

## **ELISA ROSSI**

### **Introduction**

Elisa Rossi is Associate Professor in Sociology of Cultural and Communicative Processes at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Department of Studies on Language and Culture (Modena), where she teaches courses of sociology focused on gender relationships and conflicts (intercultural, interethnic, gendered, social, internationals). She was Chair of the Bachelor's Degree in History and Contemporary Cultures (SCC) from 2021 to 2024. Since 2024 she is the Delegate for Equal Opportunities of the Department. 2025-2028: Visiting Fellow in Gender Studies - University of Northampton.

Moving from a constructivist approach, a theory on social systems as communication systems, and combining gender studies with dialogue studies, narrative studies, conflict studies, and mediation studies, her main research interests concern: a) the communicative processes and the social construction of meaning, in particular gender differences and relationships; b) the socialization processes and the construction/expression of identities, mainly gender identities; c) the form of communication in discussion activities within school systems and in medical consultation within healthcare system; d) in these institutional contexts, the production of narratives within interactions, especially concerning the gender order; e) conflict and gender-based violence in intimate communication; f) the prevention of gender-based violence with children and adolescents.

Since several years, Elisa Rossi collaborates in the field of research, training and conferences with local authorities, women's associations and training centres, she took part at some research projects of local, national (PRIN), and international relevance (HORIZON 2020).

Elisa Rossi participated as speaker to several conference, at a local, national, and international level. She is author of two monographs, (co)editor of two volumes, (co)author of two contributions in proceedings, (co)author of seventeen essays in volumes and of eleven articles in scientific reviews, both in national and international field.

### **Education and training**

Elisa Rossi, after graduating with honours in Sociology from the University of Urbino (1998), attended a post-graduate course at the Institut für Therapieforschung (IFT), Munich (Germany),

dealing with the evaluation of drug prevention interventions aimed at young people. Subsequently she obtained a PhD in Sociology of cultural phenomena and normative processes at the University of Urbino (2004), with a comparative thesis on projects promoting the social participation of children. At the same time, she had a period of research abroad at the Centre for Comparative Research in Social Welfare, Department of Applied Social Sciences, Stirling University (Scotland). Finally, before entering the role of researcher (2008-2021), she was a research fellow for three years at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Department of Linguistic and Cultural Studies, with projects of evaluation research on promotion and prevention interventions aimed at adolescents, intercultural mediation addressed to children and pre-adolescents. Since 2021 she is Associate Professor in Sociology of cultural and communicative processes.

### **Main research experiences**

After graduating in Sociology at the University of Urbino, Elisa Rossi has been in charge of evaluative research of the prevention of “new drugs” and sexual risks among youth groups, and of the promotion of children’s social participation. In addition to her PhD project at the University of Urbino (on children’s participation rights in Emilia Romagna region and in Scotland, connected also to a PRIN) and to her post-doc grant projects (one on the interventions of prevention and promotion with adolescents in Modena, the other one on the interventions of intercultural mediations in middle schools in Modena), Elisa Rossi took part at three projects of national relevance (PRIN) focused on childhood and adolescence (one on prevarications, one on dialogue and conflict management, one on intercultural mediation within international camps). She was in charge of two local projects concerning gender differences, the deconstruction of gender stereotypes, and the promotion of respect; she was involved in two FAR projects from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, one interdepartmental on the communication with migrant women in healthcare contexts, the other one departmental on children’s participation. She participated in a local project about gender differences, the deconstruction of gender stereotypes, and the promotion of respect. She collaborated at one project on national relevance (PRIN) and one international project (HORIZON 2020) on integration of migrant patients and migrant students; she was responsible for a FAR departmental project from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia on doctor-patient communication in oncology and for a FAR departmental project on support practices within self-help groups in oncologic field. She was also involved in a FAR interdepartmental project from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and the local Bank Foundation on doctor-patient communication in

oncology. She is currently involved in a project on national relevance (PRIN) on children's interaction competence at school: social norms, forms of participation and language structures.

### **Research memberships**

Elisa Rossi is currently member of: the International Sociological Association (ISA - RC04 Sociology of Education, RC25 Language and Society, RC32 Women, Gender, and Society); the International Association for Dialogue Analysis (IADA); the Italian Sociological Association (AIS) (Gender Studies Section); the Interuniversity Centre of Analysis of Interaction and Mediation (AIM), the interdisciplinary centre of Research and Studies on Family, Childhood and Adolescence (CIRSFIA); the Laboratory of Audiovisual Materials (LAMA); the Interuniversity Centre on Digital Humanities (DHMORE); and correspondent for the Centre of Interdepartmental Research on Discrimination and vulnerability (CRID). Moreover, Elisa Rossi has been member of the European Sociological Association (ESA) (Research Network 4: Sociology of Children and Childhood; Research Network 33: Women's and Gender Studies) and part of the scientific committee of two national conferences, one interdisciplinary on gender and language, the other one on the sociology of childhood; at local level, she has been organising and had the scientific responsibility for seminars on the social and cultural origins of gender-based violence. From 2012 to 2021, she was member of the Equal Opportunity Committee at the Department of Studies on Language and Culture; since 2017, she coordinates the interdepartmental group "Genders and Religions" born in association with the Framework Convention "Gender and Religions" promoted by the University of Milano Bicocca. Since 2018, she is member of the scientific committee within the Convention between the Department of Studies on Language and Culture and the Woman Documentation Centre of Modena. Since 2023, she is member of the Editorial Board of the Italian Review "Diacronie. Studi di Storia Contemporanea".

### **Teaching**

Since 2004, Elisa Rossi has been in charge of teaching activities at the Department of Studies on Language and Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, specifically: seminars and sections within the courses of Social System and Communication Culture and Sociology of intercultural conflicts; courses of Sociology of intercultural relationships, Sociology of cultural process, Sociology of gender relationships, and Sociology of conflicts. Moreover, she got teaching assignments from two University Masters (Master of I Level in "Promotion of Social Participation: Policies for Equal Opportunities", University of Urbino; Master of I Level in "Management of the national and

international emergency”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) and from the International PhD Renato Treves in “Law and Society”. At present, she teaches Sociology of gender relationships and Sociology of conflicts at the Department of Studies on Language and Culture. She was a member of the Departmental Board from 2017 to 2024 and Chair of the Bachelor’s Degree in History and Contemporary Cultures (SCC) from 2021 to 2024. Since 2023, she is member of the PhD Committee at the Department where she’s working. In February 2025, she had a lecture on gender, war and peace work for the National PhD Course in Peace Studies.

Since 2008, Elisa Rossi got teaching assignments from several external authorities on the evaluation of prevention activities with young people, the social construction of gender differences, the gender socialization processes, the dialogic facilitation and mediation for combating and preventing gender-based discriminations and violence.

### **Extra details**

Elisa Rossi took part to many public engagement activities (conferences online too, book presentations for citizens, etc) and several training course addressed to educators of nursery schools, pre-schools and teachers of schools of all degree. Topics were mainly the social construction of gender differences, the gender socialization processes, the struggle against gender stereotypes, the dialogic facilitation and mediation of conflict, in order to counter and preventing gender-based discriminations and violence, with particular attention to adult-children interactions and interactions among children.