

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex male | Date of birth 12/12/1974 | Nationality Italian

JOB APPLIED FOR

adjunct faculty in Communication Sciences / Sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE

1999 - present Public servant (education, support to laboratorial teaching activities).

2010 - 2019 During and after my PHD course I gave lessons of qualitative methodology, case study research, new media, social theory.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2014 Joint PhD (co-tutorship): PhD in Theory and Social Research at "Sapienza" University of Rome - PhD in Communication Sciences at "UGent" University of Gent

Thesis titled: "Virtual Communities: online and offline connections". The thesis was based on a multiple case study research developed by and ethnographic approach (in-depth qualitative interviews and observation online - netnography - and offline). The focus was mainly on collaboration and sense of community, as well as on a new definition of virtual community which was provided. The thematic analysis of data was done using NVivo 10.

2009 Bachelor degree in Communication Sciences "Sapienza - University of Rome". score: 110 with honors (summa cum laude). Thesis on prayers websites (praying on the web).

2007 Master (2 years) in Communication and Advertising "Montecelio Institute" Regional Government of Communication – Montecelio (Italy) Rome, score: 110 with honors (summa cum laude). Thesis on communication analysis of the websites of the three best companies in Italy (focusing on web communication and its related topics).

2003 BA Honours (four years degree) in Sociology "Sapienza - University of Rome", score: 107/110. Thesis on Semiology of music.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian.

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Enligsh	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
	"6th level practical english" at "UGent" University				
Spanish	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills English - good communication skills gained through my joint PhD in Belgium (where english language was used for the academic activities as well as in the everyday life). I also took two english courses in order to improve my skills, academic writing included.

Job-related skills I developed quantitative and qualitative research methods and techniques skills (Methodology of research) at "Sapienza", as well as knowledge in new media studies at "UGent".

I also gave lessons (about qualitative and quantitative research and case study research, as well as sociological theories), as well as exams, during my PhD course.

- team work: I have worked in various types of research teams.

- in the field: I got in touch "in the field" by myself and made several qualitative in depth-interviews (70) for a work about immigrants from latinoamerica during my bachelor degree. Same thing was done during my multiple case study research (4 cases) for my PhD research (about 70 qualitative in depth-interviews).

I also made research using quantitative and qualitative methodologies (see "research" section).

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

- good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software).
- good command of photo editing software (Fireworks) gained as an amateur webmaster.
- good command of O.S. like Windows and Ubuntu.

Driving licence

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

Main author

Agostini, S. - Mechant, P. (2019), [Towards a Definition of Virtual Community](#), in [Signo Y Pensamiento, 38\(74\)](#).

Agostini, S. - Mechant, P., "[The role of Virtual Communities in Offline Collaboration: Four Case Studies](#)", Comunidades virtuales y colaboración offline: cuatro casos de estudio, in [Comunicación, 39 July-December \(2018\)](#), pp. 15-32.

Agostini, S. - Mechant, P., "Virtual Communities and Feelings of Influence: four case studies",

in [Proceedings of Eighteenth ThelIER International Conference](#) , Rome, Italy, 28th-29th March 2015, ISBN: 978-93-82702-86-3.

Agostini, S. - Mechant, P., "Virtual Communities and Feelings of Influence: four case studies", in [International Journal of Electrical, Electronics and Data Communication](#), ISSN: 2320-2084 Volume-3, Issue-5, May-2015

Co-author

Agostini, S. - Porro, E., "Contesti e persone. La questione di genere nell'università italiana" [*Contexts and persons. The gender issue in the Italian university*], in Fontana, R., "[Le donne nell'accademia italiana: lavoro, identità e percorsi culturali nella ricerca](#)" [*Women in the Italian academy: work, identity and cultural paths in research*]

Presentations

poster presentation for the the conference on EPS:

"EU, citizenship and virtual communities: is it possible to have a European public sphere?" at [EPS: from critical thinking to responsible action Jean Monnet Conference](#) - Committee of the Regions, Rooms JDE 51, 52, 53, - Brussels - February 2, 2012 - Jointly organised by ECREA & SMIT-VUB.

"Virtual Community Informatics: A Review", online presentation at EFCI (the "European Forum On Collective Intelligence"), April 4, 2018 - [link](#).

Research

2013 - "[Women and the Italian academy: intellectual work, identity dynamics and cultural pathways in social research](#)" ("Le donne nell'accademia italiana: lavoro intellettuale, dinamiche identitarie e percorsi culturali nella ricerca sociale"), research regarding the condition of women workers in the Italian academic context, investigated by qualitative approach.

2012 - "[50 Years Of Sociology and Communication in Rome. The history of an academic institution through ideas, research and persons](#)" - 2012 ("Cinquant'anni di Sociologia e Comunicazione a Roma. La storia di una istituzione accademica attraverso le idee, le ricerche e gli uomini"): research regarding the development of sociological studies in the last fifty years in Italy, investigated by qualitative and quantitative approaches.

2010 - "[Present and future of the youth: between training expectations and professional realization in the Civitavecchia district](#)" ("Attualità e futuro dei giovani: tra aspettative formative e realizzazione professionale nel comprensorio civitavecchiese"): research focused on Civitavecchia (an Italian town), in particular on the relationship between university education and job placement, investigated by methodological triangulation (survey, qualitative interviews and focus groups).

2010 - "[Social Communication, Networks And Culture Of Solidarity](#)" ("Tra il dire e il fare. Comunicazione sociale, reti e cultura della società): research on volunteering, more specifically regarding its communication and social networks related to its development, investigated by methodological triangulation (survey, qualitative interviews and focus groups).

Courses

Statistical analysis of textual data (with TalTac software) - 2012

ANNEXES

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