

PERSONAL DATA	Ghirotto Luca
PERSONAL STATEMENT	I am currently Head of Qualitative Research Unit at the Azienda USL – IRCCS di Reggio Emilia, as health researcher.
EDUCATION & TRAINING	<hr/>
10/2021–10/12/2024	M.A. in Sociology and Social Research Department of Sociology and Business Law, University of Bologna, Bologna (Italia) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Qualitative Research.- Sociology of Medicine.- Social Research.- Sociology of Migration
10/2005–21/12/2008	Ph.D. in Cognition and Education Sciences Department of Cognitive Sciences and Education, University of Trento, Rovereto (Italia) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Qualitative Methods.- Social Justice Education.- Educational Inclusion.
09/07/2007–13/07/2007	Participation in "Thinking Qualitatively Workshops Series" International Institute of Qualitative Methodology, University of Alberta, Edmonton (Canada) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Qualitative Methods- Theoretical Underpinnings- Qualitative Approaches
15/05/2007–14/06/2007	Participation in "The Principles of Qualitative Inquiry" International Institute of Qualitative Methodology, University of Alberta, Edmonton (Canada) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Philosophical and theoretical underpinning of qualitative inquiry- Main qualitative methods- Data collection and data analysis strategies
10/2000–03/2005	Degree (Master equivalent - v.o.) Faculty of Education, University of Bologna, Bologna (Italia) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education and educational psychology- Didactics- Philosophy of Education- Sociology of Education
RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES	<hr/>
12/2015–currently	Health Researchers/Methodologist – Head of Qualitative Research Unit Azienda USL - IRCCS di Reggio Emilia, Reggio Emilia (Italia)

- Designing and conducting training in qualitative methodology for healthcare professionals.
- Designing and conducting qualitative studies in health-related fields.

15/03/2019–30/04/2021

Researcher

Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona, Verona (Italia)

- Teaching inclusive education and pedagogy for special needs children.
- conducting research in educational inclusion.

PERSONAL COMPETENCES

First language

Italian

Foreign language

COMPREHENSION		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Interacting	Speaking	
English	C1	C2	B2	B2
TOEFL				

Livelli: A1 e A2: Utente base - B1 e B2: Utente autonomo - C1 e C2: Utente avanzato
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Communication skills

- good communication skills gained through my teaching and training experiences.

Organizational skills

- good team leading skills gained thank to conducting with colleagues and students' scientific empirical studies

Digital skills

- good command of MS and Mac Office suites

OTHER INFORMATION

Affiliations

from 2021

Associate editor of *BMC Palliative Care*

from 2019

Scientific Committee member of the journal "Health Care Education in Practice - Rivista di studi ed esperienze sull'educazione e le sue pratiche nei contesti della salute e della malattia", Padova University Press.

Scientific Committee member of Kidsuniversity, University of Verona.

Scientific Committee member of the Course for Support Teachers, University of Verona.

from 2017

Reviewer of *BMC Family Practice*.

from 2016

Member of SIPED - Società Italiana di Pedagogia (Italian Society of Pedagogy) and member of SIPED Special Interest Group - Theory and Methods of Empirical Research in Education.

from 2013

Scientific Committee member of the journal *Encyclopaideia – Journal of Phenomenology and Education*.

from 2012

Reviewer of *Qualitative Health Research*.

Reviewer of *Encyclopaideia – Journal of Phenomenology and Education*.

2009/2015

Member Scholar – International Institute of Qualitative Methodology – IIQM, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Awards

2024

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles in Scientific Journals with Impact Factor

- Kleuser, H., Toye, F., Kannapin, F., Ghirotto, L., Parisi, S., Serafini, A., Bassi, M. C., Gágyor, I., & Kurotschka, P. (2026). Primary Care Practitioners' Experiences Managing Urinary Tract Infections: A Qualitative Evidence Synthesis. *British Journal of General Practice*, BJGP.2025.0561. <https://doi.org/10.3399/BJGP.2025.0561>
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- Bressan, V., Losi, E., Catania, G., & Ghirotto, L. (2026). Seeing the self again: A phenomenological photo elicitation study of Italian laryngectomy survivors. *European Journal of Oncology Nursing*, 80, 103087. doi: [10.1016/j.ejon.2025.103087](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejon.2025.103087)
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 - Sireci, F., Ragucci, F., Menozzi, C., Cabboi, M. P., Picchetto, L., Bassi, M. C., Ghirotto, L., cavallieri, f., pedroni, c., Valzania, F. (2024). Exploring therapeutic interventions for functional neurological disorders: A comprehensive scoping review. *Journal of Neurology*. doi: [10.1007/s00415-024-12441-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00415-024-12441-x)
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