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CURRENT POSITION

Post-doctoral research fellow

November 2025 –

FIS2 Project: SO-UNFER, Social Uncertainty and Fertility
Department of Statistical Sciences "Paolo Fortunati"
University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Demography
- Gender issues
- Fertility
- Marriage and household dynamics
- Child survival and health
- Quantitative methods

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Adjunct professor

A.Y. 2024/2025

Course: Economic and Business Demography
University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy

Post-doctoral research fellow

July 2023 – November 2025

ERC-funded Project: POPCLIMA – Population Dynamics under Global Climate Change
Department of Statistical Sciences "Paolo Fortunati"
University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy

Post-doctoral research fellow

July 2022 – June 2023

2020 PRIN-Research Project of National Relevance "SOcial and health Frailty as determinants of Inequality in Aging (SOFIA)"
Department of Statistical Sciences "Paolo Fortunati"
University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy

EDUCATION

European University Institute – Fiesole, Italy

September 2018 – March 2023

PhD in Political and Social Sciences

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Thesis title: Beyond the mother-child dyad: Three studies on the role of "others" in improving child wellbeing in Sub-Saharan Africa

Supervisor: Juho Härkönen

Committee: Fabrizio Bernardi, Ridhi Kashyap, Øystein Kravdal

University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy
Master's degree in International Relations

September 2015 – November 2017
cum laude

University of Palermo – Palermo, Italy

Bachelor's degree in Economic Development and International Cooperation

September 2011 – March 2015

cum laude

RESEARCH STAYS AND VISITS

University of Southampton – Southampton, UK
Department of Social Statistics and Demography

October 2024

University of Oxford – Oxford, UK
Department of Sociology

January – March 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & SUPERVISION

Teaching Experience

A.Y. 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026

Teaching assistant for the courses "Demography" and "Social Demography"
University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

A.Y. 2020/2021

Teaching Assistant for the course "Microsociology and Family Demography" (Humboldt University Berlin)

Supervision

MSc theses: [2 students, MSc in Local and global development and Global Change Ecology (Department of Political and Social Sciences) and Sustainable Development Goals (Biological, Geological, and Environmental Sciences - BiGeA)], University of Bologna.

GUEST LECTURES

A.Y. 2025/2026

Lecture on "Climate and migration: evidence from satellite and census data" (with Hamid Reza Oskorouchi), Spring School "Migration, Climate Change and Environmental Justice", University of Palermo, April 13-17, 2026

A.Y. 2024/2025 and 2025/2026

Lecture in English on "Climate Change and Population Dynamics" (Course: The Challenge Of Population Sustainability, University of Padua)

A.Y. 2022/2023

Lecture in English on "Climate Change and Population Dynamics" (Course: Demography of Migration, University of Palermo)

A.Y. 2019/2020

Lectures in English on "Demography and the main demographic phenomena"; "Tools for the analysis of demographic data and phenomena"; "The demographic transition model" (Course: Analysis of Territorial Systems, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles and Invited Book Chapters

- 2026** **Puglisi, C.** "Environmental uncertainty and childbearing intentions: insights from Italy". Forthcoming in: **Proceedings of the 53rd SIS Scientific Meeting and 1st FENStatS Scientific Meeting**, Springer Nature.
- 2025** Palazzoli, I., **Puglisi, C.**, Binelli, C., Muttarak, R., & Ceola, S. "Public Perceptions and Responses to Flood Risk: Evidence from the 2023 Flood Events in Italy". **International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**, 105981. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2025.105981>.
- Puglisi, C.**, Muttarak, R., & Vignoli, D. "Climate change concerns and fertility intentions: first evidence from Italy". **Genus** 81(7). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41118-025-00244-5>
- 2024** Busetta, A., **Puglisi, C.**, & Cetorelli, V. "Leave No Child Behind: Investigating the Undernutrition Divide Among Roma and non-Roma Children in the Western Balkans". **Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies**, 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2393668>.
- Miglio, R., **Puglisi, C.**, Rettaroli, R., Roli, G., & Scalone, F. "Frailty in Europe: the role of social networks and activity participation". **RIEDS-Rivista Italiana di Economia, Demografia e Statistica - The Italian Journal of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Studies**, 78(2), 4-12. <https://doi.org/10.71014/sieds.v78i2.265>
- 2023** Miglio, R., **Puglisi, C.**, Rettaroli, R., Roli, G., & Scalone, F. "Frailty, activity participation, and welfare: An analysis using SHARE data". **Statistica Applicata – Italian Journal of Applied Statistics** (Supplement), 35(3), 305–310. doi.org/10.26398/asaproc.0050
- 2022** Busetta A., Cetorelli V., **Puglisi C.** "Inequalities in undernutrition among Roma and non-Roma children in Western Balkans: an analysis of the determinants". In: Balzanella A., Bini M., Cavicchia C., Verde R. (Eds), **Book of the Short Papers SIS 2022 – 51st Scientific meeting of the Italian Statistical Society**, pp. 1090-1095, Milano: Pearson, ISBN: 978-88-919323-1-0.
- 2019** **Puglisi, C.**, and Busetta, A. "The Effect of Education on Under-Five Mortality: Individual and Community-Level Effects in Bangladesh". **Statistica**, 79(2), 181-200. <https://dx.doi.org/10.6092/issn.1973-2201/8584>
- 2018** **Puglisi, C.** and Busetta, A. "Women's empowerment and child mortality: the case of Bangladesh". In: Abbruzzo A., Brentari E., Chiodi M., Piacentino D. (Eds), **Book of Short Papers SIS 2018 – 47th Scientific meeting of the Italian Statistical Society**, pp. 1713-1718, Milano: Pearson, ISBN: 978-88-919102-3-3.

Working Papers

Binelli, C., **Puglisi, C.**, Ceola, S., C., Muttarak, R., & Palazzoli, I. "Living With Floods Without Being Prepared: Experimental Evidence from Italy"

Puglisi, C. "Fertility intentions in times of "polycrisis". The interplay between uncertainty, social media, and political ideology".

Muñoz, I. G., **Puglisi, C.**, Borchgrevnk, M. and Palloni, A. "Rethinking the Roles of Grandparents and their Grandchildren Development: Evidence from Three Studies in Low- and Middle-Income Countries".

Puglisi, C., and Andriano, L. "Gender norms explain the sex differences in the impact of droughts on child wasting: the case of Bangladesh".

Puglisi, C. "Maternal and paternal grandmothers and child health: exploring potential differences in the effect of intergenerational co-residence in Sub-Saharan Africa".

Puglisi, C. "Women's community-level education and Under-five survival in Sub-Saharan Africa: a cross-country analysis using DHS data".

Puglisi, C., Harkonen, J. and Monden, C. "Parental Educational Dissimilarity and Under-Five Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa".

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 **Puglisi, C.**, and Andriano, L. "Macro-level gender norms explain the sex differences in the impact of droughts on child wasting: the case of Bangladesh". Paper presented at **Popdays 2025. Giornate di studio della popolazione** (4-6th June 2025), University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy, and **Population Association of America (PAA) 2025 Annual Meeting** (10-13th April 2025), Washington D.C., U.S.A. (Poster).

2024 **Puglisi, C.**, Muttarak, R., Vignoli, D. "Environmental Uncertainty and Fertility Intentions". Paper presented at **European Population Conference (EPC) 2024** (12-15th June 2024), University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, and **Final Workshop of the Uncertainty and the Family Life Course (UnFamiLiC) project** (November 25th, 2024), University of Florence, Florence, Italy (Invited talk).

Puglisi, C., Miglio, R., Cavrini, G., Rettaroli, R. "How social frailty is affected by health frailty: an analysis of Europe using SHARE data". **Population Association of America (PAA) 2024 Annual Meeting** (17-20th April 2024). Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. (Poster)

2023 Miglio, R., **Puglisi, C.**, Rettaroli, R., Roli, G. e Scalone, F. "The role of social networks and activity participation on frailty in Europe". **Scientific Conference on Statistics, Technology and Data Science for Economic and Social Development** (6-8th September 2023). University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.

Miglio, R., **Puglisi, C.**, Rettaroli, R., Roli, G. e Scalone, F. "Frailty in Europe: the role of social networks and activity participation". **LIX Scientific Meeting of the Italian Society of Economics, Demography and Statistics** (25-26th May 2023). Università di Napoli Federico II, Naples, Italy.

Puglisi C. "Maternal and Paternal Grandmothers and Child Nutrition: Exploring Potential Differences in the Effect of Intergenerational Co-Residence in Sub-Saharan Africa". **ECHO Lectures Series, Institute of Geography, Economics and Demography, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)** (May 18th, 2023). Madrid, Spain. (Invited talk)

Miglio R., **Puglisi**, C., Rettaroli, R., Roli, G. e Scalone, F. "Trends and determinants of frailty in Europe". **Popdays 2023 - Giornate di studio sulla popolazione** (1-3rd February 2023). Università Roma Tre, Rome, Italy.

Puglisi, C. and Harkonen, J. "Parental educational dissimilarity and under-five mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa". **Alp-Pop 2023 – The 12th Alpine Population Conference** (22-25th January 2023). Aosta, Italy. (Poster)

2022 **Puglisi**, C. "Maternal and paternal grandmothers and child health. Exploring potential differences in the effect of intergenerational co-residence in Sub-Saharan Africa". Paper presented at **Annual conference of the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)** (5-7th September 2022), University of Winchester, Winchester, UK, and **Population Association of America (PAA) 2022 Annual Meeting** (6-9th April 2022), Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. (Poster, Online).

Puglisi, C. "It takes a village. Women's community-level education and under-five survival in Sub-Saharan Africa: a cross-country analysis". **Annual conference of the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)** (5-7th September 2022). University of Winchester, Winchester, UK.

Puglisi C., Busetta A., Cetorelli, V. "Undernutrition among Roma and non-Roma children in the Western Balkans: prevalence and determinants of persistent inequalities, 2011-2020". Paper presented at the **XXIX International Population Conference (IPC 2021)** (5-10th December 2021) (Online), **European Population Conference (EPC) 2022** (29th June-2nd July 2022), University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands (Poster), and **SIS 2022, 51st Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society** (22-24th June 2022), University "Luigi Vanvitelli", Caserta, Italy.

2020 **Puglisi** C. "The effect of women's community-level education on infant mortality: a cross-sectional study on 17 Sub-Saharan African Countries". **EAPS Health, Morbidity and Mortality Worksho "A Broken Promise. Advances And Challenges In Infant, Child And Young People's Morbidity And Mortality** (21-23rd September 2020). University of Evora, Evora, Portugal.

2019 **Puglisi** C., Busetta A. "The effect of education on under-five mortality: individual and community-level effects in Bangladesh". Paper presented at **Popfest 2019 - 27th Annual Population Postgraduate Conference** (28-30th May 2019), London School of Economics, London, UK, and **Popdays 2019 – Giornate di studio della popolazione** (24-26th January 2019), Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

Puglisi C. "Maternal social status and infant survival: exploring the pathways of influence". **StatTalk 2019. Young-SIS Conference** (29th March 2019). University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.

2018 **Puglisi** C. "Infant mortality in Afghanistan: a study of the determinants in a context of policy change". **Popfest 2018 – 26th Annual Population Postgraduate Conference** (19-21st June 2018). University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

Puglisi C. and Busetta A. "Women's empowerment and child mortality: the case of Bangladesh". **SIS 2018, 49th Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society** (20-22nd June 2018). University of Palermo, Palermo, Italy. (Poster)

2016 **Puglisi C.** "The impact of women's role on the decrease of child mortality: A case study on Bangladesh". **Popfest 2016 – 24th Annual Population Postgraduate Conference** (4-6th July 2016). University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

External reviewer for: Population and Development Review (PDR); Genus – Journal of Population Studies; Advances in Life Course Research; Studies in Family Planning; Journal of Biosocial Science

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

European Population Conference (EPC) 2026 (University of Bologna, 3-6 June 2026) – Member of the international organizing committee, Member of the local organizing committee, and Conference Secretariat

Workshop "Population and Conflict" (University of Southampton, England, 7-9 March 2024) – Member of the organizing committee

PopFest 2022, the 28th Annual Postgraduate Population Studies Conference (European University Institute, 26-28 October 2022) – Member of the organizing and scientific committee and main reference for the European University Institute

MEMBERSHIP

IUSSP – International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

PAA – Population Association of America

EAPS – European Association of Population Studies

MEDIA COVERAGE

Podcast "Ambiente, incertezza e fertilità", Il Resto del Carlino, BolognaToday, Teleromagna

TRAINING AND SHORT COURSES

Topics in Digital and Computational Demography – Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, 3-7 November 2025. Five-day intensive course covering methods for digital trace data in demographic research, including web scraping, bias adjustment in non-probabilistic samples, geospatial analysis, simulation modeling, and Bayesian approaches to demographic estimation.

Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education – EUI, October 2019. Training of 20 hours of class time, one teaching practice session, and two course design exercises.

SOFTWARE COMPETENCES

Stata, RStudio, LaTeX, QGIS

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

July – September 2019

Coder for ACCUPOL project

Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich – München, Germany.

February – June 2018

Intern

Econometrica – Bologna, Italy.

March 2015

Interviewer for Integrometro project

University of Palermo – Palermo, Italy.

November 2014 – February 2015

Intern

IRCAC, Regional Institute for Credit to Cooperation – Palermo, Italy

LANGUAGES

Italian (native)

English (C1)

French (A2)

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