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The first main element of my biography was living in a patriarchal family in a Catholic country, Italy. This fact immediately shed light on the obstacles and the discrimination that women confront as they grow up in a gender biased society. However, I was lucky to be able to further postgraduate studies in London. The multicultural environment of London and the international student body opened up new and different ways of thinking and behaving that had lasting effects on my intellectual development. Trying to avoid misconceptions and prejudices when analyzing and comparing cultures, societies, religions and states has since been one of my main driving efforts.

My specializations are in comparative political economy and my research topics focus on the welfare state, social policies, income redistribution and the relationship between nations states and globalization in the field of welfare state redistribution. I am also interested in organized power within the state, including political parties and the ways in which international pressures impinge on domestic politics and policies. Recently I have published a book on the governance of the global economic crisis in Italy, centred on the political economy of subnational governments. This book, and other related publications, examine the role played by subnational governments as drivers of change in the field of unemployment benefits. This work also looks at the importance of European Union funds in favouring the diffusion of active labour market policies.