

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Gender Female | Date of birth 2 March 1998 | Nationality Italian

PHD COURSE Dinamic and Clinical Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS Trans-diagnostic vulnerability factors underlying emotional disorders: intolerance of uncertainty and emotional dysregulation. Longitudinal changes and situation-specific fluctuations in intolerance of uncertainty in non-clinical and clinical populations through the lens of the Latent State-Trait theory and analysis techniques. Development of scales for assessing trait and situation-specific intolerance of uncertainty, uncertainty distress and uncertainty-reducing behaviours in non-clinical and clinical populations. I have been recently looking into potential applications to clinical psychology of quantitative text analysis with Natural Language Processing and Large Language Models.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2019- for 3 months Undergraduate internship research activity

Under Teresa Farroni PhD
University of Padua
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Experimental research with born premature school-aged children, neuropsychological and psychological tests, affective touch, rubber hand illusion

10/2016-07/2019 Bachelor's Degree in developmental, personality and interpersonal relationships psychology

University of Padua
Supervisor: Teresa Farroni PhD
Title of Thesis: La prematurità nel paradigma dell'illusione della mano di gomma
Main field: Psychology - L-24

2021- for 7 months Undergraduate internship research activity

Under Marta Ghisi PhD
University of Padua
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Body image, social media use, photo manipulation

July 2022 16th European Congress of Sport & Exercise Psychology 2022

Under Marta Ghisi PhD
FEPSAC 2022
I worked on producing material for the congress's social media accounts to disseminate articles and works published by the congress's speakers. Additionally, I worked at the congress, attended lectures, and attended a workshop by Xavier Sanchez, PhD on how to prepare a manuscript for publication and navigate the review process

2021- for 9 months Undergraduate research activity for my master thesis

Under Giuseppe Sartori PhD
University of Padua

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Forensic psychology, tests for detection of simulated mental disorders, new techniques for detecting feigned mental disorders including machine learning techniques

10/2019-11/2021 **Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology**

University of Padua

Supervisor: Giuseppe Sartori PhD

Title of Thesis: A new tool to detect feigned depression: a TF-IDFindex and Machine Learning models based analysis of single item responses

Main field: Psychology - L-51

Dec 2021- Jul 2023 **Postgraduate internship research activity**

Under Gioia Bottesi PhD

University of Padua

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Transdiagnostic vulnerability factors, protective and promotion factors to psychological well-being focusing on the adolescent population in longitudinal and cross-sectional designs, sports and health psychology, personality disorders. Research activities with Dr Gioia Bottesi (Università degli Studi di Padova), Prof. Claudio Sica (Università degli Studi di Firenze), and Prof. Marco Lauriola (Sapienza Università di Roma) and in collaboration with Paolo Mancini (PhD student) and Sara Iannattone (PhD student). These involved management of databases, data analysis, and preparation of manuscripts

July 2023 **Professional Psychologist Qualification University of Padua**

Nov 2023- Today **PhD Candidate in Dynamic and Clinical Psychology**

Department of Dynamic and Clinical Psychology, and Health Studies; University of Rome, La Sapienza

Supervisor: Marco Lauriola PhD

Co-Supervisor: Gioia Bottesi PhD

Co-Supervisor: Valerio Ghezzi PhD

Title of Dissertation Project: Embracing the Unknown: a New Framework to Prevent Uncertainty Distress in University Students

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Italian

Other languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Cambridge English Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Advanced) 196 (Grade B)					
Spanish	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user – B1 and B2: Independent user – C1 and C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](https://europa.eu/european-union/common-european-framework-reference-for-languages)

Use of Software and Statistical Packages – SPSS, R, jamovi, Jasp, Excel, LIWC

International Experiences – La Rioja, República Argentina 1 year abroad (the fourth year of high school) with a scholarship by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo (11300€). Fondazione Intercultura Onlus (date of attainment: 23/04/2014)

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Anna Malerba, Sara Iannattone, Giorgia Casano, Marco Lauriola, and Gioia Bottesi. "The Trap of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Italian Adolescents Fare Well at First, Maybe Thanks to Protective Trait Expression". In: *Children* 9.11 (2022), p. 1631.
- [2] Sara Iannattone, Anna Malerba, Chiara Carloni, Alessandra Farina, Valentina Cardi, and Gioia Bottesi. "The association between intolerance of uncertainty, emotion dysregulation, and anxiety in Italian non-clinical pre-adolescents and adolescents". In: *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology* 11.2 (2023).
- [3] Gioia Bottesi, Corrado Caudek, Anna Malerba, Gabriele Caselli, Gabriella Gallo, Gabriele Melli, Nicola Marsigli, Alessia Offredi, and Claudio Sica. "Agreement and discrepancies in patient-clinician reports of DSM-5-TR section III maladaptive personality traits: A study on a mixed outpatient sample." In: *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment* (2023).
- [4] Claudio Sica, Corrado Caudek, Gioia Bottesi, Ilaria Colpizzi, Anna Malerba, and Christopher J Patrick. "Triarchic model of psychopathy and intimate partner violence: an empirical study on the Italian community". In: *Journal of interpersonal violence* (2023), p. 08862605231207620.
- [5] Loretta Moroni, Gioia Bottesi, Giorgio Bertolotti, Azzurra Cangiano, Claudia Rizza, Anna Malerba, Anna Picozzi, and Roberto Burro. "Measuring pandemic-related anxiety and confidence in care in chronic patients using the Psychological Consequences of a Pandemic Event (PCPE) questionnaire". In: *Stress and Health* (2023).
- [6] Claudio Sica, Corrado Caudek, Ilaria Colpizzi, Anna Malerba, and Gioia Bottesi. "Obsessive-compulsive symptoms and dimensional models of psychopathology: The contribution of "not just right experiences"". In: *Journal of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy* (2023), p. 100481.
- [7] Paolo Mancin, Anna Malerba, Guy Doron, Marta Ghisi, and Silvia Cerea. ""Can I Have More Than This?" The Role of Romantic Relationship Quality, Maximization Style, and Social Media Addiction in Relationship Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Symptoms". In: *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking* (2024).

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Date 29/02/2024

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