

MA Sociology and Social Research (laurea magistrale)



The MA Sociology and Social Research

prepares students to become **professional social scientists** and **researchers**, who are able to:

- reflect on and **analyse society and social problems**
- design and conduct social research
- make a valid contribution to contemporary social debates

To achieve this, the **programme**:

- ✓ Offers students high quality state-of-the-art, in-depth and specialized training
- ✓ Provides students with the tools (**theoretical, methodological and technical**) needed to investigate societal issues in contemporary society
- ✓ **Enables students to achieve a comprehensive understanding of social processes and social conflicts**

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✓ KNOWLEDGE & CAPACITIES

exposure to contemporary social issues through

- **integration** of competences with current debates and **theoretical** insights courses on **substantive social issues**
- **opportunities for specialization**, which ensure that students can develop a substantive area of expertise:
 - selection of specialization courses in the first and second year,
 - internship, thesis topic, and various seminars
 - **direct** contact with the instructors & intensive **supervision** and mentoring

✓ OPPORTUNITIES

for international experience

Integrate training with *substantive* research topics of social and sociological relevance:

Social inequalities and life course:

labour markets - welfare states - social policies

social demography - gender equality– family studies - migration and mobility

education - social mobility - inequality of opportunities

Culture and communication:

cultural sociology – sociology of culture - forms and production of culture –

social interaction – sense making - language and communication

Lifestyle and consumption – sustainability

Political participation and public opinion:

political and social participation - active citizenship - social movements

public opinion research – values, attitudes, beliefs -

- → See list of substantive courses

The programme structure



	Academic Year 1		Academic Year 2	
	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	Sem. 1	Sem. 2
Theory & Sociological topics	Economy and society OR Culture and sociology (6)			
Methods	Quantitative methods (6+3)			
	Qualitative method (6+3) <small>(annual courses)</small>			
	Research design (6+3) <small>(annual courses)</small>			
Inter-disciplinary fields	Research methods in history (6)	Research methods in political science (6)	Mobility and social transformation (6)	
	Academic English (3)	Public opinion OR Cultural analytics (6)		
Sociological specialization		1 x Elective (6)	2 x Elective (6)	Internship or other (9)
			2 x Elective/ Free choice (6)	Thesis seminar (3)
				Thesis (18)

- Advanced social network analysis
- Communication, science and technology
- Cultural sociology
- Digital social data
- Economic and labour sociology
- Language and society
- Lifestyles and consumption practices
- Social demography
- Social inequalities and education
- Social policies & life-course dynamics
- Social stratification and mobility
- Sociology of collective action
- Sociology of generations
- Space and culture
- Welfare & labour economics

The international dimension of the programme:

- Classes taught by internationally-known scholars
- All classes are taught in **English**
- Students from various parts of the world
 - Offer added value to the programme
 - Develop various cross-cultural (social) skills

International opportunities

- **Double Degree Programme – with grant**

Bamberg (Germany),

Barcellona - Pompeu Fabra (Spain),

Tilburg (Netherlands),

Graz (Austria)

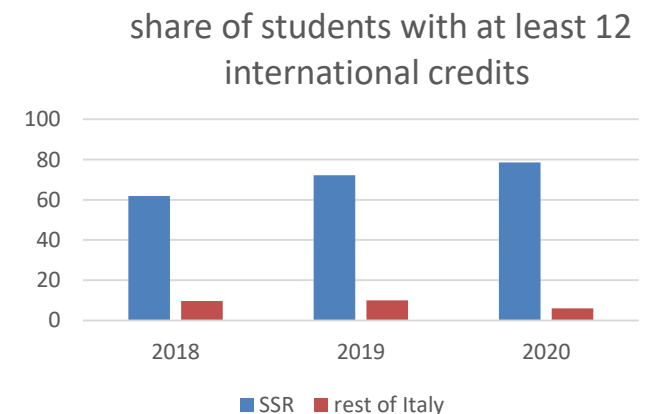
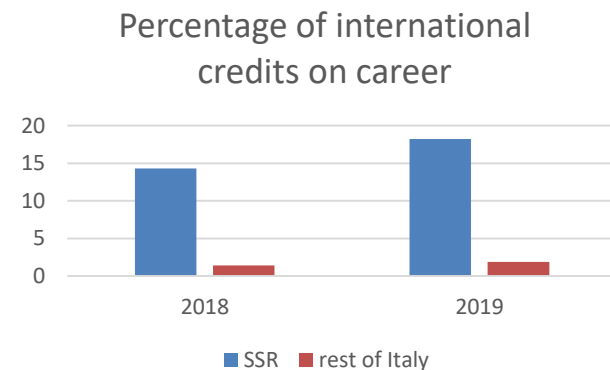
Saint Petersburg - Higher School of Economics

- **Erasmus+: European Universities**

- **Bilateral Agreements outside Europe:**

North-America, Asia,

about 40+% of students spend a period abroad



The Faces of Sociology and Social Research



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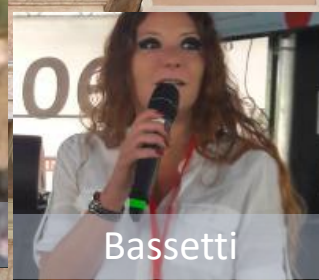
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Forno



Barbieri



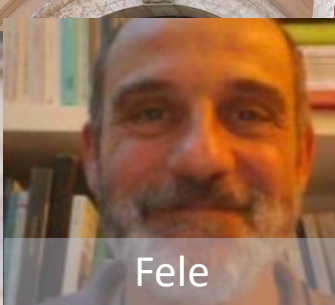
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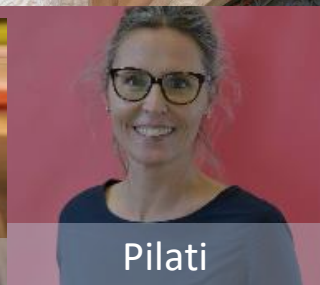
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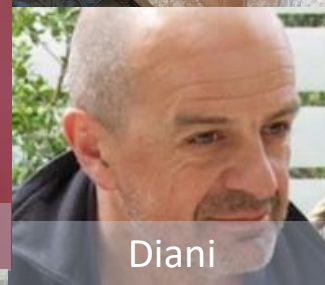
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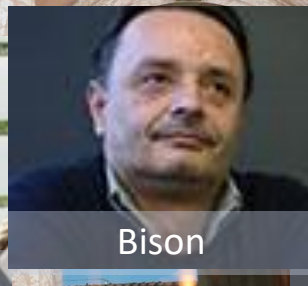
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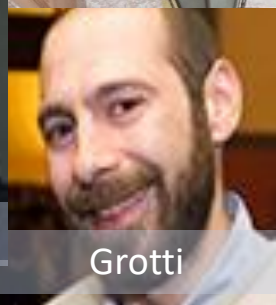
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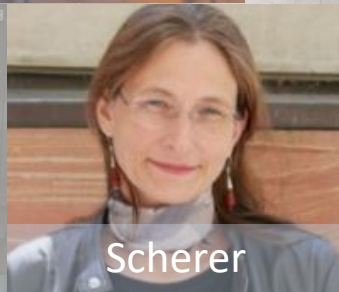
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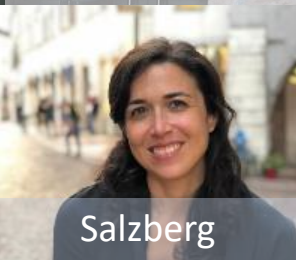
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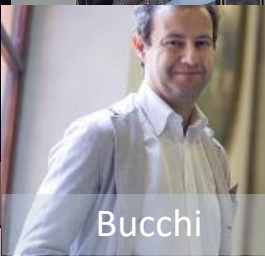
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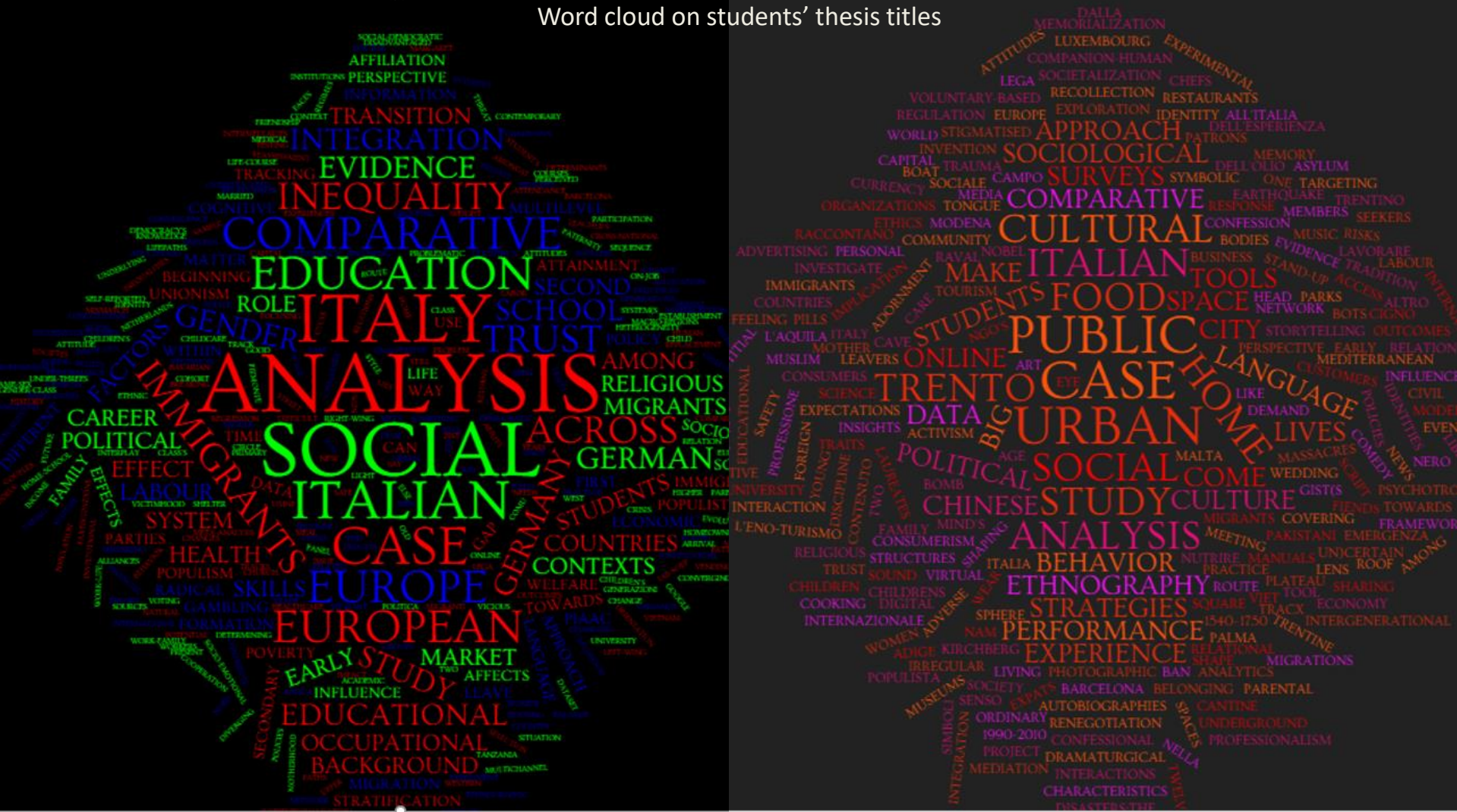


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Word cloud on students' thesis titles





Career Opportunities

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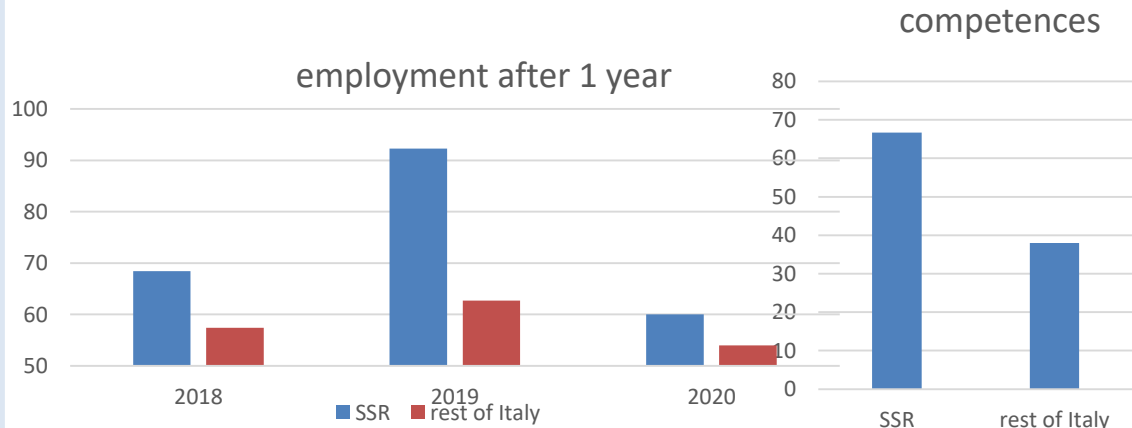
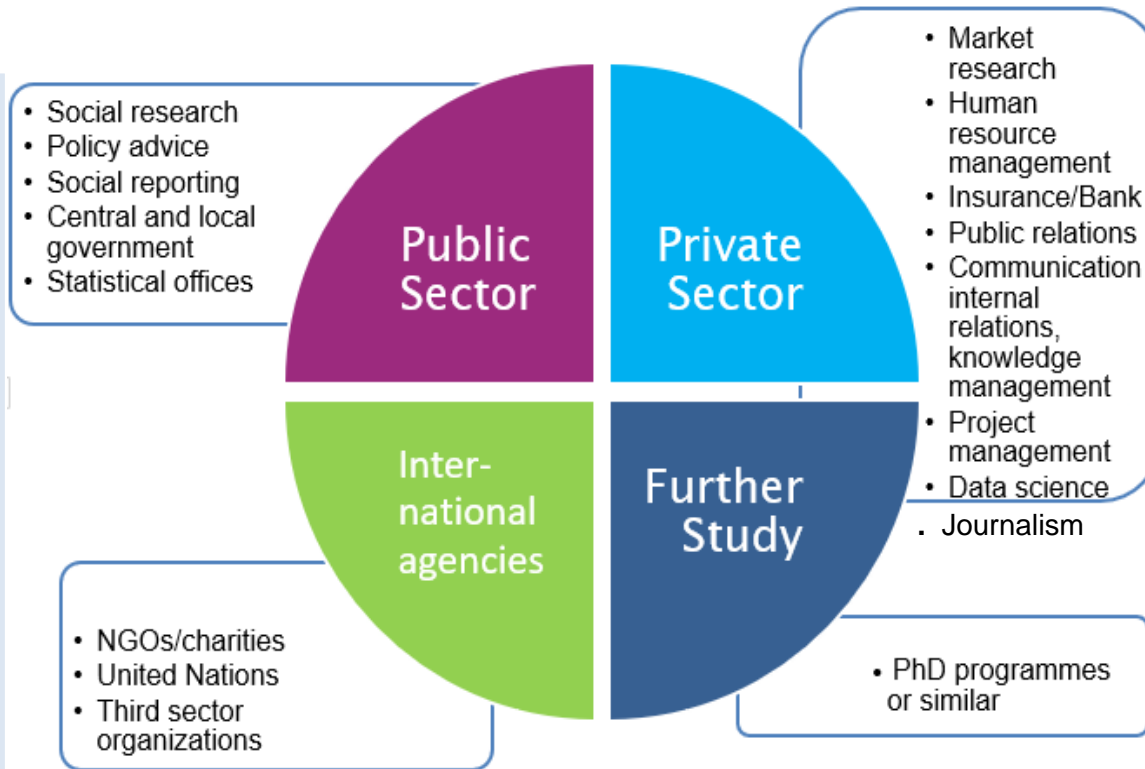


Who is this for?

The MA programme is aimed at students who **want to make a difference**, by providing well-informed and scientifically rigorous contributions

- ✓ provide information and policy advice
- ✓ improve customer satisfaction
- ✓ help in the analysis of markets, non-governmental organizations,
- ✓ become a survey methodologist who can help marketing and communication
- ✓ help guide non-governmental organizations to build policy and direction
- ✓ provide advice on public communication to (non)-governmental organizations

are interested in a PhD



What our former students say about their experience:

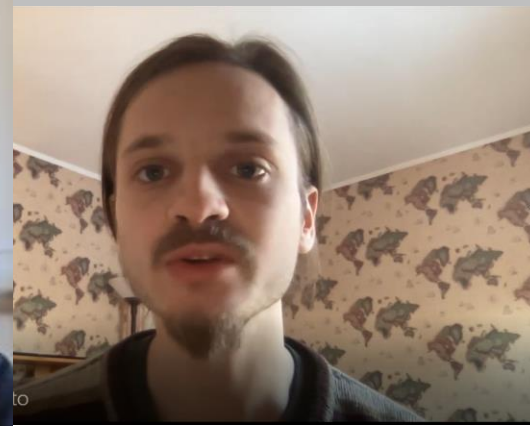
*“After the bachelor, my interest for quantitative research methods as applied to social change, drove me to study Sociology and Social Research at the University of Trento. Thanks to its **practical and research-oriented approach**, I learned to **think critically and independently**. The atmosphere at the department is **very stimulating**, with a **high-quality teaching** which is **internationally recognised**. I strongly advise this master, which played an important role in my professional career!”*

Carlotta, researcher **Doxa**, Milan, master **London School of Economics**, UK

IRI Information Resources Srl is a multinational company operating in the market research sector. I joined the Client Service team as Market Data Analyst carrying out production and support activities in market analyses and in the preparation of reports for clients. I perform data processing activity, learning how to create reports for industry and distribution customers based on sales data from the large-scale retail. Starting the internship experience already knowing how to approach the data and their analysis has certainly helped me to learn faster and to be aware of the expectations and possible difficulties related to the entire process.

Maleria Maria Estela Giambò, Information Resources Srl

Testimonials— Gaia Gherardi, Filippo Gioachin, Yuxin Zhang, Michael Zaslavsky



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