

## ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal Data:

First name: Maria Rita

Last name: Testa

Nationality: Italian

Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (fluent), Spanish (basic), French (passive knowledge)

### Main areas of research:

Family, Fertility, Reproductive Decision-Making, Multilevel Analysis, Panel Data

---

### EDUCATION

1997 – 99      Doctorate in **Demography**, Department of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy. Conferral of the doctorate in July 2002.

1990 – 95      Degree in **Political Science**, at “Sapienza” University of Rome, Italy  
Completion: 30 November 1995, with Summa cum Laude

---

### CURRENT POSITIONS

2020            **Professor of Demography** at Luiss Guido Carli University (Free International University for Social Studies), Rome, Italy

2018            **Qualified** to apply for Associate and **Full Professorship** in *Demography and Social Statistics*, **Italian** Ministry of Education, University and Research [MIUR].

2017–          Adjunct Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

2017–          Director, Teaching and Research Training, Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

2017            Visiting Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

2016–          “Privat-Dozentin”, **qualified** to apply for **full professorship**, with ‘venia docendi’ in *Demography* and *Social Statistics*, Vienna University of Economics and Business, **Austria**

2014–          **Senior Research Scientist**, Department of Socioeconomics, Vienna University of Economics and Business, and Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

2001–          **Research Scientist**, Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

---

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2000 – 01      Research scientist, Department of Statistics, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy

1997 – 99      Doctoral student, Department of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy

1995 – 96      Lecturer, Department of Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

---

## SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

---

2003 – 2019 Supervision of 10 bachelor's, 11 master's and 6 doctoral degree students from several universities, including: University of Florence, Bocconi University of Milan, University of Milan-Bicocca, Sapienza University of Rome, University of Evora, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Stockholm University. The subjects of the students' theses were related to fertility, reproductive decision-making, family, environment, and migration. Components of these theses were jointly published in highly ranked international journals in the field.

---

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

---

Oct 2020 Adjunct Professor – *Demography and Sustainability*, Seminar held in the frame of the Master in Management of Sustainable Development Goals, Libera Università degli Studi Maria Ss. Assunta di Roma, **LUMSA**

2019 – 2021 Adjunct Professor – *Population & Development*, in the frame of the course of studies on 'Cooperation and Development', **Sapienza University**, Rome, Italy

March 2020 Adjunct Professor – *Population, Environment and Sustainability*, Seminar held in the frame of the Master in Management of Sustainable Development Goals, Libera Università degli Studi Maria Ss. Assunta di Roma, **LUMSA**

2019 Adjunct Professor – *Statistics and experimental methods*, Pontifical Gregorian University, **PGU**, Institute of Psychology, Rome, Italy (26 hours)

2018 Adjunct Professor – *Demographic trends and challenges to sustainable development across the world*, Seminar held in the frame of the Master in Management of Sustainable Development Goals, Libera Università degli Studi Maria Ss. Assunta di Roma, **LUMSA**

2016 – 2019 Adjunct Professor – *Contemporary Global Policy Challenge, thematic block on fertility*; International Master Program in Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy (Seep); **WU**, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

2016 – 2017 Lecturer – *Intentions and childbearing in contexts*, **European Doctoral School of Demography**, Rome, Italy

2014 – 2016 Lecturer – *Demographic methods*, Vienna University of Economics and Business; International Master Program in Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy; Summer Semester

2009 – 2013 Lecturer – *Methods for cross-country comparative analysis*, European Science Foundation, **University of Vienna**, Austria

Lecturer – *Global Demographic Change and Sustainability*, Spring School, several editions, **Politecnico of Milan** and **Politecnico of Turin**, Italy

Lecturer – *Family policies and Fertility in Europe*, University of Padua, Italy

2002 – 2003 Lecturer – *Demographic methods*, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

2000 – 2001 Lecturer – *Formal demography & statistics I*, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy

---

## RESEARCH VISITS

---

2019 Spring **Visiting Professor**, Dept. of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy

2018 Winter **Fernand Braudel Fellow**, European University Institute, Badia Fiesolana (FI), Italy

2018 Fall **Visiting Professor**, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

2004 Spring Visiting Scholar, Institut national d'étude démographique (INED), Paris, France

---

## DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS

---

2018	<b>Habilitation</b> (qualification to apply for full professorship), in <i>Demography and Social Statistics</i> , granted by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research [MIUR] ( <b>Fascia I &amp; Fascia II</b> )
2017	Performance Bonus for two scientific publications, Vienna University of Economic and Business (1,500 EUR)
2017	<b>Very best Paper</b> 2016 “Are daughter’s childbearing intentions related to their mother’s socio-economic status?”, <b>Editor choice</b> , Demographic Research
2017	<b>Guest Professorship</b> , Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
2016	ERC Consolidator Grant: score A in second step evaluation ( <b>fully meets the ERC's excellence criterion</b> but not enough funding available)
2016	Grant for research assistance, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria (3,000 EUR)
2015	<b>Habilitation</b> (qualification to apply for full professorship), in Demography and Social Statistics, granted by the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
2015	<b>Best Paper Award</b> . “The effects of couple disagreement about child-timing intentions: a parity-specific approach”. Granted by the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria (7,000 EUR)
2013	<b>Elise Richter Award</b> for extremely well qualified female scientists who are working towards a career in universities, granted by the Austrian Science Fund
2007	Awarded a tenured position as research scientist at the Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OEAW), Austria
2004	<b>Best Poster Award</b> . Title: “Human Fertility Declines with Higher Population Density”. Population Association of America. Boston, USA
1997-99	<b>Three-year scholarship</b> for doctoral studies in Demography, granted by the Italian Ministry of Education, spent at University of Florence, Italy

---

## ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

---

Oct 2017	Co-organizer of the workshop on Fertility Intentions, Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Dec 2015	Co-organizer of the VID/OEAW International Conference on “Education and Reproduction in low-fertility settings”. Vienna, Austria
Oct 2015	Organizer of the session on “Multivariate, Multi-level and Multi-state Analysis in Demography”, Austrian Statistics Days, Vienna, Austria
Dec 2014	Organizer of a Seminar on Multilevel Models, Vienna University of Economics & Business, Vienna, Austria
Jun 2014	Convener of the topic: “Households and Families”. European Population Conference, Budapest, Hungary

---

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

---

2019 - 2021	<b>Advisory board member</b> in the project “Childbearing and parenting the context of low fertility, family change and the economic crisis” granted to Vanessa Cunha by Portuguese public funding agency for Research and Development [Fundação para Ciência e Tecnologia – FCT], Portugal
-------------	---

2019	<b>President</b> of the evaluation committee of the the doctoral thesis of Rita Brazão de Freitas “Que Caminhos para o futuro da fecundidade em Portugal? O Filho único como modelo de descendência final”, University of Évora, Portugal
2018	<b>International consultant</b> of the project: “Childbearing and parenting in the context of low fertility, family change and economic crisis (PARENT), University of Lisbon, Portugal
2017	<b>International evaluator</b> of the doctoral thesis of Amina Keygan: “Australian men’s intentions for children: a life course perspective on factors influencing their formation and revision” The Australian National University, Canberra
2017	<b>International evaluator</b> of the doctoral thesis of Rozemarijn Dereuddre “Trends in contraceptive use: A comparison between Western, Central and Eastern Europe” Ghent University, Belgium
2017-2016	<b>Scientific board member</b> of the European Doctoral School of Demography International evaluator of the doctoral thesis of Léa Pessin: “Changing Gendered Expectations and Diverging Divorce Trends” Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain
2016 - 2018	<b>Advisory board member</b> in the project “Female-Breadwinner Families in Europe” granted to Agnese Vitali by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Future Research Leaders Program. UK
2014	<b>President</b> of the evaluation committee of the doctoral thesis of Delclós Gómez-Morán on “Cultural and structural explanations of fertility”, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain
2013	<b>Consultant</b> for European Commission, RAND Corporation, European Alliance for Families, EU Commission-based platform
2011 - 2015	<b>Advisory board member</b> in the project “The Double Postponement. Men and women coping with childbearing intentions in their late 30s and early 40s” funded by Fundação para Ciência e Tecnologia, FCT, Portugal
2001	<b>Consultant</b> for United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. Expert group meeting on policy response to demographic ageing, New York, October 2000.

---

## COMMISSION OF TRUST

---

2018 –	<b>Expert</b> Peer Reviewer for Italian Scientific Evaluation – REPRISE, Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
2017	Guest <b>Editor</b> , PLOS-ONE
2017–	Associate Editor, Portuguese Journal of Demographic Studies
2014–	<b>Associate Editor</b> , Genus, Journal of Population Sciences
2013–14	Editor for Scientific Report on Austrian Generation and Gender Survey
2011	<b>Guest Editor</b> for a special issue of Vienna Yearbook of Population Research on “Reproductive decision-making” 2011, Vol. 9
2011–	<b>Reviewer</b> (occasional): Czech Academy of Sciences (ASCR); Czech Science Foundation (CSF); Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT); Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); Research Council of the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL); Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS) Brussels; National Science Centre (NSC), Poland; Italian Ministry of Education University and Research (MIUR); Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ).

2003–13	<b>Editor</b> for the European Demographic Research Papers Series (VID/OEAW)
2001–	<b>Reviewer</b> (occasional) for: Acta Sociologica; Advances in Life Course Research; <b>American Sociological Review</b> ; Biodemography & Social Biology; Comparative Population Studies; Demographic Research; <b>Demography</b> ; European Societies, European Journal of Population; <b>European Sociological Review</b> ; Finnish Yearbook of Population Research; Genus; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; International Sociology; Journal of Biosocial Science; Journal for Family Research; Journal of Demographic Economics; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Marriage and Family; Journal of Population Research; Olsztyn Economic Journal; Population; <b>PLOS ONE</b> , <b>Population &amp; Development Review</b> ; Population Horizons; Population Research & Policy Review; Population Review; Population Space and Place; Population Studies; Quantity & Quality; Rivista Italiana di Economia, Demografia & Statistica; Sage Open; Social Forces; Social Sciences; <b>Socius</b> : Sociological Research for a Dynamic World; Statistical Methods and Applications; Sustainability; the Social Science Journal; Vienna Yearbook of Population Research.

---

## PROJECTS

---

2019–23	<b>Project leader</b> – <i>Births and other life goals: complementarity or competition?</i> [BIRTHLIFE] funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF P31357- G22) [349,935 EUR]. Available at <a href="http://www.wittgensteincentre.org/en/projects.htm">http://www.wittgensteincentre.org/en/projects.htm</a>
2016–18	Project participant – <i>Running against the clock. Realising fertility plans over the life course</i> [RAC], funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF P28071 – G22) [166,000 EUR]. Available at <a href="https://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/research/research-projects/rac-running-against-the-clock/">https://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/research/research-projects/rac-running-against-the-clock/</a>
2014–16	<b>Project leader</b> – ReCap, <i>Reproductive Decision-Making and Human Capital</i> , funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF V318-G22) [175,707 EUR]. Available at <a href="http://recap.wu.ac.at/">http://recap.wu.ac.at/</a>
2013–15	Project participant – KING, <i>Knowledge for Integration Governance</i> . Project participant. Funded by the European Commission.
2013–14	Project participant – Climate Change and Population Dynamics. Project funded by “Sapienza” University, Rome (IT).
2011–15	External consultant – The Double Postponement. Project funded by Fundação para Ciência e Tecnologia, FCT, Lisbon (POR).
2012–14	Project participant – WIREL, <i>Past, present, and future religious prospects in Vienna, 1950-2050</i> . Proposal SSH 10-040, Diversity-Identity Call, WWTF, Vienna Science and Technology Fund.
2008–11	<b>Work package leader</b> – REPRO, Reproductive Decision-making in a Macro-micro Approach. Project funded by the European Commission, Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) SSH-CT-2008- 217173.
2006–07	Project participant – FERTINT, <i>Fertility intentions and outcomes: the role of policies to close the gap</i> . Funded by the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, VS/2006/0685.
2006–08	Project participant – PPA, <i>Population Policy Acceptance Study</i> - the viewpoint of citizens and policy actors regarding the management of population related change, funded by the European Commission, Fifth Framework Programme.

2004–05      Project participant – Geburtenbarometer, Monthly Estimates of Fertility in Austria. Project supported by Bundesministeriums für soziale Sicherheit, Generationen und Konsumentenschutz; GZ: BMSG-442030/0006-V/7/2004.

---

## MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

---

European Assoc. for Population Studies; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; Population Association of America, Italian Association for the Study of Population

---

### **Teaching - PhD level** - Fertility intentions & family demography

---

--> *Fertility intentions*, EDSD, European Doctoral School of Demography. “Sapienza” University of Rome, Italy, 22.03.2016 and 11.04.2017

--> *Fertility intentions*: theory, concepts, measure, and evidence. Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria, 23.03.2014

--> *Methods for cross-country comparative analysis*. European Science Foundation, University of Vienna, Austria, April 2012

--> *Family policy and fertility in Europe*. Winter School on *Fundamental and Methods for Impact Evaluation in Population Studies*, University of Padova, Italy, 11.12.2012

---

### **Teaching - M.Sc. level** - Demography, demographic methods and fertility

---

--> *Population & Development*, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy. Teaching held in the framework of the Cooperation and Development Program Course, Second Semester of the Academic Year 2019/2020

--> *Thematic block on fertility*, in the framework of the course: Contemporary Global Policy Challenges, Master Program in Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria. Fall Semester, Academic Years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020

--> *Demographic Methods*, Concentration area: Population, Human Capital and Policy I, Master Program in Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy, Vienna University of Economics and Business. Spring Semester Academic Years: 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17

--> *Global demographic change and sustainability*. Spring School *Climate Change and Sustainability*, Politecnico of Milan and Turin, Italy, several editions: years 2009, 2010 & 2012

--> Introduction to the *methods of demography*. Course held for scholars of the Vienna Institute of Demography and students of the University of Technology, Vienna, Austria (5.11.2002–14.1.2003)

---

### **Undergraduate level** – Formal demography, statistics, and demography

---

--> *Statistics and experimental methods*, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy. A.Y. 2018/19

--> *Formal Demography*, University of Milan-Bicocca (IT). Summer Semester. Academic Year 1999/2000

--> *Statistics*, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy. Winter Semester. Academic Year 2000/2001

--> *Demography*, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy. Winter Semester. Academic Year 1999/2000

---