

Curriculum in inglese

PAOLA DI NICOLA, is Professor in the SSD SPS/08 Sociology of cultural and communication processes and is member of the Human Sciences Department of the University of Verona.

University researcher since 1988 at the University of Molise, in 1998 she was called by the University of Verona with the role of associate professor. She qualified as an ordinary professor in the academic year 2000-2001, and in this role she carried out research and teaching activities at the University of Verona.

Theoretical and empirical research activities

Paola di Nicola has developed three main lines of theoretical and empirical research, interconnected and interrelated, especially on the side of empirical repercussions.

The first line of research focused on structural and relational changes in the family, starting from the second half of the 1950s; line of research that resulted in the publication of two introductory manuals to the analysis of family changes: one of content and the other methodological. The dynamics of change were analyzed in the light of the most relevant demographic factors (birth, fertility, aging of the population), economic, juridical and cultural (processes of de-institutionalization and privatization of family relationships). The analysis focused on the changes occurred in the couple relationship, in intergenerational relationships, in the forms of parenting with the consequent birth of new family configurations.

The second line of research focused on the theme of the connection between new family needs and welfare policies. The family is still one of the most important mechanisms for the redistribution of resources and the transmission of inequalities between the sexes and the generations. It is a mechanism whose functioning is strongly influenced by the presence or absence of welfare policies to de-familiarize needs, which can lighten the burden of reproductive work and decrease the dependence of the quality of life of social actors from the type of family they belong to. Within this research line, particular attention was paid to the policies of reconciliation between productive work and reproductive work, the persistent inequality in the division of domestic work and care between men and women, the functional overload of women with children and in pairs, at the limits of conciliation policies geared exclusively to women.

Third line of research: The increasing isolation of the conjugal family together with the processes of reform of welfare systems that have taken the path of passive subsidiarity of families and communities of belonging, have represented an excellent laboratory for observing the empirical effects of the analysis of broader social dynamics in the light of the network paradigm. The theoretical deepening of the network paradigm, in its theoretical genesis, as a 'metaphor' of a society founded on contractual exchanges, emotionally 'cold' and electives has allowed, with the methodological support of network analysis, to study how, empirically, the networks of interpersonal relationships have changed, as the forms and contents of the support networks have changed, giving rise to new forms of social capital (primary and secondary).

Empirical research since 1998

Paola di Nicola:

- she was scientific director of the Research Unit of the University of Verona (Department of Educational Sciences) within the research program *Family, exchanges and intergenerational equity* (Funds M: U: R: S: T: 40 % of 1998), national coordinator GB Sgritta (University 'La Sapienza' of Rome). Program title: *Family and exchanges in informal networks (neighborhood and amical groups)*;
- as part of the research projects formerly funded 60% by the University of Verona, he has investigated issues related to family networks, parental networks and models of sociability in an urban context;
- starting from the academic year 1998-99 she has coordinated and directed research, promoted by the University of Verona on the out-of-school profile of Educational Sciences. The research ended in 2000;
- scientific manager of the research unit of Verona who worked on a survey *Self-help networks and associations by and for families*, as part of the research program *The third sector in Italy: cultures and practices* (MURST funds: 40% two-year program, national coordinator P. Donati (University of Bologna));
- in the academic year 2002-2003 she was nominated by the Faculty of Education Sciences, University of Verona, Class XVIII, for the project *Analysis of the correspondence between employment opportunities of graduates anche course study of Education Faculty of Verona*, coordinated by the Department of Enterprise, Culture and Society of the University of Catania , National Committee for the Evaluation of the University System of MIUR;
- in 2003-04 she took part, as a scientific consultant, of a research group promoted by the Municipality of Ferrara, which conducted an empirical survey on *Exchanges of help between families and generations'*(the research was carried out by the Statistical Service of the Municipality of Ferrara);
- Scientific Director of the Verona Research Unit on the theme *The valorisation of social capital in Italy*, national coordinator P. Donati (Funds MIUR 40%, biennial program); title of the local research program: "*Valorisation of the public goods and degree of connectivity, density of the associative networks in Verona*;
- scientific manager of the research *Family and school in Verona'* commissioned by the Department of Educational Sciences and funded by the Municipality of Verona, 2005;
- scientific director of the Research Unit of the University of Verona working on the topic *Third sector, worlds pf the life and social capital in Italy*, national coordinator P. Donati (MUR Funds 40%, two-year program; title of the local research program *Community relations and social capital in the Verona area*;
- scientific manager of the research *Survey of the rates of services on demand for families in the municipalities of the Province of Verona*, research commissioned by the Province of Verona, year 2006;
- scientific coordinator of the research group that carried out the empirical survey *The care and health of the child in the perception of the mothers*, research carried out on behalf of the Pediatricians cultural association, Verona, year 2006;
- scientific manager of a research on the theme *Social capital, migratory networks and processes of social inclusion. The district of Veronetta*, Department of Educational Sciences of the University of Verona, year 2007-08;
- scientific director of the Verona Research Unit on the theme *Social capital and public benefits*, national coordinator P. Donati (Funds MIUR 40%, two-year program; 2007); title of the local program: *Social capital and public benefits: proximity networks and family life cycles*;

- member of the Scientific Committee for the realization of the *Experimental project for monitoring, evaluation and dissemination of knowledge on governance and national, regional and area plans in the field of social inclusion policies*, entrusted by the Veneto Region, on behalf of the Ministry of Welfare, at the Department of Economics of the Ca' Foscari University of Venice and at the Department of Sociology of the Catholic University of Milan (2009-2010);
- Scientific research coordinator *Family structures, reproduction and welfare models*. TeSIS Department, University of Verona, 2010;
- Scientific coordinator of a training course with a regional character on the topic *Adoptive families with biological children, with brothers and second adoptions*, created by the Istituto degli Innocenti (Florence) in the context of the conventional relationship and the related activity plan with the Commission for International Adoptions (CAI), year 2009;
- Scientific coordinator of a regional training course on the subject of *Professional Conduct Groups and self-help groups in supporting the protagonists of the adoption*, carried out by the Istituto degli Innocenti (Florence) in the context of the conventional relationship and the related activity plan in force with the Commission for International Adoptions (CAI), 2011;
- Scientific coordinator of the *Mediterranean welfare research and passive subsidiarity: the role of the Italian family as a producer of personal care services*, TeSIS Department, University of Verona, 2012;
- Scientific coordination of research *Accessibility, satisfaction and support networks for users of the consultancy service, USL20 of the Municipality of Verona*, Department of Human Sciences; and Municipality of Verona;
- Scientific coordination of the research program *The breath of the simulacrum: bodies and forms. The body between identity and instrument of (self) realization*, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona;
- Scientific coordination of research *Medically assisted fertilization, surrogate motherhood: the new social imaginaries*, Department of Human Sciences, beginning of May 2017;
- Member of the interdisciplinary research group on *Emotions*, promoted by the Department of Human Sciences; scientific coordinator of the sociological area, 2017-2019.

Institutional activities

- Member of the teaching council of the research doctorate "Sociology, social service and education sciences", of the Department of Educational Sciences of the University of Trieste, as representative of the University of Verona (registered office) for the XV cycles , XVI and XVII
- Chairman of the Board of the Degree Course in Educational Sciences, Class XVIII for the three-year period 2007-08 / 2009-2010
- Member of the Technical-Scientific Council of the National Observatory on Families and Local Policies (Ministry of Labor and Social Policies): years 2004-2007
- Member of the Technical-Scientific Council, with coordination function, of the National Observatory on the Family, decree of appointment by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of March 13, 2008, for the three-year period 2008-2011; resigned from April 2009
- Director of the first level University Master in Family Mediation, activated by the University of Verona, in the academic year 2002-2003 and subsequent

- Director of the Doctoral School in Human Sciences and Philosophy for the three-year period 2006-07 / 2008-09 and the three-year period 2009-2012
- President of the Italian Association of Sociology (AIS) for the three year period 2013-2016
- President of the Joint Commission for the degree courses belonging to the TeSIS Department (now Cultures and Civilizations), University of Verona-
- Member of the Council of Wise Men of the Italian Association of Sociology

Directorate of academic and scientific review

Editor in Chief of the *Italian Sociological Review*, University of Verona. Open access journal, online in English, referenced and indexed Ibsco, Scopus, Sociological Abstract

Participation Councils and Scientific Committees of editorial series

Editorial Board of the *Studi di Sociologia* (University Cattolica di Milan)

Scientific and reading committee of the review *Educazione sanitaria e Promozione della salute* (University of Perugia)

Board of Directors of *Sociologia e Politiche sociali* (University of Bologna)

Scientific Council of the *Autonomie locali e servizi sociali* (University of Bologna);

Scientific Committee of the *Sociologia e ricerca sociale*; Social Research series, QuiEdit editions, Verona

Scientific Committee of the editorial series *Teoria dei sistemi complessi*, Aracne, Rome

Scientific Committee of the *Osservatorio sui consumi delle famiglie*, University of Verona, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona

Scientific Committee of the Editorial serie Erickson University & Research

Scientific Committee of the editorial series *Strutture e Culture sociali*, FancoAngeli, Milan

Most relevant publications

- *L'uomo non è un'isola. Le reti sociali primarie nella vita quotidiana*, Angeli, Milano, 1986
- *Lineamenti di sociologia della famiglia*, in coll. with P. Donati, NIS (ora Carrocci), Roma, 1989; 2002 seconda edizione aggiornata ed ampliata
- *Analisi e intervento di rete: il caso della famiglia*, edited number 45, review *La ricerca sociale*, 1989
- *Sulle tracce di Pròteo. Concetti e metodi della ricerca sociale sulla famiglia*, NIS, Roma, 1993
- *Onde del tempo. Il senso della famiglia nell'alternanza delle generazioni*, Angeli, Milano, 1997

- *La rete: metafora dell'appartenenza. Analisi strutturale e paradigma di rete*, Angeli, Milano, 1998; II updated, revisited and expanded edition 2015
- *Famiglia e politiche di welfare*, edited of number.3, 1998 of review *Sociologia e politiche sociali*
- *Amichevolmente parlando. La costruzione di relazioni sociali in una società di legami deboli*, Angeli, Milano, 2002
- *Prendersi cura delle famiglie*, Carocci, Roma, 2002
- *Amici miei. Fenomenologia delle relazioni amicali nella società del benessere*, Angeli, Milano, 2003
- *Reti in movimento, politica della prossimità e società civile*, edited vol.7, number 1 of review *Sociologia e politiche sociali*, 2004
- *Famiglia: sostantivo plurale. Amarsi, crescere e vivere nelle famiglie del terzo millennio*, Angeli, Milano, 2008
- *Reti di prossimità e capitale sociale*, in coll. with S. Stanzani and L. Tronca, Angeli, Milano, 2008
- *Sfide trans-culturali e seconde generazioni*, edited vol. 12, number 1 of review *Sociologia e politiche sociali*, 2009 (in coll. With Michele Bertani)
- *Forme e contenuti delle reti di sostegno. Il capitale sociale a Verona*, in coll. with S. Stanzani and L. Tronca, Angeli, Milano 2010
- *Famiglia: sostantivo plurale. Nuovi orizzonti e vecchi problemi*, II updated and extended edition, Angeli, Milano 2015