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Bio

Sonia Bergamo is a Research Fellow at the University of Milan-Bicocca, holding a Ph.D. in Applied Sociology and Social Research Methodology. Her research primarily focuses on critical studies on risks and uncertainties. At present, she is investigating COVID-19 and climate change social representations. Additionally, she is interested in studying drug-related urban segregation, especially in the context of open drug scenes in urban areas. Sonia is a member of the scientific committee for a public engagement project involving scholars, master's students, and local organizations ([Officina della Scienza](#)). In terms of social research methodology, her current approach involves exploring participatory methods and visual techniques.

Actual employment

- 10/2021 to date: Research fellow, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca.

Other research employments

- 06/21 - 10/21: Research associate, Eclectica Institute for Research and Training, Turin.
- 02/2021 – 06/2021: Research assistant, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca.
- 06/10 – 12/12: Research assistant, Forecasting area of the Lombardy Regional Addictions Observatory (OreD).
- 08/09 – 12/09: Research assistant, Piedmont Regional Addiction Observatory (OED Piemonte).

Publications

Doctoral thesis

- Bergamo S., 2021, «La scena aperta del consumo di Milano Rogoredo. Contesto e pratiche in dialogo» [*Milan Rogoredo open drug scene. Context and practices in dialogue.*] (supervisor Professor Sonia Stefanizzi).

Peer-reviewed and scientific journal articles

- Bergamo S., (2024) «Persone che usano droghe e stigma socio spaziale» [*People who use drugs and socio spatial stigmatization*], in *Giustizia Insieme*, 1/2024. (ISSN forthcoming).
- Bergamo S., (2024). «Affrontare la segregazione socio-spaziale correlata all'uso di droghe. Analisi di una scena aperta del consumo contemporaneo.» [*Facing drug-related socio-spatial segregation. An account of a contemporary open drug scene*], In *Autonomie Locali e Servizi Sociali*, 1/2024. (ISSN forthcoming).
- Bergamo S., (2024). «L'approccio tecnocratico al rischio nell'incertezza. Un'analisi documentaria dello stato di emergenza COVID-19 in Italia» [*Dealing with risk and uncertainty through a technocratic approach. A documentary analysis of the COVID-19 crisis in Italy.*], In *Polis*, 1/2024. (ISSN forthcoming).
- Bergamo S., (2023). «Lo abbiamo fatto per loro. L'emergenza pandemica per le generazioni cosmopolitiche a Milano» [*We did it for them. The pandemic crisis for the cosmopolitan generations in Milan.*], In *Sicurezza e Scienze Sociali*, 2, pp.51-64. ISSN 2283-8740.
- Bergamo S., Parisi G., Jarre P. (2019). «Harm reduction in Italy: the experience of an unsanctioned supervised injection facility run by drug users», In *Drugs and Alcohol Today*, 19(2), pp. 59-71. ISSN 1745-9265.
- Bergamo S., (2015). «Quando due più due fa cinque: il valore degli operatori pari nei servizi di riduzione del danno» [*When two plus two equal five: the value of peer workers in harm reduction facilities.*], In *Medicina e dipendenze – Italian journal of the Addictions (MDD)*, 18(5), pp. 45-47. ISSN 2039-7925.

Book chapters, e-books, collected works, dictionaries and encyclopedia entries

- Bergamo S., Briones A., Mauri F., (2023). «Displaced. The Denial of Public Space and Everyday Resistance in Milan», In Germes, M., Höhne, S., Klaus, L. (eds.), *Narcotic Cities. Counter Cartographies of Drugs and Space*, Berlin, Jovis, pp. 254-264. ISBN 978-3-98612-000-9.
- Bergamo S., Petrilli E., (2021). «Le stanze del consumo. Un luogo sicuro e supervisionato per l'uso di sostanze illecite.» [*Safe injection rooms. A safe and supervised place for drug use.*] In G. Nuvolati (a cura di) *Encyclopedie Sociologica dei Luoghi (Vol. 4)*, Milano: Ledizioni, pp. 343-366 ISBN 978-88-5526-505-8.
- Bergamo S., Petrilli E., (2022). «La pandemia da Covid-19 a “Drogoredo”» [*The COVID-19 pandemic in ‘Drogoredo’*]. In G. Nuvolati, et al. (a cura di) *Urbana 2021. La città riparte dopo lo shock*, Milano: Feltrinelli, pp. 41-44, ISBN 978-88-6835-448-0.

Reports

- 10/2021: Domanda e offerta terapeutica per disturbo da gioco d'azzardo nell'ASST Melegnano e della Martesana [*Therapeutic supply and demand related to gambling disorder in the Melegnano and Martesana ASST*]. Author: Sonia Bergamo. Eclectica, Istituto di Ricerca e Formazione, Torino.
- 03/2021: Report sull'evoluzione del mercato dell'usura in Lombardia [*Report on the evolution of the usury market in Lombardy*]. Authors: Sonia Bergamo, Alice Spada, Sonia Stefanizzi. Università degli Studi di Milan-Bicocca, Polis-Lombardia.
- 07/2018: Unplugged Lombardia. Report Anno Scolastico 2016-2017. ATS Città Metropolitana di Milano, Authors: Leading group Unplugged Lombardia.
- 05/2016: Unplugged Lombardia. Report Anno Scolastico 2014-2015. ATS Città Metropolitana di Milano, Authors: Leading group Unplugged.
- 12/2012: Bollettino previsionale 2013 [*Forecast Bulletin 2013*]. Authors: Leading group of the Lombardy Region previsional laboratory on drug trends in Italy (Prevo.Lab).
- 12/2011: Bollettino previsionale 2012 [*Forecast Bulletin 2012*]. Authors: Leading group of the Lombardy Region previsional laboratory on drug trends in Italy (Prevo.Lab).
- 12/2010: Bollettino previsionale 2011 [*Forecast Bulletin 2011*]. Authors: Leading group of the Lombardy Region previsional laboratory on drug trends in Italy (Prevo.Lab).

Research output – shareable research data

- Database, Bergamo, S. (2024) «Global risk and uncertainty. Comparing generations in the city of Milan: documentary analysis of the COVID-19 state of emergency (2020-2022)», *UniData – Bicocca Data Archive*, freely accessible, DOI: 10.20366/unimib/unidata/SN246-1.0

Work in progress

- Bergamo S., «Reframing uncertainty following COVID-19 emergency in Italy. An analysis based on young adults' everyday rituals in Milan».
- Bergamo S., «A participatory research on climate change with young people».
- Bergamo S., «Open drug scene and (in)security in Venice. An account of a participatory research conducted by citizens and people who use drugs».

Teaching as a lecturer

- «Affrontare la segregazione socio-spatiale correlata all'uso di droghe. Il caso di Milano Rogoredo» [*Facing drug related socio-spatial segregation. The case of Milano Rogoredo*] for the course «Le politiche per la sicurezza urbana» [*Urban security policies*], Master's degree Analisi dei Processi Sociali [*Social processes analysis*] University of Milan-Bicocca (November 13th, 2023 - 3 hours);
- «Le scene aperte del consumo» for the course «Le politiche per la sicurezza urbana» [*Urban security policies*], Master's degree Analisi dei Processi Sociali [*Social processes analysis*] University of Milan-Bicocca (November 22, 2022 – 3 hours);
- «Nuove modalità di consumo e contesti» [*New trends in drug use and contexts*] for the volunteers training course, International Red Cross (September 23rd, 2019 - 3 hours);
- «Città, droghe e sicurezza» [*Cities, drugs and security*] for the course «Le politiche per la sicurezza urbana» [*Urban security policies*], Master's degree Analisi dei Processi Sociali [*Social processes analysis*] University of Milan-Bicocca (November 5th, 2018 – 3 hours);
- «Un esempio di ricerca condotta con la tecnica dell'osservazione partecipante» [*An example of a study conducted using the participant observation technique.*] for the course «Metodologia della ricerca sociale» [*Social research methodology*], Bachelor's degree Servizio Sociale [*Social work*], University of Milan-Bicocca (December, 2018 – 3 hours).

Teaching Assistant

- 2023/2024: University of Milan-Bicocca, teaching assistant for the course «Metodi di ricerca quantitativa» [*Quantitative research methods*], Bachelor's degree Sociologia [*Sociology*] (45 hours).
- 2022/2023: University of Milan-Bicocca, teaching assistant for the course «Metodi di ricerca quantitativa» [*Quantitative research methods*], Bachelor's degree Sociologia [*Sociology*] (45 hours).
- 2019/2020: University of Milan-Bicocca, teaching assistant for the course «Metodi di ricerca quantitativa» [*Quantitative research methods*], Bachelor's degree Sociologia [*Sociology*] (30 hours).

Mentions

- 2023/2024: Mentioned as Subject Cultist for the course Sociologia del Rischio [*Risk sociology*], Master's degree Sicurezza, Devianza e Gestione dei Rischi [*Security, Deviance and Risk Management*], University of Milan-Bicocca.
- 2022/2023: Mentioned as Subject Cultist for the course Metodi di Ricerca Quantitativa [*Quantitative research methods*], Bachelor's degree Sociologia [*Sociology*], University of Milan-Bicocca.

Conferences, seminars and workshops

National

- Speaker, «Global risks and in(securities) for the cosmopolitics generations in the city of Milan», seminar *Social sciences research itineraries*, discussant Prof. Maria Grazia Galantino, University of Milan-Bicocca, December, 20th, 2023.
- Organizer, Italian Sociological Association (AIS), «The challenges of the digital society: Reflections on the social impact of digital transformation from an epistemological and methodological perspective.», University of Milan-Bicocca, December, 13-14-15, 2023.
- Speaker, «People who use drugs and stigma», *100 years of drug laws in Italy*, Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome, December, 1st, 2023.
- Scientific organiser, workshop *B part of it! Participative maps* (12 hours), University of Milan-Bicocca, November 6 to 28th, 2023.
- Speaker, «Drugs in the urban landscape. The case of Milan Rogoredo.» *Drug Trends Analysis*, Milan Prefecture, University of Milan-Bicocca, May 30th, 2023.
- Speaker, «Don't map drugs! Stigma and counter-mapping», *webinar Fuoriluogo-Forum Droghe for the Italian network of harm reduction workers (ITARDD)*, February 9th, 2023.
- Speaker, public meeting «Drugs and cities: is coexistence possible?» Marghera (Venice), ViviAmo Marghera citizens committee, January 14th, 2023.
- Speaker and organizers, *Forward Seminar* sulla ricerca « The Italian University's Third Mission: Development Prospects Considering Economic and Cultural Differences of the Country», Sociology and Social Research Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, November 23rd, 2022.
- Speaker, panel «Reading the city», *Summer School Drugs and Urban policies*, Forum Droghe, CNCA, CTCA. Florence, September 1st, 2022.
- Speaker, «Drug checking and street-level drug use. Possible positive impacts on the Milan Rogoredo open drug scene», online seminar *Harm reduction and drug checking*, EMDAS (European Masters in Drug and Alcohol studies), June 7th, 2021.
- Speaker, «The experience of an unsanctioned safe injection facility in Collegno (Turin)», Webinar *Harm reduction territorial network*, ITARDD (Italian Network for harm reduction), February 17th, 2021.
- Speaker, «Risk practices: open drug scene in urban areas», *2nd National PhD Conference in Social Sciences*, Padoa University, June 22-24th, 2017.

International

- Speaker, «Dealing with risk and uncertainty through a technocratic approach. A documentary analysis of the COVID-19 crisis in Italy», *ESA RN22 and ISA TG04 Midterm Conference 2023*, Esbjerg, Danemark, October, 26-27th, 2023.
- Speaker, «The Officina della Scienza project», *Autumn School participative research for sustainability and green infrastructure*, University of Sassari, October, 16th, 2023.
- Speaker, «Displaced. The denial of public space for drug use in Milan», *9th Ethnography and Qualitative Research International Conference*, Trento University, June, 8th, 2023.
- Speaker, «Narcotic Cities. Counter Cartographies of Drugs and Space», *Deutscher Kongress für Geographie 2023*, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main, September 21th, 2023.
- Speaker, «Open drug scenes in European urban settings: Between socio-spatial segregation and social innovation in local drug policy interventions», *RC21 Conference Rethinking Urban Global Justice: An international academic conference for critical urban studies*, Leeds, UK, September, 11-12-13th, 2017.
- Speaker, «Open drug scenes in European urban settings: Between socio-spatial segregation and social innovation in local drug policy interventions», *ESSD (European Society for Social Drug Research) Annual Conference 2017* Lisbon, Portugal, September, 21-22-23th, 2017.

Research groups, networks and scientific responsibilities

- 2024 to date: full member of the ISA (International Sociological Association) Junior Sociologists Network (JSN).
- 2021 to date: member of the scientific committee of the Officina della Scienza Project (Science Garage). Officina is a tool that acts as a mediator between the University and other organizations using participatory research. The project involves students in research projects supervised by university staff. Contact person for the Bbetween training course “B part of it! Participatory maps”. Scientific responsibility: Professor Sonia Stefanizzi.
- 06/2010 to 12/2012: Member of a research group in the forecasting area of the Lombardy Regional Addictions Observatory (OreD). The group was established to analyze drug use trends and their spread at urban and national levels, from a forecasting perspective. Scientific responsibility: Dr Riccardo Gatti.

Education

- Ph.D. in Applied Sociology and Social Research Methodology, University of Milan-Bicocca (02/2021).
- MSc in Sociology, University of Turin (11/2008).

Additional training

- 07/21: «Community empowerment through participatory research. Sustainable urban environment coping with climate change», Knowledge for Change (K4C), Brescia University, Italy.
- 03/18: «ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques» Intensive course of qualitative methods, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bamberg, Germany.
- 09/13: «Summer school in Organized Crime», Milan University.

Exchange student

- 09/04 – 09/05: Erasmus Project, Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main.
- 07/08 – 09/08: fieldwork for MSc thesis, De Regenboog AMOC, Amsterdam.

Non-academic employment

- 11/2017 to 04/2019: design and development officer, Fuoriluoghi S.C.S. Onlus, Melegnano (Milan).
- 07/2013 to 12/2016: member of the Regional Health Promotion and Prevention Network's coordination group and responsible for the Unplugged Lombardy network for drug use prevention, ATS Milan, Local Health Authority of the Regional Social-Health System.
- 04/2009 to 12/2016: outreach worker for the harm reduction units and in charge of the Departmental Thematic Area “Heroin”, A.S.L. TO3, Local Health Authority of the Regional Social-Health System.

Language and ICT skills

Language

- English: Level C1 between Certification, University of Milan-Bicocca (2017). Self-assessment according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: (C1) advanced level.
- German: Level C1 certification, Akademie für Fremdsprachen GmbH di Berlino (2011). Self-assessment according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: (B1) lower intermediate.

ICT

- Excellent knowledge of MaxQDA, NVivo, Survey Monkey, Lime Survey, and SPSS.

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