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Education

2019-Current

PhD in Social, Cognitive, and Clinical Psychology *

University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Thesis: *Regulating Liminality: An integrated social psychological examination of the vegetative state*

Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Montali

* Pending: Manuscript submission due on January 31, 2023.

2018-2019

MSc in Social and Cultural Psychology

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK

Distinction

Thesis: *Understanding a liminal condition: Representing the “Vegetative State” in the Italian, Indian and UK news*

Supervisor: Prof. Martin W. Bauer

2015-2017

MSc in Psychology of Social and Decisional Processes, and Economic Behaviour

University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

110/110 cum laude (Distinction equivalent)

Thesis: *Qualitative methods for social innovation: The Hacking Health Milano project*

Supervisor: Prof. Elisabetta Camussi

2011-2015

BSc in Psychological science and techniques

University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

110/110 cum laude (First equivalent)

Thesis: *Sexual attitudes and behaviour in Italy, from Fascism to date: a bibliographic review*

Supervisor: Prof. Elisabetta Camussi

Key Areas of Expertise

Research Expertise: Social Psychology, Social representations theory, Public Understanding of Science, Social psychology of Health, Public Engagement with Science and Technology, Resistance to new technology, Liminality.

Methodology: Mixed method research, Advanced qualitative research methodology (e.g., designing and conducting interviews, focus groups and ethnographies) and analysis (e.g., thematic, dialogical, discourse and content analysis), Questionnaire methodology (e.g., Survey Design), Database construction and management, Quantitative Analysis (e.g., GLM, LMM, factor and cluster analysis), Data visualisation (e.g., ggplot package in R), Quantitative text analysis (e.g., Quanteda package in R, TAEC, ACL).

Research Software: NVivo, SPSS, PROCESS-macro, Jamovi, TLAB, Qualtrics, R/RStudio.

Research experience

Doctoral Researcher

November 2019-Current

Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy

- Investigating the social representations of the vegetative state in different communicative formats and contexts.
- Literature review, research design and participants recruitment, collected and analysed all data, corpus and codebook construction.
- *Study 1:* Qualitative and quantitative analysis of the press news (n=900) across different countries (India, Italy, and the UK) by means of qualitative content analysis of the news titles (NVivo) and quantitative text analysis of the articles (TLAB).
- *Study 2:* Qualitative analysis of the parliamentary debates in Italy (n=98; 170 pages) using thematic and discourse analysis (NVivo).
- *Study 3:* Qualitative analysis of interviews (n=65) with family relatives (n=35) and health and mental health practitioners (n=30) using thematic and discourse analysis (NVivo).
- *Study 4:* Ethnographic observations (12 weeks of observation between May and July 2021) carried out in a nursing home in Northern Italy.
- Producing three empirical papers and one book chapter. Writing a book containing guidelines informing healthcare policies.

Research Assistant

April 2022–September 2022

Department of Social Psychology and Organizations, ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon, Portugal

PI: Prof. Paula Castro

- Training in advanced discourse analysis and social representations theory – e.g., discursively oriented thematic analysis.
- Applying discourse analysis techniques to the analyses of social representations (e.g., corpus of parliamentary debates).
- Participation in the activities of the CIS_Iscte, a research unit within the Laboratory of Social and Organisational Psychology (LAPS; <https://www.cis.iscte-iul.pt>).
- The position was supported and sponsored by the Erasmus traineeship scheme.

Consultant

June 2020–April 2021

Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, LSE, London, UK

PI: Martin W. Bauer

- I worked on the project “Contextualising antimicrobial resistance perspectives in Sri Lanka and European Union”, carried out by SOAS University in collaboration with the LSE.
- *Database management*: Stabilising changes in the European regional units (NUTS 2/3) over time (1989-2013) within the Eurobarometer MACAS database [n=139.912 (1989-2018) across 32 EU countries and 322 regions].
- *Database integration*: Integrating Eurobarometer MACAS database with recent Eurobarometer data on antibiotics (2009-2018).
- *Comparative analysis*: Visualising regional data and regional changes in maps and graphs on basic antibiotics awareness data (R/RStudio, Jamovi).
- Basic visualisation of descriptive statistics and testing regression models (R/RStudio, Jamovi).
- Defining, justifying, and calculating science culture indicators (i.e., PREK), as a backdrop for the antibiotics regional analysis (SPSS).
- Testing regression models predicting antibiotics awareness with PREK indicators as independent variables (R/RStudio, Jamovi).
- Writing research reports, presenting research at S&Y international conference, and publishing two book chapters

Research Assistant

March 2019–September 2019

Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, LSE, London, UK

PI: Martin W. Bauer

- Construction and management of a worldwide and European database (i.e., STI database) integrating socio-cultural-economic indicators and data on scientific and technological innovation by drawing on different data banks (e.g., Eurobarometer, World Data bank, Eurostat, OECD, etc.).
- Data were organised over time (1980-2015) and divided at a national (ISO classification) and European regional level (EU NUTS 2/3 classification).
- Creating a regional variable to merge STI Database (Excel) with the Eurobarometer MACAS database (SPSS database).

Junior Researcher

October 2017-February 2018

Stethos, Milano, Italy

- Designing and conducting research projects aimed at analysing patients' care experiences for the pharmaceutical research sector.
- Designing questionnaires and interviews.
- Data collection using questionnaires and interviews.
- Qualitative and quantitative analyses.

Research Staff Member

January 2016–March 2017

SEGE, Milano, Italy

- Designing and conducting participatory research projects aimed at innovating public and private healthcare through the design of interfaces, services, and organizational processes.
- Data collection tools design (Questionnaires, Interview topic guides and Observation Grids).
- Participant recruitment, arranging interviews and focus groups.
- Data collection activities (Ethnographies, Interviews, Focus Groups).
- Qualitative data analysis.
- Organising hackathons engaging different actors (patients, health and mental health professionals, STEM experts, developers, and policymakers).

- Main projects: Hacking Health Milano (www.hhmilano.it), Hackaton for Ophthalmology (www.h4omilano.it).

Teaching experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2019-2020

Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy

Academic tutor for MSc in Social, economic, and decision-making psychology. Main tasks:

- Marking essays for the Qualitative Methods course.
- Designing and delivering skill-training sessions for MSc students on defining their study plan, planning an internship experience, and designing research for the MSc dissertation.

Grants and Awards

Tuition Funding

- PhD Scholarship, Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca, 2019-2023.

Mobility Funding

- Erasmus+ grant – Traineeship Scholarship, European Commission, April-September 2022, awarded on April 2022 to attend research at ISCTE-IUL Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (Lisbon).

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Montali, L., Frigerio, A., Spina, F., **Zulato, E.** (2022). The Discursive Construction of Polyamory: Legitimising an Alternative to Monogamy. *Sexuality & Culture*.

Montali, L., **Zulato, E.**, Cornara, M., Ausili, D., & Luciani, M. (2022). Barriers and facilitators of type 1 diabetes self-care in adolescents and young adults. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, 62, 136-143. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2021.09.014>

Montali, L., **Zulato, E.**, Frigerio, A., Frangi, E., & Camussi, E. (2021). Mirroring, monitoring, modelling, belonging, and distancing: Psychosocial processes in an online support group of breast cancer patients. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 50(2), 992-1007. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22696>

Zulato, E., Montali, L., & Bauer, M. W. (2021). Understanding a liminal condition: Comparing emerging representations of the “vegetative state”. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 51(6), 936-950. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2794>

Macchi, L., & **Zulato, E***. (2021). Numbers do not add up! The pragmatic approach to the framing of medical treatments. *Judgment & Decision Making*, 16(3). *Authors share equal first authorship. Link: <https://journal.sjdm.org/20/200728c/jdm200728c.pdf>

Camussi, E., Sassi, C., **Zulato, E.**, Annovazzi, C., & Ginevra, M. C. (2020). Hacking women's health: A new methodology. *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 48(2), 174-188. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10852352.2019.1624356>

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Zulato, E., Montali, L., Quagliarella, C., (2022). "Is There Anyone in There?": Caregivers and Professionals' Mutual Positioning to Take Care of Vegetative State Patients. In M. Fantigante, C. Zucchermaglio, F. Alby (Eds.), *Interculturality in institutions: symbols, practices, and identities*. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-12626-0

Zulato, E., Bauer, M.W. (In press; expected on January 2023). Mapping antibiotics awareness across European regions. In M.W. Bauer & Schiele B. (Eds.). *Science Communication - taking a step back to move forward*. CNRS

Morimoto, R., Bauer, M.W., **Zulato, E.**, Sürdem, A., Jayasinghe, P., Munasinghe, M. (In press; expected on January 2023). Comparing awareness of antibiotic resistance in Sri Lanka and the European Union. In M.W. Bauer & Schiele B. (Eds.). *Science Communication - taking a step back to move forward*. CNRS

Work in progress

Conference Presentations

Zulato, E., Montali, L. (2022). Is there anyone in there? Diverging and converging representations of the vegetative state in the caregivers' and practitioners' discourse. *XXX Conference of the Italian Association of Psychology (AIP)* (Padova, Italy – October 2022).

Zulato, E., Montali, L. (2022). Is there anyone in there? Interpretative repertoires of the vegetative state and mutual positioning of formal and informal caregivers in the Italian nursing homes. *9th International Conference of Community Psychology (ICCP)* Naples, Italy – September 2022)

Zulato, E., Clementi, K., Quagliarella, C., Montali, L. (2021). Representations of science and scientist in the time of a pandemic: the role of political leaning. *Science and You* (Metz – November 2021).

Zulato, E., Bauer, M.B., Sürdem A.K., (2021). Mapping antibiotics awareness across European regions. *Science and You* (Metz – November 2021).

Zulato, E., Montali, L., & Bauer, M. (2021). Moving across borders: the social representations of the "Vegetative State" in British, Indian and Italian news. *1st Conference of*

the Association of European Qualitative Researchers in Psychology (EQuIP): Creating Bridges, Thessaloniki, Greece

Zulato, E., Montali, L., & Bauer, M. (2021). Disentangling a liminal condition: Comparing emerging debates and representations of the vegetative state. In *8th STS Italia Conference: Dis/entangling technoscience: vulnerability, technoscience and justice* (17-19 June 2021), Trento, Italy.

Seminar Presentations

Is There Anyone in There?": Caregivers and Professionals' co-construction of the vegetative State Patients. XVII PhD Meeting in Psychology – Into the unknown: Psychology in the making. ISCTE-IUL – Lisbon (19th -20th May)

Is There Anyone in There?": Caregivers and Professionals' Mutual Positioning to Take Care of Vegetative State Patients. Cusp/Cupsynet meeting – Open University – Milton Keynes (9th and 10th of May -2022).

Making sense of a liminal condition: The social representations of the vegetative state.

Presentation of the PhD research at the PBS Departmental Seminar at the LSE. – 15th March 2022

Languages

- English (C2): Fluent comprehension, reading, speaking, and writing.
- Italian (Native)

Professional Affiliations and Commitments

- Member of the *Italian Association of Psychology* (AIP)
- Member of the *Association of European Qualitative Researchers in Psychology* (EQuIP)
- MACAS research team (mapping the cultural authority of science)

References

Available upon request.