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Gender: Female **Nationality:** Italian

ABOUT MYSELF

I am a Political Economist, quietly dismantling capitalism one concept at a time — it hasn't noticed yet. My work weaves together political economy, power, labour and gender, mostly to remind standard models that they tend to forget someone... quite often workers, and women for sure. In short, I'm an acquired taste.

NOTES

Information

Latest update: December 2025

Publications only since 2013

EDUCATION & TRAINING

[1994 - 1998]

Ph.D. in Economics

University of Reading (UK)

[1993 - 1994]

Master in International Business and Economic Integration

University of Reading (UK)

[1986 - 1991]

BA in Discipline Economiche e Sociali

Bocconi University (IT)

WORK EXPERIENCE

[2002 - Current]

Assistant Professor in Political Economy

University of Bergamo - Department of Economics

[2001 - 2002]

Research Fellow

University of Bergamo - Department of Economics

[2000 - 2001]

Adjunct Lecturer

University of Bergamo - Department of Economics

[1999 - 2000]

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

University of Bergamo - Department of Economics

[1998 - 1999]

Research Analyst

Istituto Affari Internazionali - Rome - Italy

[1997 - 1998] **Research Fellow**
Manchester Metropolitan University (UK) - International Business Unit

[1991 - 1993] **Research Analyst**
Centro Studi Industria Leggera - Milan - Italy

RESEARCH

Research interests

Economics of globalisation; Economics of innovation (with particular focus on national innovation systems); Italian economic development; Feminist and gender economics

[26/04/2025 - 25/05/2025] **Visiting Research Fellow**
University of the West of England, Bristol, UK

[08/04/2024 - 19/05/2024] **Visiting Research Fellow**
Goldsmiths University, London, UK

[23/04/2023 - 28/05/2023] **Visiting Research Fellow**
Goldsmiths University, London, UK

[04/10/2021 - 19/12/2021] **Visiting Research Fellow**
Goldsmiths University, London, UK

PROJECTS

[2013 - 2014] **Financing Innovation: An Application of a Keynes-Schumpeter-Minsky Synthesis**
INET-funded research project.
Principal investigators: Mariana Mazzucato (SPRU), L. Randall Wray (Levy Institute)

[2007] **Feasibility Study about the Gender Balance in the Mobility Sector of the Municipality of Bergamo**
External professional collaboration for the *Feasibility Study: Gender Budgeting in the Mobility Sector of the Municipality of Bergamo*, commissioned by the Women's Council of the Municipality of Bergamo

[2006 - 2007] **New frontiers in Marxian theory: the role of value form and space in the critique of political economy**
Local unit project within the PRIN (Projects of National Interest, funded by the Ministry of Education) *The outcomes of classical German philosophy: development of the already begun critical edition of texts and preparation of further studies on the subject*
National coordinator: Mario Cingoli

[2003] **Innovation in local production systems**
External professional collaboration, CNR-ISPRI (Experimental Institute for Socio-Economic Studies on Innovation and Research Policies)

[1997] **Trade and Investment Flows within the British Commonwealth, 1970-1995**
Research collaboration with the Department of Economics, University of Reading (UK)

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

[25/11/2009]

Il problema della valutazione della ricerca nelle scienze sociali

Organiser in collaboration with Anna Carola Freschi and Stefano Lucarelli

[19/12/2003 - 20/12/2003]

Reinventing Space: The Geography of Globalisation

Organiser

REFEERING

Journals and Editors

Journals: Annals of Economics and Statistics, Critical Historical Studies; Economics of Innovation and New Technology, European Planning Studies, Industrial and Corporate Change, Regional Studies, Research Policy, Review of Political Economy; Rivista Italiana di Geografia; International Review of Applied Economics

Editors: Routledge

GENDER RELETED ACTIVITIES

[2011 - 2013]

Director

Director (together with Professor Barbara Pezzini) of the URGE (Uguaglianza nelle e attraverso le Regole di Genere - Equality in and through Gender Rules) Training Course, organised by the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergamo, and funded by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Equal Opportunities

[2011 - 2013]

Lecturer

Lecturer of the module Gender, Economics, Politics in the URGE (Uguaglianza nelle e attraverso le Regole di Genere - Equality in and through Gender Rules) Training Course, organised by the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergamo, and funded by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Equal Opportunities

[2009 - 2015]

University Delegate for Equal Opportunities

The delegation aimed to promote gender policies within the university and in its relationships with the local community, strengthening the network with equality institutions and bodies at the local (Province, Municipalities, etc.), national (e.g., the Unire network), and supranational levels.

[2007 - 2009]

Lecturer

Lecturer in the Training Course on Gender Policies and Equal Opportunities between Men and Women, organised by the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergamo, and funded by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Equal Opportunities

[2007]

External Professional Collaboration

External professional collaboration for the *Feasibility Study: Gender Budgeting in the Mobility Sector of the Municipality of Bergamo*, commissioned by the Women's Council of the Municipality of Bergamo

PUBLICATIONS

[2025]

Structural Change, Innovation and Gender Gaps

Authors: Maria Savona, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Review of Political Economy

| **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (on-line in open access), p. 1-23

[2025] [Domestic Labour and Living Labour](#)

Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Etica & Politica / Ethics & Politics | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol. 27, Issue 1, p. 331-338

[2025] [Lights and Shadows in the Italian Gender Mainstreaming](#)

Reference: Simone Pulcher, Stefano Basaglia, Simona Cuomo, Zenia Simonella (eds.)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova, Alessandra Vincenti | **Journal Name:** (book title) Diversity and Inclusion in Italy | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 589-611 | **Publisher:** Springer

[2025] [La questione della natura. Un percorso a partire da alcuni libri recenti](#)

Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Francesco Garibaldi, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 1, p. 207-234

[2024] [Macroeconomic Theory and Policy in the Capitalist of "Permanent Catastrophe"](#)

Reference: Therese Jefferson, John E. King (eds.)
Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** (book title) Post Keynesian Economics | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 145-165 | **Publisher:** Edward Elgar

[2023] [«Grandi dimissioni», «rifiuto del lavoro» e lotta allo sfruttamento: una rassegna](#)

Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 3, p. 141-162

[2023] [Riconfigurazione geografica del capitalismo](#)

Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista Geografica Italiana | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol. 130, Issue 3, p. 137-139

[2022] [Catastrofe permanente. Ovvero, le conseguenze economiche e sociali dell'aggressione di Putin](#)

Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 3/4, p. 45-58

[2019] [Sperando contro ogni speranza: il difficile lavoro della trasformazione sociale](#)

Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 2, p. 201-208

[2018] [Sulle trasformazioni strutturali del capitalismo e su quale svolta di politica economicavada auspicata](#)

Reference: Laura Pennacchi, Riccardo Sanna (eds.)
Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** (book title) Lavoro e innovazione per riformare il capitalismo | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 163-181

[2016] [Crisis, Policy Responses and Gender: the Italian Experience](#)

Reference: Hannah Bargawi, Giovanni Cozzi, Susan Himmelweit (eds.)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** (book title) Economics and Austerity in Europe: Gendered Impacts and Sustainable Alternatives | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 59-75 | **Publisher:** Routledge

- [2017] [Ripensare l'uscita dal capitalismo?](#)
Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 3, p. 307-222
- [2017] [Potenzialità e limiti del reddito di base](#)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Etica & Politics / Ethics & Politics | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol. XIX, Issue 1, p. 143-160
- [2014] [Neoliberismo, ecosistema e sistemi nazionali di innovazione: verso uno Stato innovatore di prima istanza](#)
Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 4, p. 211-221
- [2014] [Crisi del welfare e crisi del lavoro, dal Fordismo alla Grande Recessione: un'ottica diclasse e di genere](#)
Authors: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Rivista delle Politiche Sociali | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Issue 1, p. 103-122
- [2014] [What's gender got to do with the Great Recession? The Italian case](#)
Reference: Riccardo Bellofiore, Giovanna Vertova (eds.)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** (book title) The Great Recession and the Contradictions of Contemporary Capitalism | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 189-207 | **Publisher:** Edward Elgar
- [2013] [Distretti industriali e multinazionali tascabili. La trasformazione produttiva del Made in Italy](#)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Allegoria | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol. 25, Issue 68, p. 23-31
- [2013] [Crisi e donne in Italia](#)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** Nuova Secondaria | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol. 30, Issue 7, p. 41-43
- [2012] [Women on the verge of a nervous breakdown: the gender impact of the crisis](#)
Reference: Elena Papadopoulou, Gabriel Sakellaris (eds.)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** (book title) The Political Economy of Public Debt and Austerity in the EU | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 123-133 | **Publisher:** Nissos Publications
- [2012] [Il mercato del lavoro in un'ottica di genere](#)
Reference: Barbara Pezzini (ed.)
Authors: Giovanna Vertova | **Journal Name:** (book title) La costruzione del genere - Norme e Regole | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** (chapter in book) p. 133-166