

University Academic Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Maria Chiara PEDRONI**

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Education since leaving school **2022 - PhD in Social work and personal social services, Catholic University of Milan.**

2017 - MA in Social work and social services for families, child protection and local communities, Catholic University of Milan.

2013 – BA in Sciences for Social Work, Catholic University of Milan.

International visitings June 2025 - Visiting researcher in the context of the project "*Social work and sustainable local development in Italy: towards ecosocial work?*" at the University of West Attica (Athens), Department of Social Work (Hosting Professor: Prof. Vasilios Ioakimidis).

November 2021 - Visiting PhD student at the University of West Attica (Athens), Department of Social Work (Hosting Professor: Prof Sofia Dedotsi).

Present appointment **RTD - Free University of Bozen/Bolzano**
SPS/07 – General Sociology (GSPS-05/A).

Professional experience

From / to	Name of academic Institution	Academic level	responsibilities
Oct 2024/Dec 2025	Free University of Bozen/Bolzano	Research Collaborator SPS/07	Research activities: CRiTAD project - <i>Come rispondere alle tendenze antidemocratiche nella formazione di servizio sociale</i>
Mar 2024/Oct 2025	Free University of Bozen/Bolzano	Research Assistant SPS/07	Research activities: PRIN project " <i>Social work and sustainable local development in Italy: towards eco-social work?</i> "
June 2023/Mar 2024	Free University of Bozen/Bolzano	Research Assistant SPS/07	Research activities: ERASMUS+ Project " <i>SISWEC - Strengthening the skills of social workers in a Europe in crisis</i> "
2019/2025	Catholic University of Milan	Adjunct Lecturer	Teaching and assessment

Professional experience in social work practice

From / to	Name of employer	Responsibilities
2022	Casa Margaret – Haus Margareth (BZ)	Social Worker (field: Temporary accommodation for homeless women)

2017/ 2022	Centro Studi Erickson (TN)	Research and development in the field of Social Work and the welfare sector (main activities: design and development of training programs, development of editorial products, editorial assessment of books for translation, editorial collaboration with the journal " <i>Lavoro Sociale. La rivista per le professioni sociali</i> ")
2016/ 2017	Coop. Soc. La casa davanti al Sole (VA)	Social Worker in a non-profit organization (field: foster care service; self-help/mutual aid group for parents)
2015	Coop. Soc. Il Millepiedi (VA)	Social Worker in a non-profit organization (field: self-help/mutual aid group with people with intellectual disability)

Experience in academic teaching

Invited lecture (doctoral programme) - "*Il lavoro ecosociale: sfide concettuali e prospettive di ricerca*", Dottorato in Teoria e Ricerca Educativa e Sociale (TRES), Dipartimento di Scienze della Formazione, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, 24 settembre 2025.

Contract lecturer in *Professional Writing for Social Work* (15 teaching hours), BA in *Science for Social Work*, Catholic University of Brescia, delivered across the academic years 2019/2020 - 2024/2025.

- Course design
- Teaching
- Student assessment and examination

Visiting teaching experiences - Department of Social Work, University of West Attica (Athens) - Seminar teaching for BA students in Social Work.

- "*Street Lawyers in Italy: advocacy and rights for homeless people*" (Nov 2021)
- "*Social work in the Italian context*" (June 2025)

Academic year 2018 - 2019 - Teaching assistant (*culture della materia*) in *Social Work Methodology 1*, semester-long course, BA in *Science for Social Work*, Catholic University of Milan

- Teaching
- Design and delivery of seminar sessions
- Exam support and assessment

Scientific responsibilities and activities

Book review editor for *La rivista di servizio sociale*

Peer reviewer for the following journals: *European Journal of Social Work*, *European Social Work Research*, *Relational Social Work*, *Frontiers in Public Health*.

Abstract reviewer for the *European Social Work Research Conference* since 2023.

Finalist for the *EASSW Awards 2025* - Research Category, for the article "Critical Report Writing as a Link Between Social Work Theory, Ethics and Practice: A Reflexive Analysis of Two Italian Cases", selected by the European Association of Schools of Social Work (Salzburg, June 2025).

Member of the scientific committee - Conference "*Dal sociale all'ecosociale? Il lavoro ecosociale tra questioni aperte e orizzonti di cambiamento*", Rome, 26 September 25

Member of the Scientific Committee, 4th (2024) and 5th (2026) *Italian Conference on Social Work Research* (CIRSS - Conferenza Italiana sulla Ricerca di Servizio Sociale).

2024 – Collaboration and organizational support to the Italian Social Work Society (SOCISS – Società Italiana di Servizio Sociale)

Jan 2020 – Mar 2022, Associate editor of the journal *Lavoro Sociale. La rivista per le professioni sociali*, Erickson, Trento.

Memberships

Member of the European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA)

Member of the Italian Social Work Society (SOCISS - Società Italiana di Servizio Sociale)

Registered in the professional register of qualified social workers of the Region Trentino - Südtirol (section B).

Research and scholarships

From March 2024, research project PRIN 2022 "*Social work and sustainable local development in Italy: towards ecosocial work?*", within the research unit of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.

From June 2023 to June 2025, (Co-I) Erasmus+ project "*Strengthening the skills of social workers in a Europe in crisis*", within the research unit of the Free University of Bozen/Bolzano.

2018 - 2021, funded PhD scholarship. Research project "*Tutela legale e lavoro sociale con le persone senza dimora. Il caso dell'Associazione Avvocato di strada*". Catholic University of Milan.

Publications

Books – Authored

Malacrida L., Pedroni M.C., Turati M. (2022) *Scrivere nel lavoro sociale passo dopo passo*. Trento, Erickson.

Pedroni M. C., Pinto, L. e Turati, M. (2020) *Io sono un supereroe* assistente sociale. Trento, Erickson.

Book - Chapter

Pedroni, M.C., Nothdurfter, U., Accorinti, A. (2026). Quali trame ecosociali? Le rappresentazioni dell'ambiente e la costruzione di un immaginario ecosociale. In *Il lavoro ecosociale in Italia. Sfide aperte e orizzonti di cambiamento* (Eds). Bologna, Il Mulino

Fazzi, L., Fraccaro, D., Pedroni, M.C. (2026) Verso un percorso di identificazione professionale con il lavoro ecosociale. In *Il lavoro ecosociale in Italia. Sfide aperte e orizzonti di cambiamento* (Eds). Bologna, Il Mulino

Nothdurfter, U., & Pedroni, M. C. (2025). Ecosocial challenges as an opportunity to rethink social work in a critical glocal perspective. In *The Routledge International Handbook of Glocal Social Work* (Eds.). Taylor & Francis

Journal articles in peer-reviewed academic journals

Pedroni, M. C., Pavani, L., Riccardo, B. (2025). Ecosocial work in azione: il contributo dell'agricoltura sociale allo sviluppo sostenibile.

Welfare & Ergonomia. 11(1), 63-75. <https://doi.org/10.3280/WE2025-001005>

Pedroni, M. C., & Nothdurfter, U. (2025). Per un'ecologia critica nel lavoro di cura: sfide e prospettive per il lavoro ecosociale. *Autonomie locali e servizi sociali*, 48(1), 35-52. <https://doi.org/10.1447/117544>

Pedroni, M. C. (2024). Critical report writing as a link between social work theory, ethics, and practice: a reflexive analysis of two Italian cases. *Social Work Education*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2024.2431212>

Pedroni, M. C. (2024). Advocacy and legal aid for homeless people. Challenges and insights from a study of voluntary organisation in Italy. *European Journal of Social Work*, 28 (2), 366-378. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691457.2024.2377782>

Pedroni M. C., Pinto, L. e Turati, M. (2021). The inclusive side of citizenship: implications for social work research, *Relational Social Work*, 5(2), 60-79. <https://doi.org/10.14605/RSW522104>

Book review

Pedroni, M. C. (2023). Using Social Research for Social Justice: An Introduction for Social Work and Human Services by Margot Rawsthorne, Emma Tseris, Amanda Howard, Mareese Terare, and Alankaar Sharma (2024). *European Social Work Research*, 2(1), 100-101.

Journal articles in professional journals

Nothdurfter, U., & Pedroni, M. C. (2024). *Esplorare le pratiche di lavoro eco-sociale. Un progetto di rilevante interesse nazionale*, Welforum.it, ISSN 2704-7482. <https://www.welforum.it/esplorare-le-pratiche-di-lavoro-eco-sociale/>

Pedroni M.C., Secchi M. (2017). La partecipazione delle famiglie negli interventi di tutela. La sperimentazione di inedite relazioni tra famiglie e servizi sociali, *Animazione Sociale*, 312, 89-99.

Research reports

Pedroni, M.C, Nothdurfter, U (2025) *Updating the professional skills of social workers for social effectiveness*. [Research report, EU-funded SISWEC project] <https://www.socialworkerskills.eu/resultsoutputs.html>

Further data

Presentations at scientific conferences

Conference presentation - *Considerare l'ambiente e costruire una visione ecosociale. PRIN 2022 project ECOSOW final conference*: Dal sociale all'ecosociale? Il lavoro ecosociale tra questioni aperte e orizzonti di cambiamento. Rome, 26 September 2025.

Conference presentation - *Collective crisis: a challenge for social work education? SISWEC project final Conference*: Shaping the Future of Social Work in Crisis. Brussels, 1 July 2025.

Conference presentation - *Teaching and learning professional writing in social work: perspectives of students and teachers in two Italian universities. European Conference of Social Work Education*. Salzburg, 23 - 26 June 2025.

Conference presentation - *Transforming the profession? The impact of eco-social approaches on social work identities and ethics*. **European Conference for Social Work Research**. Monaco, 12-14 March 2025. M.C. Pedroni and U. Nothdurfter.

Conference presentation - *Strengthening the skills of social workers in a Europe in crisis*. **Conferenza Italiana sulla Ricerca di Servizio Sociale**. Lecce, 6-8 June 2024. U.Nothdurfter, M.C. Pedroni, M. Pausch, R. Naghem, C. Panagiotopoulos.

Invited lecture - *Il lavoro sociale non oppressivo sta anche nella scelta lessicale*. Convegno "**Lessico per un approccio inclusivo nel lavoro sociale**", promosso da Coop. La casa davanti al sole e Comune di Varese. Varese, 19 April 2024.

Conference presentation - *Advocacy e tutela legale per le persone senza dimora. Sfide e riflessioni intorno a una pratica trasformativa*. **Convegno della Rete di Emancipatory Social Science "Anatomie del potere nel quotidiano"**. Parma, 17 - 19 January 2024.

Poster presentation - *Advocacy and Legal aid for homeless people. Challenges and reflections from a study on a voluntary organization in Italy*. **European Conference of Social Work Research**. Milan, 12-14 April 2023.

Conference presentation - *La scrittura professionale di Servizio Sociale: implicazioni e sfide per la Social Work Education*. **National conference "Social Work Education. Innovazioni ed esperienze"**. Università Cattolica di Milano (online), 22 October 2022.

Session chair - *La collaborazione tra servizi in ottica di prevenzione e contrasto alla violenza*. **Affrontare la violenza sulle donne. Psicoterapia, sostegno psicologico e altri interventi clinici**. Centro studi Erickson (online), 15-16 October 2021.

Conference presentation - *Il lavoro sociale di comunità con le persone in situazioni di povertà o grave emarginazione*. **International conference "Progettare comunità. Strumenti di community work per un ritorno alle relazioni"**, Centro Studi Erickson. Trento, 1-2 October 2021.

Session chair - *Non solo il minore al centro: come lavorare con le famiglie di origine nell'interesse di bambini e ragazzi?* **International conference "Prendiamoci cura di me. Convegno internazionale per la tutela dei minori"**. Centro Studi Erickson (online), 12 - 13 March 2021.

Accepted abstract - *Social inclusion and democracy. Reflections from researches on the borders*. **International conference "The International Social Work & Society Academy" (TiSSA)**. Coimbra, August 2020 (conference cancelled due to COVID-19).

Accepted abstract - *Rights and Justice for people in extreme poverty. Challenges and reflections from an ethnographic study on an Italian voluntary organization*. **International conference "The International Social Work & Society Academy" (TiSSA)**. Coimbra, August 2020 (conference cancelled due to Covid -19).

Conference presentation - *Come rappresento l'Altro nella scrittura professionale?* **International conference "Prendiamoci cura di me. Servizi, famiglie e scuole per la tutela dei minori"**, Centro Studi Erickson. Rimini, 09- 10 November 2018

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