervisors: *Prof. Marco Missaglia (University of Pavia)* and *Prof. Moshe Seymonov (Tel Aviv University)*
- 2010 – 2011 ◇ **Certificat d'Études Politiques, Science Po, Toulouse, France.**
- 2006 – 2009 ◇ **B.Sc. in International Cooperation and Development, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy.**

Visiting

- 2012 – 2013 ◇ Beta, University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France.
- 2011 ◇ Tel Aviv University and Bethlehem University (MICAD), Israel.

Visiting (continued)

2010 – 2011 ♦ Science Po. and Toulouse School of Economics (Erasmus), Toulouse, France.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Journal Articles

- 1 Rotondi, V. (2026). Unequal happiness gains from summer breaks: evidence from european parents. *Social Indicators Research*, 181(1), 42.
- 2 Battiston, P., Gamba, S., Rizzolli, M., & Rotondi, V. (2025). An experimental manipulation of divisibility in the public good game. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 240, 107300.
- 3 Poddar, P., Rotondi, V., & Kashyap, R. (2025). Access to technology and foundational math proficiency among students: empirical evidence from india. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 12(1), 1–15.
- 4 Fantozzi, P., Rotondi, V., Rizzolli, M., Dalla Torre, P., & Naldi, M. (2024). Detecting moral features in tv series with a transformer architecture through dictionary-based word embedding. *Information*, 15(3). doi:10.3390/info15030128
- 5 Koebe, T., Aidoo, T., Kashyap, R., Leasure, D. R., Rotondi, V., & Weber, I. (2024). Social capital mediates knowledge gaps in informing sexual and reproductive health behaviours across Africa. *Social Science & Medicine*, 357, 117159. doi:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.117159
- 6 Rotondi, V., Allegra, M., Kashyap, R., Barban, N., Sironi, M., & Reverberi, C. (2024). Enduring maternal brain changes and their role in mediating motherhood's impact on well-being. *Scientific Reports*, 14(1), 16608. doi:10.1038/s41598-024-67316-y
- 7 Rotondi, V., Babazadeh, M., Landolfi, G., Luciani, M., Uccella, L., Dell'Oca, S., ... Caiata Zufferey, M. (2024). Crucial and fragile: a multi-methods and multi-disciplinary study of cooperation in the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 12, 1368056.
- 8 Rotondi, V., Noris, A., & Carpanzano, E. (2024). Understanding sustainability perceptions: insights from textual analysis and a survey experiment. *World Development Sustainability*, 100182.
- 9 Rotondi, V. (2023). Overconfidence, misjudgment, and entry in experimental entrepreneurial markets: evidence from panama. *Entrepreneurship & Regional Development*, 1–17.
- 10 Kavakli, K. C. & Rotondi, V. (2022). Us foreign aid restrictions and maternal and children's health: evidence from the "Mexico City Policy". *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(19), e2123177119.
- 11 Köksal, S., Pesando, L. M., Rotondi, V., & Şanlıtürk, E. (2022). Harnessing the potential of Google searches for understanding dynamics of intimate partner violence before and after the COVID-19 outbreak. *European Journal of Population*, 1–29.
- 12 Rotondi, V., Bruni, L., Crivelli, L., Mancuso, S., & Santori, P. (2022). In praise of the persona economica: listening to plants for a new economic paradigm. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 9(1), 1–6.
- 13 Varriale, C., Pesando, L. M., Kashyap, R., & Rotondi, V. (2022). Mobile phones and attitudes toward women's participation in politics: evidence from Africa. *Sociology of Development*, 8(1), 1–37.
- 14 Battiston, P., Gamba, S., Rizzolli, M., & Rotondi, V. (2021). Lies have long legs cheating, peer scrutiny and loyalty in teams. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 101732.
- 15 Falco, C., Rotondi, V., Kong, D., & Spelta, V. (2021). Investment, insurance and weather shocks: evidence from Cambodia. *Ecological Economics*, 188, 107115.
- 16 Pesando, L. M., Rotondi, V., Stranges, M., Kashyap, R., & Billari, F. C. (2021). The internetization of international migration. *Population and development review*, 47(1), 79–111.
- 17 Rotondi, V. & Billari, F. C. (2021). Mobile money and school participation: evidence from Africa. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 1–20.

- 18 Rotondi, V. & Rocca, M. (2021). Bombs and babies: exposure to terrorism and fertility choices in Nigeria. *Journal of African Economies*.
- 19 Battiston, P., Kashyap, R., & Rotondi, V. (2020). Reliance on scientists and experts during an epidemic: evidence from the covid-19 outbreak in Italy. *SSM - Population Health*, 100721. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2020.100721>
- 20 Billari, F., Rotondi, V., & Trinitapoli, J. (2020). Mobile phones, digital inequality, and fertility: longitudinal evidence from Malawi. *Demographic Research*, 42, 1057–1096.
- 21 Dowd, J. B., Andriano, L., Brazel, D. M., Rotondi, V., Block, P., Ding, X., ... Mills, M. C. (2020). Demographic science aids in understanding the spread and fatality rates of COVID-19. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(18), 9696–9698. doi:10.1073/pnas.2004911117. eprint: <https://www.pnas.org/content/117/18/9696.full.pdf>
- 22 Rotondi, V., Kashyap, R., Pesando, L. M., Spinelli, S., & Billari, F. C. (2020). Leveraging mobile phones to attain sustainable development. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(24), 13413–13420. doi:10.1073/pnas.1909326117. eprint: <https://www.pnas.org/content/117/24/13413.full.pdf>
- 23 Attanasi, G., Concina, L., Kamaté, C., & Rotondi, V. (2019, May). Firm's protection against disasters: are investment and insurance substitutes or complements? *Theory and Decision*. doi:10.1007/s11238-019-09703-w
- 24 Colombo, E., Rotondi, V., & Stanca, L. (2019). The day after the bomb: well-being effects of terrorist attacks in Europe. *Social Indicators Research*, 160(1), 115–132.
- 25 Michailidou, G. & Rotondi, V. (2019). I'd lie for you. *European Economic Review*, 118, 181–192. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.euroecorev.2019.05.014>
- 26 Attanasi, G., Georgantzís, N., Rotondi, V., & Vigani, D. (2018). Lottery-and survey-based risk attitudes linked through a multichoice elicitation task. *Theory and Decision*, 84(3), 341–372.
- 27 Colombo, E., Rotondi, V., & Stanca, L. (2018a). Macroeconomic conditions and health: inspecting the transmission mechanism. *Economics & Human Biology*, 28, 29–37.
- 28 Colombo, E., Rotondi, V., & Stanca, L. (2018b). Macroeconomic conditions and well-being: do social interactions matter? *Applied Economics*, 50(28), 3029–3038.
- 29 Rotondi, V., Stanca, L., & Tomasuolo, M. (2017). Connecting alone: smartphone use, quality of social interactions and well-being. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 63, 17–26.
- 30 Bakker, F. E. & Rotondi, V. (2016). Vote for your family! Particularism, support for democracy and support for Shari'a in the Arab world. *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, 12(2), 115–137.
- 31 Falco, C. & Rotondi, V. (2016a). Political Islam, Internet use and willingness to migrate: Evidence from the Arab barometer. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 22(1), 73–95.
- 32 Falco, C. & Rotondi, V. (2016b). The less extreme, the more you leave: Radical Islam and willingness to migrate. *World Development*, 88, 122–133.
- 33 Bonan, J., Pareglio, S., Rotondi, V. et al. (2015). The role of impact evaluation of agricultural development projects. *Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Sociali*, 131(4), 369–380.
- 34 Rotondi, V. & Stanca, L. (2015). The effect of particularism on corruption: Theory and empirical evidence. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 51, 219–235.

Book Chapters

- 1 Sanliturk, E., Köksal, S., Pesando, L. M., & Rotondi, V. (2025). Ipv-related information-seeking in Italy: lessons from online surveys. In F. Seemungal (Ed.), *Domestic violence and abuse as a shadow pandemic: an international and interdisciplinary view* (Chap. 5). Routledge.
- 2 Nelson, J. A., Rotondi, V., & Santori, P. (2023). Economics and the ethics of care. In *Rethinking Economics Starting from the Commons: Towards an Economics of Francesco* (pp. 31–42). Springer.
- 3 Rotondi, V. & Santori, P. (2023a). Gratuitousness. In *Rethinking Economics Starting from the Commons: Towards an Economics of Francesco* (pp. 205–216). Springer.

- 4 Garrone, P., Piscitello, L., Rotondi, V., & Scalera, V. G. (2022). MNEs as catalysts of productive entrepreneurship: the case of Egypt. In *The role of multinational enterprises in supporting the united nations' sdfs* (Chap. 15, p. 317). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 5 Pesando, L. M. & Rotondi, V. (2020). Mobile technology and gender equality. In W. Leal Filho, A. M. Azul, L. Brandli, A. Lange Salvia, & T. Wall (Eds.), *Gender equality* (pp. 1–13). Cham: Springer International Publishing. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-70060-1_140-1
- 6 Battiston, P., Gamba, S., & Rotondi, V. (2019). What does a young cheater look like? An innovative approach. In *Dishonesty in behavioral economics* (Chap. 2.3, pp. 53–78). Elsevier Ltd. Academic Press.

Edited Books

- 1 Rotondi, V. & Santori, P. (2023b). *Rethinking economics starting from the commons*. Springer.

Proceedings

- 1 Carpanzano, E., Noris, A., & Rotondi, V. (2024). Enhancing policy decision-making through citizen participation: a case study in switzerland. In *Decision science alliance international summer conference* (pp. 93–104). Springer.

Policy Publications

Billari, F. C., R. Kashyap, L. M. Pesando, and V. Rotondi. (2020). “Digital rural gender divide in Latin America and the Caribbean.” Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

Skills

Coding ◇ \LaTeX , Stata, CSPRO, Ztree.

Teaching Experience

2025-ongoing	◇ Public Economics , BA in Economics, USI, Lugano, Switzerland (English).
2024-ongoing	◇ Scientific Thinking , MSc in Business Innovation and Management, SUPSI, Lugano, Switzerland (Italian).
2023-2024	◇ Population and Sustainability , BA in Political Sciences, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy (Italian).
2022-2023, 2023-2024	◇ Unusual Data and Economic Behavior , MSc in Business Economics, SUPSI, Lugano, Switzerland (Italian). ◇ Population, Development, and Migration , MSc in African and Asian Studies, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy (Italian).
2022	◇ Behavioral Economics , PhD in Economics, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy (English).
2019-2020	◇ Sociology , Bachelor, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy (English).
2018-2019	◇ Social Statistics , PhD Program in Public Policy, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy (English).
2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018	◇ Randomized Control Trials , Master Program ASERI, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy (English).
2014-2015 and 2016-2017	◇ Economics , Teaching assistant, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy (Italian).
2016-2017	◇ Impact Evaluation , Master Program in Civil Economy, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy (Italian).
2015-2016 and 2016-2017	◇ Economics , Teaching assistant, Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy (Italian).

Grants and Awards

Awards

- 2023 ♦ Winner of the 2023 **IPUMS Research Awards competition**. Best paper published using IPUMS data.
- 2021 ♦ **O2RB Excellence in Impact Awards 2021** assigned to the Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science for being at the forefront of COVID-19-related research.

Grants

- 2025 ♦ **SWEET Call (CO-PI with Lorenzo di Lucia)**, for the project: Pathways to ACHIEVE net-zero target for hard-to-abate Swiss emissions (CHF 610000).
- ♦ **NYU Abu Dhabi (CO-PI with Luca Maria Pesando)**, for the project: Trust in science across societies (€15000).
- 2024 ♦ **Federcasse (PI)**, for the project: Parenthood and Productivity in White Collar Occupations (€44500).
- 2023 ♦ **Fidinam Foundation (PI)**, for the project: BRIDES - Brain in Demographic and Social-Behavior (€150000).
- 2022 ♦ **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (External Partner, CO-I with Ridhi Kashyap)**, for the project: Digital Technologies and Female Empowerment (€90000).
- ♦ **Internal University Funds (PI)**, for the project: Brain in Demographic Behavior (€100000).
- ♦ **Women in Science (PI)**, for the project: Trust my competence (not my gender!) (€10000).
- ♦ **Internal University Funds (PI)**, for the project: Return to Work After Cancer (€10000).
- ♦ **Anna dai Capelli Corti Foundation & IOSI (CO-PI with Maria Caiata-Zufferey)**, for the project: Return to Work After Cancer (€21000).
- 2021 ♦ **John Fell Fund (PI)**, for the project: The Paradox of Parenthood and Happiness: Exploring the Role of the Brain (£2500).
- ♦ **Federcasse Research Support (Co-PI with Domenico Rossignoli)**, for the project: BCC and Social Capital (€23500).
- 2020 ♦ **John Fell Fund (Co-I with Ridhi Kashyap and Jennifer Beam-Dowd)**, for the project: COVID-19 and Trust in Science (£49981).
- 2019 ♦ **Returning Carers' Fund (PI)**, for the project: Demonetization and women's empowerment in India (£2100).
- 2017 ♦ **Young Professional Grant FRF-FIS (PI)**, for the project: The day after Charlie. Terrorism, Trust and Well-being of Muslims in Europe (€4000).
- 2015 ♦ **Roberto Franceschi Grant (Co-PI with Chiara Falco)**, for the project: Tertiary Education and Human Development in Rural Cambodia: Exploring the Causal Link. (€9500).
- 2012 – 2015 ♦ **Three-years merit-based PhD Scholarship** by the Ministry of Education.
- 2010 – 2011 ♦ **Erasmus Scholarship** funded by the European Union.
- 2010 ♦ **Giovanni Manera Grant for Master Thesis** for the project: The Labor Market in Israel, a model. (€5000)

Presentations

Conferences and Workshops

- 2025 ♦ 2nd Matterhorn Symposium, Brig, Switzerland. Women and Science Workshop, Paris, France. CHEW 2025, Split, Croatia.
- 2024 ♦ Swiss Sociological Association Annual Conference, 2024, Basel, Switzerland. Swiss Brain Health Plan, Bern, Switzerland.
- 2023 ♦ Population Association of America, 2023 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA. FORS conference, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2022 ♦ European Population Conference (online presentation); The 19th European Society for Health and Medical Sociology conference, Forlì, Italy.

Presentations (continued)

- 2021 ◇ Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2020 ◇ Population Association of America, 2020 Annual Meeting, Washington, USA; Meeting of the Italian Statistical Association (SIS), Pisa, Italy; European Population Conference, Padova, Italy; iMigMob 2020, St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2019 ◇ Digital Societies, Konstanz, Germany; USSP Research Workshop on Digital Demography in the Era of Big Data, Sevilla, Spain; Population Association of America, 2019 Annual Meeting, Austin, USA; Meeting of the Italian Association for the Study of Population (Sis-AISP), Milan, Italy; The 2019 Meeting of the Global Family Change Program, Barcelona, Spain; Austrian Academy of Sciences, Global Sustainable Development Goals in a Mediatized World, Vienna, Austria.
- 2018 ◇ International Conference on policies for happiness and health, Siena, Italy; Population Association of America, 2018 Annual Meeting, Denver, USA; European Population Conference, Bruxelles, Belgium; SIEDS 2018 Annual Conference, Varese, Italy.
- 2017 ◇ A World To Win Conference, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2016 ◇ CEAR-CSAE Workshop, Atlanta, USA; Wapor Regional Conference, Moscow, Russia; XVII HSE Conference, Moscow, Russia; Heirs Conference, Rome, Italy.
- 2015 ◇ Conferenza Annuale Società degli Economisti Italiani, Naples, Italy; The 12th Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists, Bologna, Italy; XVI HSE Conference, Moscow, Russia.
- 2014 ◇ LCSR Workshop, Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Invited Talks

- 2024 ◇ University of Paris Dauphine, Catholic University of Milan, University of Padova.
- 2022 ◇ LUMSA University, Italian National Association of Cooperative Credit Banks, Catholic University of Milan. University of Pavia.
- 2021 ◇ Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, University of Trento, University of Cagliari.
- 2020 ◇ University of Parma, University of Cagliari, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa.
- 2018 ◇ LUMSA University

Professional Service

Member of Scientific Associations:

- ◇ Population Association of America (2016-)
- ◇ European Association for Population Studies (2016-)
- ◇ AISP Italian Association for Population Studies (2018-)

Member of the Scientific Board:

- ◇ European PhD in Economics, Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy (2021-2024)
- ◇ School of Civil Economy (2022-)
- ◇ Economy of Francesco (2022-)

Referee for and editorial activity

- Referee ◇ Science. Technology in society. Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization. Journal of Development Economics. World Development. Demography. Vienna Yearbook of Population Research. Economics & Human Biology. Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion. Ageing&Society. Asian Social Science. Journal of Agricultural Economics. The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy. Demographic research. International Review of Economics. Forum for Health Economics & Policy. Frontiers in Psychology. Frontiers in Behavioral Economics. International Journal of Public Health. International Journal of Social Economics.

- Review Editor: ◇ Frontiers in Behavioral Economics (2021-). Frontiers in Sociology (2021-).

Further Experience

Field Works

- 2016 ◇ **Panama.** Lead investigator. Lab-in-the-field Experiment, Impact Evaluation; **Cambodia.** Coordinator, Field Researcher. Lab-in-the-field Experiment.
- 2014 ◇ **Ethiopia.** Coordinator, Field Researcher. Impact Evaluation; **Vietnam.** Coordinator, Field Researcher. Lab-in-the-field Experiment.
- 2011 ◇ **Palestine.** Field Researcher. Data collection.

Participation in International Research Projects

- Digital Gender Gaps ◇ <https://digitalgendergaps.org>
- DisCont ERC Project ◇ <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~nuff0078/DisCont/>
- Global Family Change ◇ <http://web.sas.upenn.edu/gfc/>

Policy work

- Consultant (2022-2023) ◇ SUPSI–Canton Ticino: Prospettiva 2040 (<https://www4.ti.ch/can/cosa-facciamo/prospettiva-2040>)
- External consultant (2019-2021) ◇ Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (<https://www.iica.int/en/press/events/technical-cooperation-dialogues-gender-and-use-cell-phones-development>)

Italian National Qualification for Associate Professor

- ◇ Political Economy: from November 5th 2020
- ◇ Political Economics: from November 5th 2020
- ◇ Demography and Social Statistics: from June 5th 2023

Further education

- Winter 2017 ◇ **University of Konstanz**, Winter School, Ztree programming.
- Summer 2015 ◇ **Centro studi Luca d’Aglia**no, Summer School, Development Economics.
- Summer 2014 ◇ **Catholic University of Milan**, Summer School, Applied Microeconometrics.
- Summer 2011 ◇ **London School of Economics and Political Science**, Summer School, Development Economics.

References

- Francesco C. Billari Rector. Bocconi University. francesco.billari@unibocconi.it
- Ridhi Kashyap Full Professor. University of Oxford. ridhi.kashyap@nuffield.ox.ac.uk
- Jenny Trinitapoli Full Professor. University of Chicago. jennytrini@uchicago.edu