

## **CV LORIS VEZZALI**

Loris Vezzali is Full Professor of Social Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. He has been Assistant and then Associate Professor at the same university since 2011, after graduating at the University of Padova and obtaining his PhD in Social Psychology from the same University with a doctoral thesis on prejudice reduction (for which he won the award for the best thesis in Social psychology awarded by the Section of Social Psychology of the Italian Association of Psychology in 2008). He has been Dean of the degree Course in Psychology (from 2018 to 2024) at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. From January 2017 to December 2019 he has been National Coordinator of the Section of Social Psychology of the Italian Association of Psychology (after being Treasurer for the section from 2014 to 2016), which enrolls university professors of psychology in Italy.

He is also member of some of the most relevant international society of social psychology, such as European Association of Social Psychology. He is Editor in Chief of the Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology, and Associate Editor of Group Processes and Intergroup Relations. Since 2016 he has been Delegate of the Rector for the participation to the “Documentation Center Earthquake 2012” proposed by Municipality of Mirandola (Modena), that includes different partners like Emilia Romagna Region and the four Universities of Emilia Romagna. From 2021 to 2024 he has also been Responsible for Unimore of the inter-istitutional Table on social disadvantage of youngsters and baby gang, which include the city institutions of Reggio Emilia, like Prefettura, Questura, Municipality, Superintendency. He took part in and coordinated several funded projects, mostly at the EU level, broadly centered on social inclusion and education. In many of these, he collaborates with UEFA and National Football Federations of Europe, with the aim of using sport as a tool to promote a better society. On these lines he also collaborates with Reggiana Calcio for the promotion of social responsibility among young players.

His research mostly focuses on intergroup relations and prejudice, with a special interest on prejudice reduction. In particular, he studies the role of intergroup contact, direct and indirect (extended, vicarious, media, imagined, parasocial, online), and phenomena allowed by contact, like secondary transfer effect and collective action. He is also interested in other research topics, like using sport to promote well-being, bullying, fighting the negative social and educational consequences of disasters.

On these topics, he has published on some of the most relevant social psychology journals, like European Review of Social Psychology, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, European Journal of Social Psychology, British Journal of Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Social Psychological and Personality Science. In 2021 he published with Sofia Stathi a book on intergroup contact and its societal relevance on the prestigious series of European Monographs in Social Psychology.

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