

Damiano Uccheddu

Center for Demographic Research (DEMO),
Institute for the Analysis of Change in Contemporary and Historical Societies (IACS),
University of Louvain (UCLouvain)

Place Montesquieu 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)
Phone: +39 340 270 1898 | E-mail: damiano.uccheddu@uclouvain.be

Current position

2020 – Present Postdoctoral Researcher

Center for Demographic Research (DEMO), University of Louvain (UCLouvain), Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)

Research Theme: "Fertility, family transformations, and gender relations"

Research interests

Administrative Data; Ageing; Analytical Sociology; Caregiving; Comparative Sociology; Depression; Divorce; Education; Europe; Family Demography; Family Inequalities; Frailty; Gender; Health Inequalities; Intergenerational Relationships; Life-course; Linked Lives; Mental Health; Micro and Macro Determinants of Health and Well-being at Older Ages; Panel Data; Parental Health; Physical Health; Quantitative Methods for Social Research; Sequence Analysis; Social Stratification; Survey Data; Welfare State; Well-being.

Education

2017 – 2022 PhD Family Demography / Sociology

Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI-KNAW), University of Groningen, Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Groningen (the Netherlands)

Thesis: "*Gender inequalities in health at older ages. A longitudinal and comparative investigation across European countries A longitudinal and comparative investigation across European countries*"

Supervision: Prof. Anne H. Gauthier, Prof. Nardi Steverink, Dr Tom Emery

2016 – 2017 Advanced Course in Technologies for Active and Healthy Aging

University of Trento, Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, Trento (Italy)

2012 – 2016 Master's degree in Sociology and Social Research

University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research, Trento (Italy)

Thesis: "*Social inequalities in health in old age: the role of socioeconomic status and social relationships. A panel analysis on SHARE data, 2004-2013*"

Supervision: Prof. Carlo Buzzi (committee: Prof. Stefani Scherer, Prof. Cristiano Vezzoni)

Research projects

- 2022 – 2025 **F.R.S.-FNRS Postdoctoral Fellowship** [Chargé de recherches F.R.S.-FNRS (postdoctorant)]. 3-year research project titled “The Education of Adult Children and the Health of their Ageing Parents” (DARLENE). Commission final grading: *Excellent*. (Main applicant)
- 2020 – 2022 **Postdoctoral Researcher** – F.R.S.-FNRS PER (Coronavirus Exceptional Research Project, Call 2020) – “Kin and non-kin ties during the COVID-19 pandemic: contagion or protection for older adults?” – Coordination: Prof. Ester Rizzi

Formal role as supervisor

- 2022 *MSc supervisor of Coline Marquebreucq (with Prof. Ester Rizzi)*
FR: Capital social et facteurs de risque socio-familiaux dans l'entrée en maisons de repos
(EN: Social capital and socio-familial risk factors in nursing home entry)
- 2021 *MSc supervisor of Ophélie Goffinet (with Prof. Ester Rizzi)*
FR: Âgé et bien entouré – Le bien-être selon les types de relations sociales chez les 50 ans et plus en Belgique et en Suède (EN: Old and well surrounded – Well-being according to the type of social relationships among the 50+ in Belgium and Sweden)

Publications

- Uccheddu, Damiano, and Ester Rizzi. 'Intergenerational ties and COVID-19 contagion: A study on European adults 50 years and older using SHARE data'. *The Journal of Gerontology, Series B: Social Sciences*. (**Forthcoming**). [[Reproducibility Files](#)]
- Uccheddu, Damiano, Tom Emery, Anne H. Gauthier, and Nardi Steverink. 'Gendered Work-Family Life Courses and Late-Life Physical Functioning: A Comparative Analysis from 28 European Countries'. *Advances in Life Course Research* 53 (**2022**): 100495. [[Reproducibility Files](#)].
- Uccheddu, Damiano, and Ruben van Gaalen. 'Children's Strains, Parents' Pains? How Adult Children's Union Dissolution Influences Older Parents' Health'. *Journal of Family Research* 34, no. 2 (**2022**): 757–81. [[Reproducibility Files](#)].
- Uccheddu, Damiano, Anne H. Gauthier, Nardi Steverink, and Tom Emery. 'Gender and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health at Older Ages Across Different European Welfare Clusters: Evidence from SHARE Data, 2004–2015'. *European Sociological Review* 35, no. 3 (**2019a**): 346–62. [[Reproducibility Files](#)].
- Uccheddu, Damiano, Anne H. Gauthier, Nardi Steverink, and Tom Emery. 'The Pains and Reliefs of the Transitions into and out of Spousal Caregiving. A Cross-National Comparison of the Health Consequences of Caregiving by Gender'. *Social Science & Medicine* 240 (**2019b**): 112517. [[Reproducibility Files](#)].

Work in progress

- Uccheddu, Damiano, Malgorzata Mikucka, and Ester Rizzi. (**Work in progress**) 'Family and Non-Family Ties and Depressive Feelings during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Evidence from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)'. <https://epc2022.eaps.nl/uploads/210790>.

Presentations at international conferences (selected)

- November 2022 Invited keynote - Fall Symposium "Healthy Ageing, Health, and Well-Being" Centre of Expertise Social Sciences Health and Well-being (Groningen, the Netherlands)
- Uccheddu, D. "Gender inequalities in health at older ages: The importance of a longitudinal and comparative life course approach to health"
- June-July 2022 European Population Conference 2022, EPC 2022 (Groningen, the Netherlands)
- Uccheddu, D., Mikucka, M., and Rizzi, L. "Family and Non-Family Ties and Depressive Feelings during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Evidence from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)"
- December 2021 XXIX IUSSP International Population Conference, IUSSP 2021 (Online)
- Uccheddu, D., and Rizzi, L. "Intergenerational relationships and COVID-19 contagion among adults aged 50 years and older in Europe. Evidence from SHARE data"
- July 2020 Conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research, ECSR 2020 (Online)
- Uccheddu, D., and van Gaalen, R. "Children's strains, parents' pains? How adult children's union dissolution influences older parents' physical and mental health"
- April 2019 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, PAA 2019 (Austin, Texas)
- Uccheddu, D., Gauthier, A. H., Steverink, N. and Emery, T. "Gender Inequalities in Health in Later Life: Does Informal Caregiving Matter?"
- June 2018 European Population Conference, EPC 2018 (Brussels, Belgium)
- Uccheddu, D., Gauthier, A. H., Steverink, N. and Emery, T. "Gender Inequalities in Health in Later Life: Does Informal Caregiving Matter?"
- May 2017 ESA Research Network 01 - Ageing in Europe (RN01) Workshop - "Life-course influences on retirement: Researchers' and stakeholders' perspectives" (Helsinki, Finland)
- Uccheddu, D. "The Role of Socioeconomic Status on Health at Older Ages across Different European Welfare Clusters: Evidence from SHARE Data, 2004-2013"

Teaching experience (workshops)

- 2021-2022 EU surveys and opinion polls - LDEMO2650 (University of Louvain (UCLouvain), Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)
- "An introduction to the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)"

Organization of events

- 2022 Stakeholders' meeting – Care, Retirement & Wellbeing of Older People Across Different Welfare Regimes (CREW) – Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) More Years Better Lives (MYBL).
(University of Louvain (UCLouvain), Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)
- *Organizers:* Malgorzata Mikucka, Ester Rizzi, and Damiano Uccheddu.
- 2021 19th Annual Meeting of the European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce.
(Online event)
- *Organizers:* Ariane Bertogg, Maike van Damme, and Damiano Uccheddu.

Memberships

- EAPS – European Association for Population Studies
- IUSSP – International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
- PAA – Population Association of America
- SIS-AISP – Associazione Italiana per gli Studi di Popolazione (Italian Association for Population Studies, Demography Section of the Italian Statistical Society)

Volunteering

- ADMO - Italian Association of Bone Marrow Donors (Italy)

Damiano Uccheddu
20 December 2022

