

Curriculum vitae

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Current Position

David Benassi is Associate professor of Economic sociology at the Department of Sociology and social research at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Previously (2002-2014) he served as senior lecturer in the same Department. In 2018 he received a positive evaluation as Full Professor in Economic sociology by ANVUR (Italian agency for the evaluation of the university).

Other academic roles

Since 2015 he is President of the Master Programme in Planning of social policies and social services (Progest) at the University of Milano-Bicocca. He served as Vice-president from 2005 to 2015.

Since 2005 he is member of the scientific board of the PhD programme Urbeur (Urban studies) at the University of Milano-Bicocca. From 2006 to 2012 he was member of the scientific board of the PhD programme in Sociology at the University of Milano.

He was invited as visiting professor or research fellow at the following universities:

2008 Griffith University (Brisbane, Australia)

2009 University of Crete (Greece)

2013 University of Barcelona (Spain)

2019 East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST, Shanghai, China)

2021 Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Turkey)

Education

He graduated in Political sciences in 1992 from the University of Milan, and received a PhD in Economic sociology in 1999 from the University of Brescia. In 1999-2001 he held a position as post-doc researcher at the University of Padua (Italy)

Teaching

Since 2001-2002 Comparative welfare systems (master)

Since 2013-2014 Poverty and health (undergraduate)

Since 2008-2009 Poverty and inequality (doctorate)

2014-2015 Sociology of development (undergraduate)

2008-2012 Advanced sociology (undergraduate)

2005-2008 Sociology of change (undergraduate)

2002-2005 Economic sociology (master)

Supervision

Supervision of about 150 undergraduate final dissertation, 75 master dissertation, 5 PhD thesis, and 4 post-doc students and junior researchers.

Research

His main research interests concern poverty and inequality, health inequalities, welfare systems and social policies, household expenditure, and life course analysis. He was involved in many research projects at the European level (ESOPO, URBEX, EQUALSOC) as well as at the national and local level (COFIN, PRIN, Strategic projects). He is also deeply involved in projects with local authorities and charities in Lombardy (Italy) aimed to support the social and economic development of the territory, with a special attention to disadvantaged areas and social groups.

Among the most relevant projects he was involved:

1996-1998: ESOPO (Evaluation of SOcial Policies; EU TSER Program).

1999-2001: URBEX (The Spatial Dimensions of Urban Social Exclusion and Integration: A European Comparison; EU TSER Program).

2000-2001: Le tendenze al mutamento della società italiana negli anni '90 (Social change of the Italian society during the Nineties), funded by the Observatoire du Changement Sociale, Sciences-Po Paris (France).

2000-2002: Una survey sulla povertà a Milano: attuali condizioni di vita e proiezioni longitudinali (A survey on poverty in Milan: current situation and perspectives), Cofin program (Italian Minister of University).

2003-2005: Le tendenze al mutamento della società italiana (Social change trends of the Italian society), Cofin program (Italian Minister of University).

2006-2009: Network of Excellence EQUALSOC-Economic change, quality of life & social cohesion, subgroup SOCCULT-Social exclusion and urban inequalities (EU FP6).

2011-2013: Giovani e deficit della rappresentanza: trasformazioni del lavoro e nuovi rischi sociali a Milano (Youth and the lack of agency: labour changes and new social risks in Milan), PRIN program (Italian Minister of University)

2019-2022: La salute della popolazione nelle Province di Varese e Como: distribuzione territoriale e determinanti sociali (Population health in the Provinces of Varese and Como: social and territorial determinants). Funded by ATS Insubria (public health agency).

2019-2021: Nuove forme di povertà e marginalità sociale in provincia di Bergamo (New forms of poverty and social exclusion in the Province of Bergamo). Funded by Fondazione Istituti Educativi di Bergamo

2019-2023: Agreement between University of Milano-Bicocca and ATS Milan Metropolitana (public health agency) for the development of common research projects in public health. (Funded by ATS Milano Metropolitana)

2021-2023: 'Enhancing healthcare and well-being through the potential of big data: an integration of survey, administrative, and open data to assess health risk in the City of Milan with data science'; institutions involved: ATS Milano Metropolitana

(leader), Municipality of Milan, University of Milano-Bicocca, University of Milan, Politecnico of Milan. (Funded by Cariplo Foundation).

He taught to several conferences, seminars and research meetings both in Italy and abroad.

Referee for the following journals and research institutions

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research; Interventions Economiques; Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia; Archivio di Studi Urbani e Regionali; NICIS (NL); Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies (Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, UK); European Research Council (EU); La Rivista delle Politiche Sociali; Politiche Sociali /Social Policies; Regional Science; Policy and Practice; Antropologia; Sociologia Urbana e Rurale; Sociologia del Lavoro; Fondazione Cariplo; Regione Puglia; Regione Sicilia; Eupolis/Regione Lombardia; Policy Press; Routledge; Manchester University Press; MIUR/VQR; Fondazione Cariplo; Policy Press; Social Inclusion; Studies of Transition States and Society; City, Culture and Society.

Recent publications

D. Benassi and E. Mingione (2017) Capitalismo insostenibile: la transizione dei diversi modelli europei a confronto, in *La rivista delle politiche sociali*, 1, pp. 221-231

A. Andreotti, D. Benassi and Y. Kazepov (eds) (2018) *Western Capitalism in Transition: Global Challenges, Local Processes*, Manchester University Press, Manchester

D. Benassi (2019) Il governo del sistema di assistenza sociale in una prospettiva di lungo periodo, in A. Andreotti (a cura di) *Governare Milano nel nuovo millennio*, Il Mulino, Bologna, pp. 71-95

D. Benassi and E. Mingione (2019) Welfare Capitalism, in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, a cura di A. Orum

D. Benassi and E. Morlicchio (2019) New Urban Poverty, in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, a cura di A. Orum

D. Benassi and E. Mingione (2019) El modelo de bienestar en la Europa del Sur y la lucha contra la pobreza y la exclusión social, in *PANORAMA SOCIAL*, n. 29, pp. 23-37.

C. Saraceno, D. Benassi and E. Morlicchio (2020) *Poverty in Italy. Features and drivers in a comparative perspective*, Policy Press, Bristol

D. Benassi, A. Ciarini and E. Mingione (2021) Inequalities and the City: Gender, Ethnicity and Class, in A. Orum (ed.) *Companion to the Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, Wiley-Blackwell.

Consolazio, D., Murtas, R., Tunesi, S., Gervasi, F., Benassi, D., & Russo, A. (2021). *Assessing the Impact of Individual Characteristics and Neighborhood Socioeconomic*

Status During the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Provinces of Milan and Lodi.
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HEALTH SERVICES, 51(3), pp. 311-324.

Benassi, D., Bertotti, T., Campanini, A., & Rossi, P. (2021). Social work and social workers in Italy. GLOBAL SOCIAL WORK, 11, pp. 1-29.