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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

27/09/2021 – 09/04/2026 Milano, Italy

PhD in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research Network for the Advancement of Social and Political studies (University of Milan)

The doctoral programme introduced me to the research fields of sociology, cultural studies, and media studies. While strongly reinforcing my research toolkit with a variety of quantitative and qualitative methodologies, this allowed me to pursue an autonomous project to unpack the functioning and composition of the esports ecosystem. After years on the field, I can now contend that esports' "gaming houses" constitute the material anchor of the industry, spatialising the ecological interconnectedness of this area. The dissertation, supervised by Attila Bruni, marked the coronation of this research on ecosystemic structuring applied to digital business fields.

Website <https://www.nasp.eu/training/phd-programmes/somet.html> |

Field of study Sociology and cultural studies | **Level in EQF** EQF level 8 | **Thesis** A game of relationships: An ecological critique to digital business ecosystems through the case of esports

03/10/2020 – 10/02/2021 Firenze, Italy

Master in Sports Psychology (I Level) Giunti Psychometrics S.r.l.

This master's course provided me with a deep understanding of the theories and techniques of sports psychology, enabling me to pursue a career in this field. Notably, the highly interdisciplinary nature of the course connected me with a variety of application contexts, from youth sectors to sports-based rehabilitation.

Website <https://www.giuntipsy.it/sezione-psicologia-dello-sport/> |

Field of study Psychology | **Level in EQF** EQF level 7 | **Type of credits** ECM | **Number of credits** 50

01/10/2017 – 15/04/2020 Padova, Italy

Master's Degree in Clinic-Dynamic Psychology Università degli Studi di Padova

This course was specifically designed to introduce students to either the clinical or research field by providing them with important insights into internal processes and interpersonal relations. While maintaining a focus on individual well-being, I deepened my interest in psychosocial discomfort and deviance. Although specific modules focused on diagnostic and therapeutic tools, a substantial part of my studies was devoted to methodological teachings. Thus, I spent my internships conducting field research on the psychological effects of natural chronic disasters, which also served as the basis for my first publication. On the other hand, my dissertation (supervised by Adriano Zamperini) focused on the identitarian shifts driven by new technologies.

Field of study Scienze della salute | **Final grade** 110 Cum Laude | **Level in EQF** EQF level 7 | **Number of credits** 120 | **Thesis** Off-world: Emerging identities and subjectivation machines within the digital dimension

04/09/2014 – 24/09/2017 Padova, Italy

Bachelor's Degree in Psychological Sciences of Personality and Interpersonal Differences Università degli Studi di Padova

This course introduced me to psychological sciences, with a focus on developmental and dynamic individual processes. Moreover, the study of interpersonal and affective dimensions, in both social and institutional

contexts, ultimately led me to work with Caterina Suitner, who supervised my final dissertation on dehumanisation and defence mechanisms.

Field of study Scienze della salute | **Final grade** 108/110 | **Level in EQF** EQF level 6 | **Number of credits** 180 | **Thesis** The evil within: Defence mechanisms involved in the dehumanizing processes

30/11/2007 – 30/11/2013 Treviso, Italy

High School Diploma Liceo Statale Duca degli Abruzzi

During high school, I attended the Linguistics course named "Sperimentale Brocca." This path focused on foreign languages (English, Spanish, and Russian) and was characterised by a humanistic approach, which included the study of their respective cultural backgrounds.

Level in EQF EQF level 4

PUBLICATIONS

2021

Genere e cittadinanza ecologica

Zamperini et al. (2021). Cattive acque, pp. 177-197. PUP.

Authors Adriano Zamperini, Marialuisa Menegatto, Michele Musolino, Alessandro Franzò, Martina Arcadu |

Publisher Padova University Press

2023

STS Invaders: Gaming as an emerging theme for Science and Technology Studies

Write here the description

franzò, a. (2023). STS Invaders. TECNOSCENZA, 14(1), 155-170.

Authors franzò, alessandro | **Journal Name** Tecnoscienza | **Volume, Issue and Pages** Vol 14, Issue 1, pp. 155-170 |

2023

Gamers' Eden: The Functioning and Role of Gaming Houses Inside the Esports Ecosystem

franzó & Bruni (2023). Gamers' Eden: The Functioning and Role of Gaming Houses Inside the Esports Ecosystem. In CHIRA 2023 (pp. 299-314). Springer.

Authors alessandro franzó, Attila Bruni |

Journal Name Computer-Human Interaction Research and Applications (CHIRA 2023) |

Volume, Issue and Pages pp. 299-314 | **Publisher** Springer

2024

Updating playbour: A look into blurred work/play practices and why they matter

Boldi, A., & Franzó, A. (2024). Updating playbour: A look into blurred work/play practices and why they matter. In ERNC24 BOOK OF ABSTRACTS (p. 54).

Authors Arianna Boldi, Alessandro Franzó | **Journal Name** Esports Research Network Conference 2024 (ERNC24) |

Volume, Issue and Pages pp. 54-56 | **Publisher** Esports Research Network

2024

Lefebvre at the arcade: Understanding gaming houses as esports' playgrounds

Franzó, A. (2024). Lefebvre at the arcade: Understanding gaming houses as esports' playgrounds. In Abstract Proceedings of DiGRA 2024 Conference: Playgrounds.

Authors Alessandro Franzó | **Journal Name** DiGRA 2024: Playgrounds | **Publisher** DiGRA

2025

Produrre gli utenti: il caso delle «gaming houses»

Bruni, A., & Franzó, A. (2025). Produrre gli utenti: il caso delle «gaming houses». Studi culturali, 22(2), 153-178.

Authors Attila Bruni, Franzó Alessandro | **Journal Name** Studi Culturali |

Volume, Issue and Pages Vol. 22, Issue 2, pp. 153-178 | **Publisher** Il Mulino

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

12/12/2025 Bari, IT

● **P+ARTS Game Matters - Innovating Game Studies and Research - SAE Institute (Milano) Conference**

23/01/2025 – 24/01/2025 Milano, IT

● **RGCS Symposium 2025**

12/09/2024 – 13/09/2024 Bologna, IT

● **Studi Culturali in Italia**

16/07/2024 – 19/07/2024 Amsterdam, NL

● **EASST-4S 2024 - Making and Doing Transformations - Vrije Universiteit Conference**

16/04/2024 – 19/04/2024 London, UK

● **Media Industries 2024 - King's College Conference**

04/07/2024 – 06/07/2024 Milano, IT

● **40th EGOS Colloquium - Crossroads for Organization**

07/05/2024 – 08/05/2024 Tampere, FI

● **Tampere University Game Research Lab Spring Seminar 2024 - Meta**

16/11/2023 – 17/11/2023 Roma, IT

● **CHIRA 2023 - E3 Special Session**

19/10/2023 – 21/10/2023 Leipzig, DE

● **CEEGS Conference 2023 - Meaning and Making of Games**

28/06/2023 – 30/06/2023 Bologna, IT

● **STS Italia 2023 - Interesting worlds to come**

04/05/2023 – 05/05/2023 Tampere, FI

● **Tampere University Game Research Lab Spring Seminar 2023 - Party!**

11/03/2019 Padova, IT

● **Cittadini ai tempi dell'indifferenza: Oltre la distanza sociale**

I directly participated in the organisation of this conference, led by Prof. Zamperini, with Gherardo Colombo and Don Luigi Ciotti.

SKILLS

address problems critically | work as a team | use a computer | sport psychology | communicate professionally with colleagues in other fields | give constructive feedback | media studies

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Italian

Other language(s):

English

Listening C1

Reading C2

Writing C2

Spoken production C1

Spoken interaction C1

Spanish

Listening B1

Reading B2

Writing B1

Spoken production B1

Spoken interaction B1

Russian

Listening A1

Reading A1

Writing A1

Spoken production A1

Spoken interaction A1

French

Listening A1

Reading B1

Writing A1

Spoken production A1

Spoken interaction A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS TEST RESULTS

 Information and data literacy	ADVANCED Level 6 / 6
 Communication and collaboration	ADVANCED Level 6 / 6
 Digital content creation	ADVANCED Level 5 / 6
 Safety	ADVANCED Level 6 / 6
 Problem solving	ADVANCED Level 6 / 6

Results from a [self-assessment](#) based on [The Digital Competence Framework 2.1](#)

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

15/03/2025 – CURRENT Rome, IT

FIPPS Councilman - Federal Coaches Representative

During the last federal elections, I was appointed as the Coaches' Representative on the governing body of the Italian Powerchair Sports Paralympic Federation (FIPPS, in Italian). After years spent on the pitch as both an athlete and a coach, this role will allow me to actively orient federal policies toward the progressive refinement of the technical toolkit for Italian powerchair sports coaches. Moreover, I am currently involved in many other internal projects regarding collaboration with educational institutions, social projects, and the constant expansion of this sports movement.

26/02/2025 – CURRENT

IPCH Athletes and Coaches Committee - Founding Member

I was appointed as one of the 8 founding members of the Athletes and Coaches Committee (ACC), an official body of the International Powerchair Hockey Paralympic Federation (IPCH). A role that both helps convey the athletes' voice to the peak ruling bodies of IPCH and reinforces my involvement in the growth and expansion of this discipline. As a member of this Committee, I was actively involved in many federal projects, contributing to internal procedures (e.g., refining referees' educational programmes) as well as external outputs (e.g.,

participating in the draft of IPCH's media campaigns). Notably, my expertise in sports psychology has been leveraged to enhance the syllabus of some Coaching Clinics and Development Classes for Athletes and Coaches, locally organised but backed by IPCH.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Personal background and hobbies

I was raised on the principles of critical pedagogy, learning early to pair well-trained independent thought and analytical precision with constructive teamwork and collaboration. Hence, I developed wide-ranging interests across many fields, naturally assuming an inherently multidisciplinary posture that now also characterises my academic approach. My ability to move comfortably between scientific/knowledge fields is also given by my background as a passionate (and omnivorous) reader and writer (narrative, essays, and poetry). Moreover, I often deploy this personal inclination for a variety of purposes, such as participating in public events and giving public speeches. Finally, my family's sporting background pushed me towards athletic disciplines, ultimately making me a semi-professional athlete and youth coach at Black Lions Venezia, a Paralympic powerhouse in the province of Venice. I crowned my athletic career by being selected to represent Italy in many official events, both in Italy and abroad.

BACKGROUND SKILLS

Leadership

Thanks to my sports experience as vice-captain and coach, I am confident in leading roles and in guiding groups, especially in high-pressure situations and complex environments, such as coordinating teams made up of widely different-aged individuals and actively contributing to my team's success (7 national titles, 4 national cups, 3 supercups). A competency I continue to train and apply, also as a coach, as I lead young players in developing and consolidating their potential.

Organisational skills

My personal background as an independent researcher allowed me to develop self-organisation skills, through which I learnt how to prioritise tasks, observe deadlines, and pursue long-term projects. Additionally, I have experience in teamwork and am proficient in coordinating others (leading role), collaborating and communicating across multiple channels (digital and traditional), and completing assigned tasks on time (operative role).

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Proficient and adaptive

Given my academic and sports background, I am proficient in various forms and levels of communication, from oral presentations to group interactions. Moreover, I speak English fluently and understand Spanish, allowing me to interact in meaningful ways also with foreign audiences and individuals, both on technical and lay themes. While I developed my capacity to understand written French during my academic career, for both scholarly and sporting reasons I had the opportunity to travel abroad many times (UK, Finland, Germany, Czech Republic, the Netherlands, etc.) and test my linguistic and interpersonal skills "on the field."

I would welcome the chance to discuss my application in more detail. References available upon request.

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