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### ABOUT

Cecilia Nessi is a postdoctoral researcher currently based in Torino, Italy. She studied urban sociology at Milano Bicocca University jointly with CEDEM at Liège University, and recently worked as a teaching assistant and researcher at the Sociology and social research department of Milano Bicocca University and at the University of Eastern Piedmont. She is member of The School of Losing Time, an organization that develops projects in urban, territorial, and social fields working at the intersection of critical multidisciplinary research, education, art and communication. Her research interests lie in four broad areas:

- Gender, sexuality, and race intersections as basis for inequalities as well as subversive potential
- Facilitating power dynamics and groups
- Qualitative and participatory methodologies and ethical dimensions of doing feminist research
- Accessible sport potential for physical and mental health

### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

**PhD in Urban and Regional Studies**, joint degree. Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano Bicocca, Milano, Italy in co-tutorship with CEDEM, Centre d'Etudes de l'Ethnicité et des Migrations, Université de Liège, Liège, Belgium.

- Dissertation title: *Existing in/difference: lesbian co-formations in urban encounters*. Supervisors: Marco Martiniello, Fabio Quassoli, Sarah Bracke. Committee: Gaia Giuliani, Elsa Mescoli, Sveva Magaraggia
- Graduation date: November 29, 2019

**Master of International Cooperation and Development**, joint degree University of Turin, Turin, Italy and Institut d'Etudes Politiques IEP de Bordeaux, France

- Thesis title: *Land, Home, Collective property: The case of Community Land Trusts*. Supervisor: Filippo Barbera
- Graduation date: March 19, 2014. Grade: 110/110 with honours.

**Bachelor of International relations and Political Science**, joint degree University of Turin, Turin, Italy and Institut d'Etudes Politiques IEP de Bordeaux, France

- Thesis titles: *Social Capital and Development: the Mexican Case (Turin)*; *Feminism put to the test: 'not all civilizations are the same'?* (Bordeaux)

- Graduation date: September 2012. Grade: 107/110.

## CURRENT POSITION

Free Lance researcher, facilitator, and trainer. I am currently working on monitoring and evaluation of the cultural project [Word of Europe](#) for Altera (Turin, Italy), as researcher the University of Milano Bicocca (Milan, Italy), and as project designer and facilitator for The School of Losing Time (Turin, Italy).

## OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

- Training course *La Prossima Cultura – facilitating group dynamics* | Milano (Italy) | October 2023 – May 2024 (*ongoing*)
- Summer School Altera **Cultural Project Design&Management** | Torino (Italy) | 5-8 September, 2023
- Training course *Facilitating Power – facilitating power dynamics* through process work | Planoles, Catalunya (Spain) | August 14-21, 2023
- Training for activists *TUAS: Tutta un'altra storia!*, second edition / **changing narratives in the public debate on migration** | July 14-15-21, 2023 Torino
- Workshop online *"Recollections, Reconnections, Recognitions: An early-career queer geography workshop"* School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh | 2022
- Workshop online "How to Lie with Maps. **Interactive cartography workshop**, between the sacred and the profane" | organized by the Master in GIScience and SPR, the research group "Climate Change, Territories, Diversity" and the GIShub Association (ODV), University of Padova (Italy), online | April 1, 2022
- Training course *HREload – Non formal facilitation* with youth on Human Rights Education by GIOSEF ITALY, CIFA, GCE, REDU, with experts from Amnesty International Italia, HREYN – Human Rights Youth Expert Network e No Hate Speech Movement Italia | Torino (Italy) | June 24-28, 2019
- Summer School of **Qualitative Research** | University Quebec Trois- Rivières (UQTR) | Bruxelles (Belgium) | 2017
- International **Summer School CIRQUE** | "Queer Imaginaries: Transitions, Politics, Intersections" | Palermo (Italy) | 2017
- Workshop on **Coding And Queries and Classification in Nvivo** | European Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ECQI) | Leuven (Belgium) | 2017
- International **Summer School on Grounded Theory and Qualitative Methods**, with Kathy Charmaz | Pisa (Italy) | 2016
- International **Summer School "Rethinking the culture of Tolerance"** | University of East Sarajevo and University of Milano Bicocca | Milano (Italy) | 2015
- International **Summer School in Urban Ethnography**, 3rd edition | The fieldwork experience / Trento (Italy) | September 8-12, 2015
- 1<sup>st</sup> **International Workshop on Visual Research** for Doctoral Students | Department of Philosophy Sociology, Pedagogy and Applied Psychology (FISPPA) and International Sociological Association Working Group on Visual Sociology (ISA-WG03) | Padova (Italy) | 2015

## LINGUISTIC AND OTHER SKILLS

Mother tongue: Italian

## Other languages (self-assessment based on CEFR - Europass)

- English Listening: C2; Reading: C2; Spoken interaction: C1; Spoken Production: C1; Writing: C1.
- French: Listening: C2; Reading: C2; Spoken interaction: C2; Spoken Production: C2; Writing: C2.
- Spanish: Listening: C1; Reading: B2; Spoken interaction: B1; Spoken Production: B1; Writing: A1.
- Flemish: Listening: A1; Reading: A2; Spoken interaction: A1; Spoken Production: A1; Writing: A1.

## Softwares Data Collection and Analysis

- Nvivo, Atlas.Ti
- SPSS
- QGIS

**RECENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Postdoctorate fellow**, Sociology and Social Research Department, University of Milano Bicocca, Milan, Italy, 2021-2022

- I conducted research within the "Milano Re-Mapped" project, funded by Fondazione Cariplo with PirelliHangar Bicocca, focusing on the process and the contradictions of mapping the independent art scene of Milan through interviews, focus groups and a participatory workshop
- I learned to work in the frame of a project (budget and time constraints, working with another institutional partner). I've improved my knowledge of Nvivo learning how to share data analysis with a team.
- Report: <https://www.unimib.it/sites/default/files/2023-05/Milano%20Re-Mapped%20Report%20Laboratorio%26Osservatorio.pdf>; scientific article in progress.

**Postdoctorate fellow**, Sociology and Social Research Department, University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy, 2020-2021

- I did research in a participatory project "Brave New Women: needs and aspirations of women over 55 living outside the couple" under the supervision of Prof. Rosalba Altopiedi and Chiara Bertone.
- I trained adult women on how conducting interviews, I supervised the group teaching some digital tools to overcome pandemic uncertainties
- Report: <https://www.medeaccontroviolenza.it/materiali/>

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant**, JAHEE and Eclectica +, Torino, Italy 2020-2022

- I collaborated within the European Joint Action JAHEE with the support of a small research center, Eclectica+, on the topic of health inequalities, coordinated by the Italian National Institute of Health (ISS)
- I learned to work in the frame of large European projects (24 countries involved), to translate scientific results for political actors and policies purposes and to work in multilingual environments

**Assistant** for RC21 Secretary, Urban and Regional Conference 2016/2018

- Work with quantitative and sensitive data
- Organizing registrations and budget for two larger international conferences

**Researcher** for Unicoo Project - International Cooperation Grant, University of Turin, 2015

- I conducted 3 months fieldwork in Saint-Louis and Dakar, Senegal through interviews and participant observation
- I learned how to access the field without previous personal contacts or networks

**Trainer** at GIOSEF Unito, Municipality project "Odd or Even" against homophobia in middle and high schools, Turin (Italy), 2014-2015

- Project design
- Training the trainees (high school, 20 people aged 16-18). Mentoring a peer to peer exchange (middle school, 10 classes)

## MERITS IN TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL COMPETENCE

**Guest Professor** for the optional course on queer and postcolonial approaches (course holder and designer) for the MA program in Intercultural Communication, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano Bicocca, Academic years 2018-2019, 2019/2020, 2020-2021

- Participatory methods and focus on gender and LGBTQIA+ issues from queer, intersectional, and decolonial perspectives.

**Assistant Professor** for the course *Qualitative methodologies for social research*; BA in Sociology, University of Milano Bicocca, Academic years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022.

**Lecturer** for the module on *Comparative Research Methods* for the doctoral program Urban and Local European Studies (Urbeur) at the University of Milano Bicocca, since Academic year 2019/2020 to present.

- 1) conducting interviews (with Panos Bourlessas) and 2) methodological, ethical, and positional issues in an example of applying queer approaches to urban research.

**Lecturer** for Nvivo seminar, MA in Sociology, University of Milano Bicocca, Academic year 2021-2022

- Methodological and theoretical exercises on the analysis of qualitative data, mainly textual, through the use of Nvivo software,

**Lecturer** for the module on *Diversity and the city* for the doctoral program Urban and Local European Studies (Urbeur) at the University of Milano Bicocca, since Academic year 2019/2020 to present.

**Assistant Professor** for the course *Social Capital and Socioeconomical Local Systems*, University of Milano Bicocca, Academic years 2020/2021, 2021/2022.

**Assistant Professor** for the course *Intercultural Communication in the global era*, MA program in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano Bicocca, Academic years 2021-2022

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Re-assembling the Social. Italian Association of Sociology AIS • Naples • 2023

- Paper: *Quali futuri fuori dalla coppia in età anziana? Esperienze, vincoli e sfide di donne over 55*, with Chiara Bertone

11<sup>th</sup> RC21 • Athens • 2022

- Paper: *Growing independent: conflicts and strategies within the independent art scene in Milan, Italy*. Co-organized with Marianna D'Ovidio, Carlos Manzano Moran, Marta Bracci, Laura Raccanelli

Seminars Series *Decentralizing Knowledge* • Milan • 2022

- Organizing Committee: An introduction to postcolonial studies and decolonial thought

11<sup>th</sup> EFRC European FEMINIST RESEARCH Conference • Milan • 2022

- Workshop: *Inside/Outside\Against*. Co-organized with Giulia Melis and Noemi Novello

14<sup>th</sup> EPH PRE-CONFERENCE • Online • 2021

- Lessons from JAHEE: "Addressing Health Inequalities in Europe: lessons learned and key messages from the Joint Action Health Equity Europe"

## EGSC European Geography of Sexualities Conference • Prague • 2019

- Workshop: *Frustrations and Responsibilities in Academia* co-organized with Giulia Melis and Alessandro Boussalem
- Paper: *Shrinking Geographies: lesbian co-formation in urban encounters*

## ESA Sexuality Research Network • Midterm Conference • Cracow • 2019

- Workshop: *Inside/Outside/Against: Reflections about Blurred Positionalities between the Field and the Academia*, co-organized with Giulia Melis and Esra Ummak
- Paper: *Where I belong? Group and community formation among queer mobile women*

## RGS-IBG Annual International Conference • Cardiff • 2018

- Paper: *Where I belong? Group and community formation among queer mobile women*

## EGSC European Geography of Sexualities Conferences • Barcelona • 2017

- Paper: *How do ethnic and sexual social categorization impact our experience of the city?*

## RC21 Conference • Leeds • 2017

- Paper: *Quest for the invisible: where do non-heterosexual women meet, share and laugh?*

## IMISCOE Conference • Rotterdam • 2017

- Paper: *Making Space for Queer Migrant Women: Intersectional and Diverse Places in the European City*

## NGM Nordic Geographers Meeting • Stockholm • 2017

- Paper: *"Entering a space that acknowledge your right of existence": an urban ethnography of queer women's diasporic places*

## Intersectional Imaginations and Spaces of Power • Leuven • 2017

- Paper: *Queer Migrant Women Negotiating Spaces of Existence*

## Nurturing Solidarity in Diversity • Bruxelles • 2016

- Paper: *Being migrant, being queer: women construction and negotiation of diversity in the European multicultural city*

RC21 Conference: *The Transgressive City* • Mexico City • 2016

- Paper: *Lesbians, migrants, women: which diversity matters? The negotiation of multiple intersecting identities in Milan and Brussels*

EURA Conference: *City Lights* • Torino • 2016

- *Negotiating Insiderness. Positionality as a Field Strategy*, with Enrico Petrilli

## 6th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference • Bergamo • 2016

- Paper: *'El domingo jugamos': an ethnographic peek into migrant women negotiation of ethnic and sexual diversities in Milan through football*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS / ORGANIZATIONS**

- [IMISCOE](#) | European Network of Scholars in the area of Migration and Integration | 2016-2017
- [Slow Science Belgium Network](#) | Interuniversity Platform for Discussions on Academia's Future | 2017
- [RC21 ISA](#) | Research Committee 21 (RC21) on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association - | 2015-2018
- [PoLiTesSe](#) | Research Center for Politics and Theories of Sexualities, University of Verona, Italy | 2017
- [URBEUR](#) | Urban and Regional Studies Doctoral School, University of Milan, Italy | 2014 - 2019

- [CEDEM](#) | Research Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège, Belgium | 2016-2019
- [AtGender](#) – 2022-2023
- [Eclectica](#) - 2020-2022
- [The School of Losing Time](#) - 2023 to present

## PUBLICATIONS

- Bucciardini, R., Zetterquist, P., Rotko, T. et al. (2023). *Addressing health inequalities in Europe: key messages from the Joint Action Health Equity Europe (JAHEE)*. Arch Public Health, pp: 81-89. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13690-023-01086-3>
- Nessi, Cecilia (2021). *Seeing the untold, speaking the invisible: lesbian co-formations in Milan*. TIJDSCHRIFT VOOR ECONOMISCHE EN SOCIALE GEOGRAFIE, vol. 112, pp. 135-149, ISSN: 0040-747X, doi: 10.1111/tesg.12410
- Michele Marra, Paola Capra, Cecilia Nessi, Marco Dalmaso, Giuseppe Costa (2020) *La falsa democraticità del virus*, in “EyesReg”, Vol.10, N.4, Luglio 2020. Numero Speciale: “Nuovi orizzonti di ricerca per le Scienze Regionali” [www.eyesreg.it/2020/la-falsa-democraticita-del-virus-un-health-inequalities-impact-assessment-hiiadella-pandemia-edellepolitiche-di-distanziamento-sociale/](http://www.eyesreg.it/2020/la-falsa-democraticita-del-virus-un-health-inequalities-impact-assessment-hiiadella-pandemia-edellepolitiche-di-distanziamento-sociale/)
- Nessi, C., Lens, M. (2018). *L-tour, L-town? Uma viagem aos lugares lésbicos de Bruxelas*. Revista Latino Americana de Geografia e Gênero, v. 9, n. 2, pp. 153-172. ISSN 21772886. <https://revistas.uepg.br/index.php/rlagg/article/view/11191>

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