

# Roberta Cucca, PhD

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## EXPERTISE AND POSITIONS

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**General expertise:** Urban and Environmental sociology, Comparative Urban Studies

**Research Interests:** Social Inequalities in Contemporary Cities; Environmental Policies and Social Vulnerability; Participation in Local Policy Decision Making

### Current position and responsibilities

April 2018-today: *Associate Professor* in the department of Urban and Regional Planning (BYREG) at the Norwegian University of Environmental and Life Sciences (NMBU), Ås (Norway).

January 2020-today: Coordinator (with Jin Xue) of the *Urban Sustainability Research Group*, BYREG

January 2021-today: Deputy Member of the Faculty Research Committee, LANDSAM, NMBU

August 2021-today: LANDSAM responsible in the NMBU Platform “Sustainable Arena: Green and Smart Cities”

2021: Member of the working group for the internationalization of the Faculty, LANDSAM, NMBU

### Previous Positions

2016-2018: *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow* (IEF) at the Department of Sociology, University of Vienna (Austria)

2014-2015: *Research Fellow* in Urban Sociology at the Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

2011-2013: *Assistant Professor* (Fixed term position) in Urban Sociology at the Polytechnic of Milan, Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (Italy)

2010: *Post-doctoral fellow* at the Cities Centre, University of Toronto (Canada)

2007-2009: *Post doc Fellow* at the Department of Architecture and Planning, Polytechnic of Milan (Italy)

2006: *Post-doctoral Fellow* at the Catholic University of Milan (Italy)

### Academic Qualifications

2013: Italian National Scientific Qualification (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale) as Associate Professor in Economic, Urban and Environmental Sociology – Italian Ministry of Education (Sector 14 D/1)

2006: PhD in “Sociology and Methodology of Social Research” at the Catholic University of Milan.

2000: M.A. Degree in “Science of Education and Training” (110/110 cum laude) at the University of Milan.

## RESEARCH

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### Principal Investigator (PI)

2019-today: PI Local Unit, “ECASS-European Cities against School Segregation”, ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnership, Horizon 2020; Coordinator: University Autònoma Barcelona.

2021-today: *The social equality of Nature-based Solutions to urban heat stress* – PI Local Unit – Coordinator: BOKU University Vienna- WWTF (Vienna Science and Technology Fund) Grant

2015: PI- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship IEF, Horizon 2020, EU. Project “GRanD Cities. The social impact of urban policies for sustainability in comparative Perspective.”

2012-2013: co-PI (with Ranci C.) “Economic development and social integration in Europe. Urban policies in comparative prospective”, granted by the Chamber of Commerce of Milan.

2010: PI - Post-doc fellowship awarded by the Canadian Federal Government, PDF Program, Bureau for International Education, Foreign Affairs Division. Project “Unequal cities. Europe and Canada in comparison”.

### Other relevant research activities

2020-today: “Exploring Nordic Models of Welfare Landscape”, NOS-HOS, Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences.

2015-2016: University of Vienna, EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme “Improve. Poverty Reduction in Europe: Social Policy and Innovation”

2015-2016: University of Vienna, EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme “Sefira. Socio-Economic Implications for individual Responses to Air Pollution Policies in EU”

2011-2014: Polytechnic of Milan, EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme “FLOWS. Impact of local welfare systems on female labour force participation and social cohesion”

### Grants

2021: Faculty Responsible for the “Sustainability Arena”, Norwegian University of Life Science

2019: PES Grant (Support for Project Establishment and Positioning), Norwegian University of Life Science

2018: Top-researcher Grant, Norwegian University of Life Science

2015: Talent Grant, Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG

2006: Grant to support Universities in Milan, Municipality of Milan, GD Education. Project “Social participation and sustainable mobility in Milan”

2002-2005: Doctoral grant awarded by Italian Minister of University and Education

2001: Best M.A. Dissertation Grant on “Environment and society”, awarded by Cogeme S.p.A

### Publications (most relevant 10)

(2021) with Ranci C., *Urban policy in times of crisis: the policy capacity of European cities and the role of multi-level governance*, Urban Affairs Review, forthcoming

(2021) with Kazepov Y., Barberis E., Mocca E. (Eds) *Handbook of Urban Social Policies*, Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming)

(2021) with Kazepov Y., Ahn B., Verrier C. “European Cities between Continuity and Change”, *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Urban and Regional Studies*, Wiley Blackwell Oxford UK, pp. 107-131

(2021) with Friesenecker M., *Potential and limitations of innovative housing solutions in planning for degrowth: the case of Vienna*, in “Local Environment”, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13549839.2021.1872513>

(2020) "Quality of the local environment and Urban Segregation", in Musterd S. (Ed.) *Handbook of Urban Segregation*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 185-199

(2019) with Kazepov Y. "European Cities", in Orum A (Ed), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, Wiley Blackwell Oxford UK

(2018) with Maestriperi L., *Small is beautiful? Emerging organizational strategies among Italian professionals*, in "Canadian Review of Sociology", <https://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12208>

(2016) with Ranci C., (Eds), *Unequal cities. The challenge of post-industrial transition in times of austerity*, Routledge - Taylor & Francis Group (Nominated for Best Book Prize, RSA Association 2020)

(2016) with Bricocoli M., *Social mix and housing policy: local effects of a misleading rhetoric. The case of Milan* in "Urban Studies", Vol. 53, n. 1, pp. 77-91.

(2012) *The unexpected consequences of sustainability. Green cities between innovation and ecogentrification*, in "Sociologica", 2/2012, doi: 10.2383/38269

## International Conferences

### Organization of Conferences and Sessions

2021: Coordination of the session "The challenges of eco-social transitions in times of crisis" (with Villa, Kazepov) ESPANET Conference.

2021: Coordination of the sessions *New pathways of green gentrification in Europe*, ESA Bologna, RC27

2017-2018 Organization of the Book presentation Series "Cities in transition" at the University of Vienna

2018: *Author Meets Critics "Unequal Cities. The Challenge of post-industrial transition in times of austerity"*, RC21, ISA World Conference, Toronto

2017: coordination of the session (with Yuri Kazepov) "Changing Urban Justice in the European City", RC21 ISA Conference, Leeds

2015: with Nuvolati G., coordination of the session "Sustainable Cities? Investigating the ambiguous relation between environmental protection, accessibility and social inclusion" at the Conference "Global Society, the City and the Environmental Question", University of Bologna.

### Referee /Reviewer

*Member of Editorial Board*: Urban Planning; Nordic Journal of Urban Studies, Frontiers-Land Use

*National Research Councils*: Polish National Research Council

*International Journals/Publishers*: Cities, European Urban and Regional Studies, Journal of Urban Affairs, Management Review, Polis, Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia, Sociologica, Sociologia urbana e rurale, Social Work and Society, Springer, Territorio, Transportation Research. Part A: Policy and Practice, Urban Planning, Urban Studies, Zapruder-World. International Journal of Social History

## TEACHING

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2020-today: "Urban Sociology", Master in Urban Planning, Norwegian University of Life Science

2021-today: Responsible of the Program "Collaborative Classrooms" (on-line exchange program in collaboration with the Politecnico di Milano)

2021-today: Advisory board "Student-driven education for sustainability", NMBU

2015-2018: Adjunct Professor "Stadtsoziologie" (language: English), Faculty of Sociology, University of Vienna, Undergraduate

2015: *Adjunct professor* at Sciences Po Paris, The Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Undergraduate College of Menton (France) "Sociology"

2009-2014 : Adjunct Professor “Sociology of the urban space” (language: English), School of Architecture and Planning, Polytechnic of Milan – Post Graduate; 2011-2012 : Adjunct Professor (2011-2012) “Housing and Neighbourhood” (language: English), School of Architecture and Planning, Polytechnic of Milan – Post Graduate

2009-2010: Adjunct Professor “Introduction to sociology”, (language: Italian) Faculty of Education and training, Catholic University of Brescia – Undergraduate

## **OTHERS**

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### **Languages**

Italian – Mother Tongue

English – Proficient User (C1)

German – Intermediate (B/1)

Norwegian - Intermediate (B/1)



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