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CURRENT POSITION

Oct 2023-current: PhD Candidate, Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED-CERCA), Barcelona, Spain
Thesis advisors: Diederik Boertien, Pau Baizan (Pompeu Fabra University)

EDUCATION

2020-2022: M.A., Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, Italy, *Summa Cum Laude*
Thesis: "Transnational Parents in Italy: Life Satisfaction and Mental Health"

2016-2020: B.A., Political Science and International Relations, University of Bologna, Italy, *Summa Cum Laude*

2018-2019: Erasmus Student, University of Maastricht, the Netherlands

VISITING POSITIONS

Sep 2025-current: Visiting Scholar at Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, USA. Sponsor: David Lindstrom

Apr 2023-July 2023: Visiting Scholar at Dallas Tower Center for Public Policies and International Affairs, SMU, USA. Sponsor: James Hollifield

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration, Well-Being, Mental Health, Family Relations, Gender Inequalities

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Odasso, M. (2025). Migrating Alone or With Family? Mental Health Among Internal and US Return Migrants in Mexico. *International Migration Review*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183251390568>

Odasso, M., Vitali, A., Sciortino, G., & Cvajner, M. (2025). Transnational Parents in Italy: Life Satisfaction and Mental Health. *Population, Space and Place*, 31(6). <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.70085>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Odasso, M., Boertien, D., Baizan, P. The Health of Parents who Remain Behind. (under review)
Odasso, M., Lindstrom, D. US Return Migration and Partnership Trajectories in Mexico.
Odasso, M., Cvjaner, M. Migration as a Gender Equality Issue?
Cvjaner, M., **Odasso, M.** Sociability, Friendship and Romance among Italian Children of Immigrants.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2025-current: Joan Oró Scholarship - Generalitat de Catalunya
2023-2025: DEMOS Scholarship - Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED-CERCA)
2020: Scholarship, Master in Transnational Governance - European University Institute
2018: Award for Outstanding Student - University of Bologna

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024: Research Assistant for Asher Colombo – Istituto Cattaneo & Italian Minister for Family
2023-2024: Research Fellow – Horizon Project “ReIncluGen”, PI: Lore Van Praag
2023: Research Assistant for Martina Cvjaner – University of Trento
2023: Research Assistant for Asher Colombo – Istituto Cattaneo
2017: Research Intern – Eurac Research

INVITED TALKS

Nov 2025: Population Studies Center Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

June 2024: Lecturer, Data Sources on International Migration, Summer School on Migration Policies, University of Trento
2022-2023: Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods (undergraduate), University of Trento

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* Oral presentation; † Discussant; § Poster; © Chair;

IMISCOE Conference, June 2025 (Online)*©
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA, April 2025*
Latin American Population Conference, Bogota', Colombia, December 2024*
ECSR Conference, Barcelona, Spain, October 2024*©
European Population Conference, Edinburgh, UK, June 2024§
IMISCOE Conference, Naples, Italy, April 2023*
PopDays, Rome, Italy, February 2023*

SUMMER SCHOOLS & COURSES

July 2024: Barcelona Summer School of Demography (BSSD), Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED-CERCA)
May 2023: Causal Inference Based on Non-experimental Data, University of Trento
July 2017: The World in Turmoil in the Era of Migration, Eurac Research

SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native), English, Spanish (fluent), Catalan (intermediate), German (basic)
IT: R, Stata, Ucinet, Atlas.ti

REFERENCES

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