

Vera Kopsaj



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Current Academic Position

From Oct. 1, 2024
Fixed-term Researcher (Type A), UniCamillus – Saint Camillus
International University of Health Sciences - Rome
Sector 14/C1 General Sociology
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector SPS/07 General Sociology

Teaching Contract

From Feb. 22, 2025
to June 14, 2025
Guest Lecturer, AUXILIUM – Faculty of Educational Sciences, Rome,
20-hour Course: “Socio-cultural Research Laboratory”,
Academic Year: 2024/25

Teaching Activities

From Dec. 1, 2023
to July 31, 2024
Adjunct Professor under Art. 23 of Law 240/2010 at “Universitas
Mercatorum”, teaching courses:

- “General Sociology” – L14 Degree Programme
- “General Sociology” – L24 Degree Programme
- “General Sociology” – LM51 Degree Programme

From Dec. 1, 2023
to July 21, 2024
Collaborative teaching contract under Art. 23 of Law 240/2010 at
“Universitas Mercatorum”, for the course:

- “Research Methods in Social Sciences”

From July 8, 2023
to July 21, 2023
2nd International Summer School University “UNISUM”, Teaching
Course: *Data analysis with MAXQDA*, University “Haxhi Zeka” Peja-
Kosovo.

From Feb. 25, 2023
to May 27, 2023
Guest Lecturer, AUXILIUM – Faculty of Educational Sciences, Rome,
20-hour Course: “Socio-cultural Research Laboratory”
Academic Year: 2022/23

Research Fellowships

- From Dic. 1, 2022
to Nov. 30, 2023
- Project Title: “Erasmus Mobility Supporting the Construction of European Citizenship: Applications of Network Analysis Techniques”, Year II. SSD SPS/07 – General Sociology, Sapienza – University of Rome, Faculty of Information Engineering, Informatics, and Statistics - Department of Statistical Sciences.
- From Dic. 1, 2021
to Nov. 30, 2022
- Project Title: “Erasmus Mobility Supporting the Construction of European Citizenship: Applications of Network Analysis Techniques”, Year I. SSD SPS/07 – General Sociology, Sapienza – University of Rome, Faculty of Information Engineering, Informatics, and Statistics - Department of Statistical Sciences.

Post-doc grants

- From Dic. 1, 2020
to Apr. 30, 2021
- Project Title: “Personal God and the Plague: Religion vs Science for the Governance of Law, and Politics”, University “d’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara, Department of Neurosciences, Imaging, and Clinical Sciences.

Research Activities

- From Nov. 15, 2023
to March 14, 2024
- Contract to conduct 10 in-depth interviews with key informants for the FAMI Project – Added Value Evaluation Survey, for the Department of Statistical Sciences at the University of Rome “Sapienza” and the Catholic University of Milan “Sacro Cuore” (Contract ICE – CoCoCo).
- From Nov. 29, 2023
to March 15, 2024
- Managing focus groups in the healthcare sector for the National AVIS project:
- Transcription of recordings
 - Focus group analysis with MAXQDA and report preparation
- From Dic. 1, 2022
to Nov. 30, 2023
- Coordination, research activities, and reporting in the European project “Erasmus for All”, Sapienza – University of Rome.
- From May 2, 2022
to Feb. 28, 2023
- Research activities in the project “Support for the analysis of the impact of the coronavirus on age management practices in corporate training processes. The role of intergenerational learning” for the Department of Statistical Sciences at the Sapienza University of Rome, in collaboration with the Giacomo Brodolini Foundation Srl SB.
- From Oct. 12, 2022
- Research activities related to a University Project on services for the

to June 11, 2023 homeless. Telephone interviews, focus group interviews, case studies, final report, Sapienza - Department of Sociology and Social Research.

From Apr. 1, 2008 to Nov. 30, 2008 Project: “The New Women in Trentino”. Field research, data collection on Albanian women residing in Trentino, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento.

Project Activities

From Feb. 22, 2024 to Feb. 21, 2025 External collaboration role for supporting the “Erasmus for All” Project for the Department of Statistical Sciences at the University of Rome “Sapienza” (ICE – CoCoCo Contract).

From Dic. 1, 2022 to Nov. 30, 2023 Coordination, research activities, and reporting for the “Erasmus for All” project, Sapienza – University of Rome.

From Dic. 1, 2020 to Apr. 30, 2021 Organizer of the X Conference of the World Complexity Science Academy (WCSA), Lisbon.

OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCES

From May 1, 2008 to Sep. 30, 2008 University of Trento – Student Orientation Programme Collaborator for orientation and communication activities at the Directorate of Services and Communication Presentation of the Faculty of Sociology at middle school institutions / student orientation

2007 Department of Sociology and Social Research – Trento Transcription of audio recordings of focus group interviews into English

From May 1, 2007 to Sep. 30, 2007 University of Trento – Student Orientation Programme Collaborator for orientation and communication activities at the Directorate of Services and Communication Presentation of the Faculty of Sociology at middle school institutions / student orientation

From May 1, 2006 to Feb. 28, 2007 Camp for political asylum seekers – Neuburg an der Donau (Germany)

Internship - Activities included counseling; organizing activities and tutoring children. Caritas Diocese of Augsburg

From March 1, 2005 to Sep. 30, 2005 University of Trento – Student Orientation Programme Collaborator for orientation and communication activities at the

	Directorate of Services and Communication Presentation of the Faculty of Sociology at middle school institutions / student orientation
From Nov. 1, 2004 to Jan. 31, 2005	University of Trento – Student Work Programme, Office Assistant at the PhD Office, office work, data entry
From June 1, 2004 to Aug. 30, 2004	Department of "Sociology and Social Research" – Faculty of Sociology, Trento. Intern. Research Laboratory "Ethnic Conflict in South Tyrol" using the PC-ACE programme. Analysis of relevant journals and supervision of other interns.
From Aug. 1, 2001 to July 31, 2002	Caritas Italiana/EuropeAid (EU Cooperation Office) Gjakova – Kosovo. Programme Operator for Assistance to Families of Former Prisoners and the Missing (pilot project). Activities included listening to families; organizing activities with children; Albanian and Italian language courses; assisting in defining the project's implementation strategy and approach, which was later funded by the European Union.
From Jan. 1, 2001 to Aug. 31, 2001	Caritas Ambrosiana/Ce.l.i.m. Milan NGO Team. Gjakova – Kosovo. Programme Operator for the Elderly Program "You Are Not Alone". Member of the project design team and conducting field listening activities.
From Dec. 12, 1999 to Dec. 20, 2000	ONG Danish Refugee Council, www.drc.dk English-Albanian interpreter and office work at the headquarters in Prishtina, Kosovo
From May 2, 1999 to July 31, 1999	ONG Danish Refugee Council, www.drc.dk Operator at the Kosovar Refugee Camp in Mjeda, Albania Refugee assistance; interpreter from Albanian to English/Italian, HQ supervision

EDUCATION

2018-2019	Interuniversity Master's Degree (Second Level) in "Sociology: Theory, Methodology, and Research" "Sapienza" – University of Rome / Roma Tre University / University of Tor Vergata
2013-2017	PhD in "Sociology and Applied Social Sciences" – Cycle: XXVIII Sapienza – University of Rome Thesis title: "Attitudes of EU Citizens Towards Immigrants: Cultural Threat, Subtle Bias, Acceptance Criteria. A Cross-National Study" <i>One year of suspension</i>
2008-2012	Master's Degree in "Sociology and Social Research" University of Trento.

Thesis title: “At Home with the Stranger. An Interpretation of *Dogville* Through Focus Groups”
One year of suspension

- 2002-2007 Double Degree in “Sociology/Soziologie”
University of Trento / Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany).
Thesis title: “Die isolierten Gemeinschaften sind eine Krankheit der Gesellschaft” (“Isolated Communities Are a Disease of Society” - Participant Observation at the Refugee Camp in Neuburg an der Donau)
- 1996-2000 ”Luigi Gurakuqi” University, Shkodër (Albania)
Four years of studies in ”Albanian Language and Literature”
(«Gjuhë Shqipe dhe Letërsi»)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Sep. 15-19, 2023 ASIS – International Advanced School of Sociology
“Luigi Sturzo” Institute, Rome
- Nov. 3-5, 2020 9th WCSA Worldwide Conference
Virtual Conference
- Nov. 23-25, 2020 AIS – Italian Association of Sociology
Naples
- Dec. 16-19, 2019 ICSOR – Advanced School of Sociology of Religion
Rome
- June 24-28, 2019 ASIS – International Advanced School of Sociology
“Luigi Sturzo” Institute, Rome
- Dec. 19-21, 2018 ICSOR – Advanced School of Sociology of Religion
Rome
- June 25-28, 2018 ASIS – International Advanced School of Sociology
“Luigi Sturzo” Institute, Rome

LANGUAGES

Mother tongue	Albanian				
Other Languages	SKILLS				
	COMPREHENSION		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Interaction	Parlato	
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	B2	C1	B2	B2	C1
French	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1

Digital Skills Analysis Software

ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)
IBM SPSS, MAXQDA, GEPHI
MS Office Suite
Operating Systems and Browsers

Conferences, Workshops, Summer Schools, etc.

Feb. 27, 2024	Speaker: <i>Artificial Intelligence. Opportunities and Risks</i> , in “Artificial Intelligence: Man, Machine, Business”, Pescara, Department of Business Economics, G. d’Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara
Dic. 5-6, 2023	Meeting of the European Project “Erasmus for All”. Pécs – Hungary
Nov. 11, 2023	Speaker (with Luca Corchia), <i>The Role of Translocal Communities in the Albanian Diaspora in Italy</i> , at the International Interdisciplinary Conference “Social Capital and Public Sphere in Contemporary Society”. Sessions: “Social Session of the Albanian Academic Diaspora, Italy”, 18th Annual Conference of AIS-ALBSA & International Partners, Vlorë (Albania), Ismail Qemali University, November 10-11, 2023
Nov. 7, 2023	Speaker: <i>Max Weber’s “Understanding”: Unique?</i> , at “Max Weber: The Greatest? Based on the Volume by Costantino Cipolla, Versus Max Weber”, Rome, Institute of Political Studies “S. Pio V”, Institute “Luigi Sturzo”, November 7, 2023

- May 5, 2023 Speaker: *Memory and the Loslassen Concept in Kosovo*, at the “International Conference on New Achievements in Science, Technology, and Arts 2023”, University of Pristina, Kosovo
- July 6, 2023 Speaker: *The place, of the individual between social and digital systems*
Relatrice: *Il posto della persona tra sistemi sociali e digitali*
Incontro giovani SPE - Pontignano
Youth SPE Meeting - Pontignano
- Oct. 6-8, 2022 Speaker: Festival of Sociology – Social Transitions: One, None, a Hundred Thousand.
Topics: Digitalization, E-Government, Immigration
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Speech Title: *Immigration – Digital Presence, Territorial Absence*
- June 12-14, 2022 Meeting of the European Project “Erasmus for All”. Porto – Portugal
- Apr. 20-22, 2022 Speaker: 10th Conference – World Complexity Science Academy
Sexy Trends for an Emerging Global Governance System
Lisbon – Portugal
Speech Title: *EU: A System vs. Other Systems or a System vs. Environment?*
- Apr. 10-15, 2022 Prishtina and Peja – Kosovo
Research Cult – Enhancing Research Culture in Kosova HE
Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union
<https://www.dss.uniroma1.it/it/didattica/erasmus-capacity-building>
- Apr. 11, 2022 University of Prishtina
Enhancing Research Culture in Higher Education in Kosovo
Plenary session: Design of a scientific article: Creativity and Innovation
Speech Title: *How to make a focused literature review*
- Apr. 12, 2022 University of Prishtina
Enhancing Research Culture in Higher Education in Kosovo
Split session: Data sources and research methods
Speech Title: *The qualitative approach: review of the main techniques and tools*
- Apr. 15, 2022 Speaker: *Does Kosovo have a welfare state?*, in “International Conference on New Achievements in Science, Technology and Arts 2022”, University of Peja, Kosovo
- Oct. 8, 2021 Speaker: Festival of Sociology – Next Society: Nature, Culture, Politics
Session: The Limits of Development. New Scenarios and Generational Transition.
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	Speech Title: <i>Gender Differences in Light of Complex Systems Theory</i>
Oct. 16, 2020	<p>Speaker: Festival of Sociology – Seduction and the Global City: Rebuilding Society After COVID-19. Session: The Global City: Big Data, Algorithms, and Computational Sociology. Narni Speech Title: <i>McLuhan Today</i></p>
Aug. 29-31, 2019	<p>Speaker: Festival of Sociology – Meaning and Direction of Meaning. Narni Speech Title: <i>Max Scheler’s Hierarchy of Values in the Digital Society</i></p>
Aug. 29-31, 2019	<p>Speaker: XXVI International Summer School on Religion. San Gimignano Speech Title: <i>Implicit Discrimination Towards Immigrants in Nineteen EU Countries</i></p>
Apr. 7, 2017	<p>Speaker: CONFERENCE. Kanun and Sworn Virgins in Albania. Speech Title: <i>Kanun and Blood Feud in Albania</i> University of Zurich</p>
May 12, 2014	<p>Speaker: WORKSHOP. Narrative: Methodological Perspectives and Unity of the Humanities. Speech Title: <i>Narrative, Sociology, and Emotions</i> Imaginaria Gallery (Art Gallery) – Florence</p>

Member of Scientific Associations

- Italian Association of Sociology (AIS), Sections: Sociology of Religion; Methodology
- SPE - Sociology for the Person

Subject Expert

A.A. 2022/23-Current	<i>Sociology</i> (SPS/07, L-40), Department of Statistical Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome
A.A. 2022/23-Current	<i>Social Network Analysis</i> (SPS/07, LM-42), Department of Statistical Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome

A.A. 2022/23-Current *Methodology and Techniques of Social Research* (SPS/07, L-40), Department of Statistical Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome

Editorial Activities

2024-current Coordinamento editoriale online delle sette sezioni della Collana “Laboratorio Sociologico” FrancoAngeli e Social media managers, Vera Kopsaj e Sara Petroccia

2021-2023 Responsabile editoriale della sezione online “Diritto, Sicurezza e Processi di vittimizzazione”, FrancoAngeli, Direttore scientifico: Prof. Costantino Cipolla

2021-2023 Chief Communication Officer
World Complexity Science Academy (*WCSA*)

Scientific Journal Referee

July 2024-Current European Journal of Education - Wiley & Sons Ltd
Online ISSN:1465-3435
Print ISSN:0141-8211

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Vera Kopsaj, Sara Petroccia, *Encounter Between Cultures and Identities: Cross-Cultural Communication in the Migration Process*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2022, ISBN 978-88-351-3753-5, pp. 154.

Articles in A-category Journals

Vera Kopsaj, “Empathy: A Bridge Between Achille Ardigò and Edith Stein,” in *Sociologia* no. 3/2024, edited by Costantino Cipolla, Gangemi Editore, Rome 2024.

Vera Kopsaj, “War for a Piece of Land or a Land of Peace? Kosovo and Ukraine”, in *Sicurezza e Scienze Sociali*, Dimensions of Peace and War, edited by Costantino Cipolla, Sabina Curti, and Maria Caterina Federici, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2023, pp. 54-68 (DOI 10.3280/SISS2023-001006).

Vera Kopsaj, Benedetta Nicoli, “Regarding the XXVI International

Summer School on Religion 2019”, pp. 91-95, in *LA CRITICA SOCIOLOGICA*, Quarterly Journal Founded and Directed by Franco Ferrarotti, Fabrizio Serra Editore, Pisa-Rome, 2019.

Articles in Scientific Journals

Ali Ait Abdelmalek, Paul Ghils, Vera Kopsaj, “Social Changes and Cultural Transformations: A Sociological Approach to the Complexity of Social Relations”, *Cosmopolis*, Journal of Cosmopolitics, 2022/1-2, ISSN: 2030-028X, pp. 31-55.

Vera Kopsaj, “Blood Feud and its Impact on the Albanian Criminality”. *Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences*, 2016, Vol 7, Doi:10.5901/mjss.2016.v7n3s1p88, pp. 88-95.

Chapters in Books

Vera Kopsaj, Alessandro Radicchi, “Europe Consulting Onlus: A Tangible Commitment to Social Well-Being and Inclusion”, in Sergio Mauceri, Luca Di Censi (eds.), *Extreme Poverty: An Analysis of the Homeless Services System in Rome*, FrancoAngeli, Milan, 2024, ISBN: 978-88-351-6605-4, pp. 210-230.

Vera Kopsaj, “Lawyer Angelo Villini: Defender of Health”, in Costantino Cipolla (ed.), *The Social Identity of the Lawyer: Following the Trail of Angelo Villini*, FrancoAngeli, Milan, 2022, ISBN: 978-88-351-3603-3, pp. 97-109.

Vera Kopsaj, “The Personal God and the Plague: Religion vs. Science for the Governance of Law and Politics”, *International Journal of Legal Sociology and Human Rights*, no. 4, 2021, pp. 95-124.

Vera Kopsaj, “The Denial of Female Identity as a Key to Acquiring Male Rights”, in Memoli R., Falzarano A. (eds.), *Gender, Food, Health: Towards an Eclectic Paradigm Based on Visible Differences*, FrancoAngeli, Milan, 2021, pp. 90-108 (ISBN 978-88-351-2047-6).

Vera Kopsaj, “Cities, Visible and Invisible, Between Normality and Pandemic Crisis”, in Federici M.C., Conti U. (eds.), *What Future for Intermediate Territories? Cities Between Social Evolution and Cultural Change*, Morlacchi Editore, Perugia, 2020, pp. 45-71 (ISBN 978-88-939-2191-6).

Editorial and Content Management

Cipolla C. (ed.), *The Social Identity of the Lawyer: Following the Trail of Angelo Villini*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2022.

Minardi E., Corposanto C., Cipolla C. (eds.), *Achille Ardigò: A Hundred Years Since His Birth*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Cipolla C., *A Sociological Epistemology With Us, For Us, Beyond Us, For Others: Pitirim A. Sorokin*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Memoli R., Falzarano A. (eds.), *Food, Gender, and Health: An Eclectic Paradigm Based on Visible Differences*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Cipolla C., *The Martyrs of Geraci: A Supra-National Glory*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Cipolla C., *For a Connective and Self-Corrective Sociology*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Cipolla C., Fabbri A., Vanni P. (eds.), *The International Relations of the Italian Red Cross During the Great War*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Cipolla C. (ed.), *The Supra-National Sociology of Roberto Cipriani*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021 (Editorial and Publishing Coordination with Francesca Greco).

Calzolari E., Cipolla C. (eds.), *The Military Corps of the Italian Red Cross in the Great War*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2021.

Ardigò A., *For a Sociology Beyond the Post-Modern*, Cipolla C., Pitasi A. (eds.), FrancoAngeli, Milan 2020 (2nd ed.) (Editorial and Publishing Coordination with Ornella Urpis).

Venere-Desideri-Fratoni, *Victims of Gender Violence: The Legal Management of the Healthcare Professional*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2020.

Strizzolo N, Pocecco A., Melchior C., *Eclectic Communication: Communicative Dimensions in the Web Society*, FrancoAngeli, Milan 2019.

Translations

Enrica Ottone, Luca Pandolfi (edited by), *Education in Multiculturality. Education to Interculturality*, translated from Italian into English by Vera Kopsaj, “Intercultural Competencies in Development: A Qualitative Analysis of Critical Incident Narratives from a Group of University Students”, by Enrica Ottone, Urbaniana University Press, Vatican City, 2023, ISBN 978-88-401-9061-7, pp. 182-234.

Abstracts in books

Vera Kopsaj & Luca Corchia, The role of translocal communities in the Albanian diaspora in Italy, in E. Kutrolli e M. Hasani (eds.), Proceeding. International Interdisciplinary Conference “Social Capital and Public Sphere in Contemporary Society”, Vlora (Albania), UNIVLORA-CSL-AIS, 2023, ISBN 9789928352279, p. 63.

Vera Kopsaj, Memory and the loslassen concept in Kosovo, in “International Conference on New Achievements in Science, Technology and Arts”, Book of Short Abstracts, Pristina, Kosovo, 2023.

Vera Kopsaj, Does Kosovo have a welfare state?, in “International Conference on New Achievements in Science, Technology and Arts”, University of Pristina, Book of Short Abstracts, Kosovo, 2022.

Research Reports

Vera Kopsaj, Customer Satisfaction Report. Mobilità studentesca: soddisfazione utente/studente, A.A. 2022-23, Sapienza - University of Rome, 12.2023, pp. 1-20.

Vera Kopsaj, Customer Satisfaction Report. Mobilità studentesca: soddisfazione utente/studente, A.A. 2021-22, Sapienza – University of Rome, Dic. 2022, pp. 1-19.

Vera Kopsaj, *Analisi del Questionario per studenti Erasmus in uscita nell'a.a. 2021-22*, Sapienza - University of Rome, Nov. 2022, pp. 1-28.

Vera Kopsaj, *Is Erasmus+ for all? A literature review on the calculation of Erasmus grants*, Sapienza - University of Roma / Universidade do Porto (PT), August 2022, pp. 1-11.

Personal Data

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Rome, August 2024

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