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Most important awards, prizes and academies

Full Professor of the Sociology of Cultural and Communication Processes, University of Molise. Member of the Ph.D. Board of the international programme in "Social Work and Personal Social Services", Catholic University of Milan. Member of the Scientific Committee of the Research Centre for Inland Areas and the Apennines, University of Molise. Rector's delegate for Disability, Student Conditions, and the Right to Study, University of Molise. Member of the Executive Board of the National University Conference of Delegates for Disabilities (CNUDD).

Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy, University of Bologna (1994).

Secretary of the Social Policy section of the Italian Sociological Association (2006-09). Founding member of the Italian Scientific Society of Sociology, Culture, and Communication (since 2017). Member of the editorial boards of scientific journals and book series.

Summary of scientific research

Ferrucci's research covers the sociology of disability, family and childhood, health, social policies, and the third sector. The sociology of disability is his main research area, focusing on social inclusion policies in employment, university studies, and independent living. He is currently the

director of research projects with applications in promoting physical, sensory, and cognitive accessibility to cultural institutions. His research in the sociology of the family and childhood has focused on the culture of childhood and the conceptions of children's rights held by the actors involved in the educational process (children, parents, and teachers). He has also worked on policies for combating poverty and providing economic support to families (also from a comparative perspective). In the sociology of health, he investigated the spread of HIV in Western societies from a socio-cultural perspective, with a focus on the social construction of the disease, cultures of risk in different social groups, and health education strategies for prevention. Research on the third sector has concentrated on Social Foundations, highlighting the culture that characterises some of these organisations as mechanisms for generating trust and reciprocity. Specifically, he has worked both theoretically and empirically on the emergence and development of Community Foundations in Italy and their role in generating and enhancing social capital in local communities.

Main publications

Books: Presentation of the Italian edition of T. Shakespeare, *Disabilità e società. Diritti, falsi miti, percezioni sociali [Disability rights and wrongs revisited]*, Second edition] edited by F. Ferrucci (2017); *Capitale sociale e partnership tra pubblico, privato e terzo settore. Il caso delle fondazioni comunitarie* (2010); *La disabilità come relazione sociale. Gli approcci sociologici tra natura e cultura* (2004); *Fondazioni bancarie e volontariato* (1999); *Vivere con l'AIDS. Introduzione all'analisi sociologica* (1997); (with P. Donati), *Verso una nuova cittadinanza della famiglia in Europa* (1994).

Articles and book chapters: *L'esperienza didattica universitaria degli studenti con disabilità e con DSA*, (2021); *Les politiques d'insertion professionnelle pour les personnes en situation d'handicap en Italie : de l'emploi obligatoire à l'emploi ciblé* (2020); *Le handicap en tant que relation sociale : un nouveau paradigme sociologique pour les politiques d'inclusion* (2020), *The social and cultural integration of disabled people* (2018); *The enigma of social relations in post-moderno society* (2017); (with C. Tomassini, G. Pistacchio), *Individui, famiglie e comunità. Quale future demografico per le aree interne?* (2017); *Welfare locale, dopo di noi e ciclo di vita familiare delle persone adulte con disabilità: una prospettiva sociologica*, in "NonProfit", 2-3, (2016); (with M. Cortini), *Social representations and inclusive practices for disabled students in Italian higher education: A mixed-method analysis of multiple perspectives* (2015); *Disability and work inclusion in Italy: Between unfulfilled promises and new disability culture*, in "Modern Italy", vol. 19, n. 2, (2014); *Famiglia e politiche sociali in Italia* (2012); *Partnership sociali e fondazioni di comunità in Lombardia. Due studi di caso: la sovvenzione globale CRES e il progetto "Intessere"* (2010); *Capire la differenza: culture della disabilità* (2009); *Lo sterminio dei disabili. Come e perché noi tracciamo i confini dell'umano*, in «Quis ut Deus», n.1, (2009); «*The fastest thing on no legs*». *Il caso Pistorius* (2009); *Cultura dell'infanzia e culture dei bambini. Identità e processi di socializzazione nella società contemporanea* (2008); *Differentiation of the Philanthropic Cultures in Italian Foundations* (2008); *La promozione del welfare societario a livello locale: il ruolo delle fondazioni*

comunitarie (2008); *Come pensano (e agiscono) le fondazioni italiane? Morfogenesi e morfostasi delle culture filantropiche*, in «Politiche sociali e servizi», anno IX, n. 1, (2007); (with G.M. Grasso, G. Ripabelli, M. Sammarco), *Sources of information, knowledge and sexual behavior related to HIV/AIDS among university students in an inland territory in central Italy*, in «Italian Journal of Public Health», vol. 4, n. 1 (2007); (with F. Casas, A. Saporiti, M. Gonzales, C. Figuer, C. Rostan, M. Sadurnì, C. Alsinet, M. Gusò, D. Grignoli, A. Mancini, M. Rago), *Children's Rights From the Point of View of Children, their Parents and their Teachers: A Comparative Study between Catalonia (Spain) and Molise (Italy)*, in «The International Journal of Children's Rights», 14, (2006); *Le fondazioni comunitarie in Italia/Die Burgerstiftungen in Italien* (2006); (with S. Stanzani), *La valorizzazione del capitale sociale nelle istituzioni di alta formazione: il caso dei collegi universitari italiani* (2006); *La disabilità: differenza e alterità tra natura e cultura* (2006); *Disabilità e politiche sociali. La prospettiva sociologica del paradigma relazionale* (2005); (with A. Saporiti, F. Casas, C. Alsinet, C. Figuer, M. Gonzales, M. Gusò, C. Rostan, M. Sadurnì, D. Grignoli, A. Mancini, M. Rago), *Tres mirades a los derechos de la infancia. Estudio comparativo entre Cataluña (España) y Molise (Italia)* (2005); (with A. Saporiti, F. Casas, D. Grignoli, A. Mancini, M. Rago, C. Alsinet, C. Figuer, M. Gonzales, M. Gusò, C. Rostan, M. Sadurnì), *Children's Views on Children's Rights. A Comparative Study in Catalonia (Spain) and Molise (Italy)*, in «Sociological Studies of Children and Youth», vol. 10, (2005); (with S. Stanzani), *Le fondazioni sociali* (2004); *Le nuove generazioni tra inclusione ed esclusione sociale. Prospettive sociologiche di analisi e di intervento* (2004); *Le community foundations in Italia: esperienze e prospettive* (2001); *Gli orientamenti delle politiche familiari in Italia alla fine degli anni '90*, in «Sociologia e politiche sociali» (1998); *Approccio sociologico alla trasmissione del virus HIV* (1998); *Le fondazioni bancarie* (1996); *Politica sociale, povertà e precarietà sociale: il reddito minimo garantito* (1993); *Le proposte di legge sul reddito minimo garantito in Italia: una prima valutazione* (1992).