

Curriculum Vitae
Carmela Barbera, PhD

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

May 2017 PhD in Management and Innovation, Catholic University, Milano
April 2011 Graduate Degree in Economics and Management of Public Administration and International Institutions at L. Bocconi University, Milano.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS

November 2023 to present Assistant Professor, University of Bergamo, Department of Management. Member of the Staff for the Participatory Strategic Planning.
March 2022-October 2023 Research Fellow, University of Bergamo, Department of Management. Member of the Staff for the Participatory Strategic Planning.
July 2020-September 2022 Adjunct professor, University of Bergamo, Department of Management.
Collaboration with the University of Milano-Bicocca on Accounting and Business Administration courses (undergraduate courses).
February 2018-June 2020 Post-doc Research Fellow (STaRs Talented Program 2017-2018), University of Bergamo, Department of Management, Economics and Quantitative Methods.
February 2017-January 2018 Adjunct professor, University of Bergamo, Department of Management, Economics and Quantitative Methods.
Research collaboration with the Catholic University, Milano.
September-December 2015 Visiting at Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.
June 2011-January 2018 Research Assistant and Assistant Professor at SDA Bocconi School of Management (Public Management & Policy Department) and Bocconi University, Milano.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES (over the last 5 years)

Undergraduate and Graduate courses

Teaching activities at the Department of Management of the University of Bergamo:

A.Y. 2025-2026: Contabilità e bilancio (tr. Financial Accounting) (48 hours), undergraduate.

A.Y. 2025-2026: Principi di management e analisi sociale (tr. Principles of management and social analysis) (24 hours), graduate.

A.Y. 2025-2026: Public Value and Reporting (24 hours), graduate (in English).

A.Y. 2025-2026: Business Laboratory "Monitoraggio civico e valore pubblico" (tr. "Civic monitoring and Public Value")

(12 hours), undergraduate (*Course holder*).

A.Y. 2024-2025: Contabilità e bilancio (tr. Financial Accounting) (48 hours), undergraduate.

A.Y. 2024-2025: Economia Aziendale (tr. Business Administration) (18 hours), undergraduate (*Course holder*).

A.Y. 2024-2025: Public Value and Reporting (24 hours), graduate (in English).

A.Y. 2024-2025: Business Laboratory “Monitoraggio civico e valore pubblico” (tr. “Civic monitoring and Public Value”) (12 hours), undergraduate (*Course holder*).

A.Y. 2023-2024: Contabilità e bilancio (tr. Financial Accounting) (48 hours), undergraduate.

A.Y. 2023-2024: Economia Aziendale (tr. Business Administration) (24 hours), undergraduate (*Course holder*).

A.Y. 2023-2024: Public Sector Governance (24 hours), graduate (in English).

A.Y. 2023-2024: Business Laboratory “Monitoraggio civico e valore pubblico” (tr. “Civic monitoring and Public Value”) (12 hours), undergraduate (*Course holder*).

A.Y. 2022-2023: Contabilità e bilancio (tr. Financial Accounting) (16 hours), undergraduate.

A.Y. 2022-2023: Economia Aziendale (tr. Business Administration) (36 hours), undergraduate.

A.Y. 2022-2023: Strategia e Politica Aziendale (tr. Business Strategy) (24 hours), undergraduate.

A.Y. 2022-2023: Gestione Strategica per l’Innovazione (tr. Strategic Management for Innovation) (24 hours), graduate.

A.Y. 2022-2023: Laboratorio d’Impresa “Spesa Pubblica e monitoraggio civico” (tr. Business laboratory “Public spending and civic monitoring”) (20 hours), undergraduate (*Course holder*).

A.Y. 2021-2022: Contabilità e bilancio (tr. Financial Accounting) (16 hours), graduate.

A.Y. 2021-2022: Economia Aziendale (tr. Business Administration) (16 hours), graduate.

A.Y. 2021-2022: Strategia e Politica Aziendale (tr. Business Strategy) (24 hours), graduate.

A.Y. 2021-2022: Gestione Strategica per l’Innovazione (tr. Strategic Management for Innovation) (24 hours), graduate.

A.Y. 2021-2022: Laboratorio d’Impresa “Spesa Pubblica e monitoraggio civico” (tr. Business laboratory “Public spending and civic monitoring”) (16 hours), undergraduate.

PhD programs

May 2025: Lecture on “Sistemi Contabili Pubblici” (Public Accounting Systems) within the PhD program Risorse per la nuova P.A.: Persone e Dati (The New Public Administration: data and human resources) at the University of Milano-Bicocca. The doctoral program is affiliated with: Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Università degli Studi di Milano, Università degli Studi di Padova, Università degli Studi di Torino, Università di Cagliari, Università degli Studi di Trento.

May 2025: Lecture on “Sistemi Contabili Pubblici” (Public Accounting Systems) within the PhD program Risorse per la nuova P.A.: Persone e Dati (The New Public Administration: data and human resources) at the University of Milano-Bicocca. The doctoral program is affiliated with: Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Università degli Studi di Milano, Università degli Studi di Padova, Università degli Studi di Torino, Università di Cagliari, Università degli Studi di Trento.

March 2023: Lecture on Strategic Management within the PhD program “B4S Business Society” at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Title of the lecture “The Locus of Firm Performance: Industry, Firm and

Individual Effects. Measurement Issues in Strategy Research” (4 hours).

Executive courses

October 2025-May 2026: Master di II livello (tr. Master course) “Management, Innovation, Leadership and Digitalisation of Public Administrations (LEAD-PA)”, lectures on public sector accounting, on performance measurement and on impact evaluation, University of Bergamo – Centro di Ateneo SDM (22 hours).

September 2024: Course “Diploma di esperto in Prevenzione della corruzione e trasparenza” (tr. Expert diploma in Corruption Prevention and Transparency), Lecture on the monitoring of the Italian National Recovery and Resilience plan (PNRR) projects”, Scuola Nazionale dell’Amministrazione, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, Rome (3 hours).

January 2025: teaching sessions within “Officina 2025 Bootcamp”, Officine Italia and University of Bergamo, a program that aims to promote the training of young people in the context of Italian Public Administrations (6 hours).

October-December 2024: Master di II livello (tr. Master course) “Management, Innovation, Leadership and Digitalisation of Public Administrations (LEAD-PA)”, lectures on public sector accounting, on performance measurement and on impact evaluation, University of Bergamo – Centro di Ateneo SDM (19 hours).

September 2024: Course “Diploma di esperto in Prevenzione della corruzione e trasparenza” (tr. Expert diploma in Corruption Prevention and Transparency), Lecture on the monitoring of the Italian National Recovery and Resilience plan (PNRR) projects”, Scuola Nazionale dell’Amministrazione, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, Rome (3 hours).

May 2024: Corso di Perfezionamento “Management e governance degli enti del terzo settore” (tr. Post-graduate training course on “Management and governance of third sector organizations”), lecture on Strategy, Sdm-Scuola di Alta formazione, University of Bergamo (4 hours).

October 2023: Corso di Alta Formazione “Management dell’Azienda Cooperativa - livello Advanced” (tr. Master course on “Management of Cooperatives – Advanced level”), University of Bergamo, lecture on Strategic positioning (6 hours).

RESEARCH PROJECTS (over the last 5 years)

National research projects (Italy)

February 2024 to June 2025 “PoweR – Promoting inclusive and Responsible companies as agents of change”, financed by Fondazione Cariplo (INEQUALITY RESEARCH 2023).

May 2024 to present “Tecnologie per l’innovazione dei servizi di welfare” (tr. Technologies for the innovation of welfare services), financed by Fondazione Cariplo.

2021-2024 “hOLD-on: Invecchiamento rigener-Attivo” (tr. hOLD-on: Active Ageing), project led by the Municipality of Bergamo in collaboration with two third sector organizations, two universities and a public healthcare organization, funded by the Department of Public Administration, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

International research projects

January 2024 to present Local unit - “EU-CIEMBLy: Creating an Inclusive European Citizens’ Assembly”, Horizon project related to the call “Standing up for democracy (HORIZON-CL2-2023-DEMOCRACY-01)”, Topic HORIZON-CL2-2023-DEMOCRACY-01-07: “Intersectionality and equality in deliberative and participatory democratic spaces”. Coordinator: Universidade De Coimbra. Project duration: 2024-2027. Number of partners: 11, including universities, non-profit organizations and consulting firms.

PUBLICATIONS

Scientific publications in international high impact journals (peer reviewed), such as *Public Administration*, *Public Administration Review*, *Public Management Review*, *Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal*, *Financial Accountability and Management*, *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*.

Among the latest publications:

Barbera C., Sicilia M, Steccolini I. (2025). Exploring Government-Citizen Interaction in Public Service Performance Assessment: Trade-Offs, Synergies, and Critical Issues. *Public Administration*, Vol. 103, No. 3, pp. 814-827, Online ISSN:1467-9299.

Barbera, C., Ferry, L., Hyndman, N., Liguori, M., McCandless, S., & Midgley, H. C. (2025). Governance and Accountability in Reshaping Public Services: Open Challenges and Wicked Problems of the 21st Century. *Public Administration*, Vol. 103, No. 3, 677-692, Online ISSN:1467-9299.

Sicilia, M., Steccolini, I., Mauro, S. G., Barbera, C., & Grossi, G. (2025). Half a century of public sector accounting research through bibliometric analysis: Looking back to move forward. *Financial Accountability & Management*.

Barbera, C., Nabatchi, T., Sancino, A., & Sicilia, M. (2025). Monetary and symbolic rewards: do they matter for fostering co-commissioning and co-delivery of public services?. *Public Management Review*, 27(1), 1-28.

Barbera, C., Dom, B., du Boys, C., Korać, S., Saliterer, I., Steccolini, I. (2024). Insights from local government managers: Navigating crises through organizational capacities and perceptions. *Public Administration Review*. Early view: <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13859>.

Barbera, C., Sicilia, M., Steccolini, I. (2024). New development: Rethinking public sector accounting systems by rediscovering their relational nature. *Public Money & Management*, 44(8), 727-732.

Barbera C., Jones M., Korac S., Saliterer I., Steccolini I. (2021). Local government strategies in the face of shocks and crises: the role of anticipatory capacities and financial vulnerability, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, 87(1), 154-170.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships in Editorial boards and Scientific committees

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the European Accounting Association (EAA)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the International Journal of Public Sector Management (IJPSM)

Professional affiliations

- European Accounting Association (EAA)
- International Research Society of Public Management (IRSPM)
- Italian Society of Accounting and Business Administration (Società Italiana dei Docenti di Ragioneria e di Economia Aziendale – SIDREA)
- Italian Academy for Business Economics (Accademia Italiana di Economia Aziendale – AIDEA).

Referee Activities

Reviewer for the following International Journals:

- Abacus

- Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal
- Administration & Society
- Financial Accountability & Management
- International Journal of Public Sector Management
- International Review of Administrative Sciences
- Local Government Studies
- Journal of Public Budgeting Accounting & Financial Management
- Public Administration
- Public Administration Review
- Public Management Review
- Public Money and Management
- Public Policy and Administration

Reviewer for the Scientific Committee of the EAA Annual Congress of the European Accounting Association.