

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name, Surname **SOFIA ZANINI**

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Nationality Italian

EDUCATION

- 2023 - ongoing **PhD in Cultural Anthropology**
Instituto de Ciências Sociais - Universidade de Lisboa (ICS-ULisboa), Portugal.
Project: Dissident sex. An anthropology of alternative erotism and unruly bodies in the Portuguese kink cultural scene.
Supervisors: Prof. Chiara G. Pussetti, Prof. Emerson Roberto de Araújo Pessoa
- 2019-2022 **Master's Degree in Sociology and Social Research**
Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, Italy
Thesis: When Pain Gets Playful: Experiences of Shared Knowledge and Identification in the BDSM-Scene of North-Eastern Italy
Advisors: Prof. Andrea Cossu, Prof. Chiara Bassetti, Dr. Thomas Van de Putte
Grade: 110/110 cum laude (full marks and honor)
- 2015-2018 **Bachelor's Degree in Sciences of Society and Social Work**
Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
Thesis: Gentrification Processes in London: Resistance Strategies and Suitable Alternatives
Advisor: Prof. Barbara Da Roit
Grade: 110/110 cum laude (full marks and honor)
- February-July 2018 **Erasmus+ at Ghent University**
Department of Arts and Philosophy, Ghent University, Belgium
Main subjects: Sexual and Relational Ethics, European Neighborhood Policies
- 2009-2014 High school qualification in **Classical Studies and Humanities**
Educando "Agli Angeli", Verona, Italy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- August 2023-ongoing **PhD Student.** *Instituto de Ciências Sociais - Universidade de Lisboa (ICS-ULisboa), Portugal.*
Project: Dissident sex. An anthropology of alternative eroticism and unruly bodies in the Portuguese kink cultural scene.
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- April - July 2022 **Research Collaborator.** *Instituto de Ciências Sociais - Universidade de Lisboa (ICS-ULisboa), Portugal.*
Supervisor: Chiara Pussetti (P.I.)
Project: "EXCEL: the Pursuit of Excellence - Biotechnologies, Enhancement, and Body Capital in Portugal"
Main activities: assistance in fieldwork, review of the literature, collection of visual data for the final exhibition of the project, participation in team meetings, workshops, and conferences.
- June - August 2021 **Research Trainee.** *Center for Research on Culture and Gender (CRCG) - Ghent University, Belgium.*
Supervisor: Katrien De Graeve (P.I.)
Project: "Later-in-Life-Intimacy. Women unruly practices, spaces and representations"
Main activities: assistance in interviews and fieldwork, literature review, editing work, transcribing and coding, participation in reading groups, team meetings and workshops.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- September - November 2020 **Student's Tutor.** *Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, Italy.*
Main activities: orientation, support, and information activities for students accessing the service. Support to teachers with on site lessons and online platforms.
- October 2017 - February 2018 **Social Work Trainee.** *Ufficio Servizio Sociale per i Minorenni (USSM) - Italian Department of Juvenile and Community Justice, Mestre, Italy.*
Supervisor: Paola Pontarollo
Main activities: Participation in hearings, file analysis, visits to communities and territorial structures, drafting of reports for the Judiciary, design of measures, personalized interviews.
- February - August 2017 **Social Work Trainee.** *Consultorio Familiare - Azienda U.L.S.S. 3 Serenissima, Mestre, Italy.*
Advisor: Teresa Scarpati
Main activities: Participation in interviews, reading and updating personal files, opening to the public of the service, contact with the users.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023. Scholarship of excellence for master's degree from Banca di Verona, Credito Cooperativo di Verona.

- 25-28 August 2021. Full bursary University of Trento (Italy), for the participation to the “Summer School SIS (Italian Society of Female Historians) - 2021 Edition” titled *Environment. Histories, Conflicts, Movements in a Gender Perspective*, online.
- 2019. Scholarship of excellence for bachelor’s degree from Banca di Verona, Credito Cooperativo di Verona.

FELLOWSHIPS

- August 2023 - ongoing. PhD fellowship, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT), Portugal.

PUBLICATIONS, PEER REVIEWED

- Zanini, S. (2022). Playing with Pain. Narratives of Hurting and Authenticity in the BDSM Scene of North-Eastern Italy. *Etnografia e ricerca qualitativa*, 15(3), 381-400. doi: 10.3240/105861

PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

- 01-02 October 2024. Doctoral Students’ Colloquium “Ethnographic Perspectives”, Instituto de Ciências Sociais (ICS), Lisbon, Portugal. *Hidden Desires, Urban Spaces: Researching Kink Eroticism Through Urban Ethnography*.
- 29 April - 01 May 2022. Second Leather-Kink Research and Clinical Knowledge (C2C) Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. Poster presentation: *Bonding on the Net. The Case of Italian Virtual Munches*.
- 22-25 September 2021. Third National Congress of the Italian Society for Cultural Anthropology (SIAC) “Future. Anthropologies of the future, future of the anthropology”, University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy - online: *Bonding on the Net. The Italian BDSM Community and the Online “Munches”*.
- 21 April 2021. Students’ Conference on Dissidence, Gender and Sexuality (DGS) of University of Amsterdam, online: *Playing with Pain. An Exploratory Study on the Italian BDSM Community*.

SCHOOLS, COURSES ATTENDANCE AND OTHER TRAINING

- August - December 2024. CARAS Classical History and Theory of Kink-BDSM Reading Group - Fall 2024 “Classics”, online.
- 17 October 2024. Seminar "Racialized Erotics of Pleasure in Leather”, guest lecturers Prof. Ariane Cruz and Mama Vi Johnson, CLAGS center for LGBTQ studies at CUNY, online.
- 22-23 February 2024. Workshop in creative methodologies "Photography Against the Grain: Observation, Engagement and Documentation”, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas - Universidade de Lisboa (ISCSP-ULisboa), Portugal.
- February - June 2024. CARAS History and Theory of Kink-BDSM Reading Group - Spring 2024 “Modern Semester”, online.
- December 2023 - February 2024. Seminar Series “Oficina de Etnografia - Publicações e Metodologias Criativas”, Instituto de Ciências Sociais (ICS)-University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- 30 August 2023. Workshop “The Politics of Kink - Kink is Political!”, Karada House, online.
- August - December 2022. CARAS Classical History and Theory of Kink-BDSM Reading Group - Fall 2022 “Classics”, online.
- 27 May 2022. EXCEL Project Conference “Skin Day”, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas - Universidade de Lisboa (ISCSP-ULisboa), Portugal.
- October 2021 - March 2022. Conversation Analysis Data Sessions “Narrative in the Social Sciences”, Dr. Thomas Van de Putte, University of Trento, Italy.

- 15-18 December 2021. Workshop “The Hacked Barbie #6” at the IX Congress of the Italian Society for Applied Anthropology (SIAA) titled *Next Generation: Anthropological Perspectives*, University La Sapienza, Roma, Italy.
- 25-28 August 2021. Summer School of the Italian Society of Female Historians (SIS), online.
- 9-12 June 2021. 8th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference, University of Trento, Italy - online.
- March - May 2021. 22-hour course held by the Center Against Domestic Violence of Trento, Italy, titled *The gender approach to the phenomena of male violence against women. Theoretical references and practical modes of intervention*, online.

MEMBERSHIPS

2021 - ongoing. Community-Academic Consortium for Research on Alternative Sexualities (CARAS)

LANGUAGES

Italian. Mother tongue

English. C1 - Advanced

Portuguese. A2 - Basic

REFERENCES

Prof. Chiara Gemma Pussetti (PhD Chair Supervisor). Instituto de Ciências Sociais - Universidade de Lisboa (ICS-ULisboa), Portugal. chiaragemmapussetti@gmail.com

Prof. Emerson Roberto de Araújo Pessoa (PhD Supervisor). Universidade Federal de Rondônia (UNIR), Ministério dos Direitos Humanos e da Cidadania, Brazil. emersonpessoa@unir.br