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PROFILE

My research lies at the intersection of social and cognitive psychology, with a particular focus on social asymmetries. I study social inference and impression formation: how people seek, interpret, and use information when thinking about others. My work also addresses morality and social judgment, prejudice and intersecting subordinate identities, and judgment and reasoning under uncertainty.

I am Associate Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Pavia and Chair of its Equal Opportunities Committee (CUG). I am also a registered psychologist.

CURRENT ROLES

2025 - present	Associate Professor of Social Psychology Department of Brain and Behavioral Sciences, University of Pavia.
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Nov 2025 - present	Chair, Equal Opportunities Committee (CUG) University of Pavia.
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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2023 - 2027	Psychotherapist in training Scuola di Specializzazione in Psicoterapia Integrata (SSPI) , Milan.
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2011	PhD in Social, Cognitive and Clinical Psychology University of Milano-Bicocca. Thesis: <i>Search and Evaluation Strategies in Belief Revision: Psychological Mechanisms and Normative Deviations</i> .
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2008 - 2009; 2010	Visiting Scholar University of California, San Diego. Advisors: Craig R. M. McKenzie and David E. Huber.
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2005	Combined BSc and MSc in Psychology University of Milano-Bicocca, 110/110 cum laude.
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021 - 2025	University of Messina Tenure-track Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor.
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2013 - 2021	University of Surrey Lecturer in Psychology.
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2011 - 2013	University of Milano-Bicocca Postdoctoral Research Fellow in probabilistic reasoning under uncertainty.
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RESEARCH FUNDING

2023 - 2025	PRIN 2022 - Category Intersection in Context (CiC) Co-Investigator and Coordinator of the University of Messina unit. Total funding EUR 159,814; MUR contribution EUR 139,917; local unit EUR 40,561.
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Awarded 2020	BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant - The World Needs Hope Second Co-Applicant. Funding: GBP 9,928.
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2016 - 2018	EPSRC / Singapore NRF - COMMANDO-HUMANS Co-Investigator. EPSRC contribution: GBP 209,485.60.
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2015 - 2017	Horizon 2020 - PD_Manager Co-Investigator. Total funding: EUR 4.345 million; University of Surrey share: EUR 577,125.
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Coladonato, R., D'Atri, F., Trevisan, F., **Rusconi, P.**, Bianchi, M., Piccoli, V., & Carnaghi, A. (2026). Sexual Orientation Stereotyping of Race Categories Referring to Men, and Vice Versa: An Intersectional Analysis in the Italian Context. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*. [DOI](#)
- Coladonato, R., Piccoli, V., Trevisan, F., **Rusconi, P.**, Bianchi, M., & Carnaghi, A. (2026). Marginalizing Black Gay Men in Anti-Racism and Anti-Homophobia Leadership. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. [DOI](#)
- Carnaghi, A., Coladonato, R., Bianchi, M., & **Rusconi, P.** (2026). Understanding Intersectionality and Its Consequences. In F. Fasoli & A. Carnaghi (Eds.), *Exploring Identity, Diversity and Stigma in LGBTQ+ Lives* (pp. 15-41). Routledge. [DOI](#)

SELECTED FIRST-AUTHOR ARTICLES

- **Rusconi, P.**, & Sacchi, S. (2025). Accurate in presence and inefficient in absence: how the presence of criminal evidence affects legal judgements. *Journal of Cognitive Psychology*, 37(3), 197-214. [DOI](#)
- **Rusconi, P.**, Sacchi, S., Brambilla, M., Capellini, R., & Cherubini, P. (2020). Being honest and acting consistently: Boundary conditions of the negativity effect in the attribution of morality. *Social Cognition*, 38(2), 146-178. [DOI](#)
- **Rusconi, P.**, Sacchi, S., Capellini, R., Brambilla, M., & Cherubini, P. (2017). You are fair, but I expect you to also behave unfairly: Positive asymmetry in trait-behavior relations for moderate morality information. *PLoS ONE*, 12, e0180686. [DOI](#)
- **Rusconi, P.**, Marelli, M., D'Addario, M., Russo, S., & Cherubini, P. (2014). Evidence Evaluation: Measure Z Corresponds to Human Utility Judgments Better than Measure L and Optimal-Experimental-Design Models. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 40, 703-723. [DOI](#)
- **Rusconi, P.**, & McKenzie, C. R. M. (2013). Insensitivity and oversensitivity to answer diagnosticity in hypothesis testing. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 66, 2443-2464. [DOI](#)

TEACHING

University of Pavia, 2026/27: Applied Social Cognition (MSc); Psicologia di Comunità (MSc); Elementi di Psicologia Sociale per le Scienze Umane (BSc); contributing teaching in Elementi di Psicologia Applicata per le Scienze Umane (shared course); Philosophy curriculum: Year 2 option; Philosophy & Human Sciences: listed in Years 2 and 3).

Previous teaching: course-level teaching at the Universities of Surrey, Messina, and Milano-Bicocca across social cognition, social psychology, political psychology, social neuroscience, community psychology, prejudice, judgment and reasoning, and research methods.

Teaching qualification: Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), following completion of the Graduate Certificate in Learning & Teaching at the University of Surrey (2016-2017).

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND AFFILIATIONS

Chair

Equal Opportunities Committee (CUG), University of Pavia, since November 2025.

Co-convenor

AIP collective action subgroup on gender and sexual-orientation disparities.

External affiliate

Social Perception and Cognition Lab, University of Milano-Bicocca.

Member

Building Internodes working group, Italian Reproducibility Network.

Scientific memberships

European Association of Social Psychology (EASP); European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP); Italian Association of Psychology (AIP).

Professional standing

Registered Psychologist, Ordine degli Psicologi della Lombardia, Section A, no. 24242.

PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

2026 | [Riconoscere i pregiudizi invisibili con la lente intersezionale](#)

2018 | [50 Sfumature di Oggettivazione: Donne e Violenza](#)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

[Popular Science](#) (2022); [BPS Research Digest](#) (2022); [The Times](#), [HuffPost UK](#), [la Repubblica](#), and [Focus](#) (2018).