

CV (short version)

Francesco Ramella

is Professor of Sociology of Development at the University of Turin, where he directs the Luigi Bobbio Center for Public and Applied Social Research. From 2021 to 2024, he was Chair of the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society (CPS) and a member of the Academic Senate at the University of Turin. He was co-founder and first president of the Italian Society of Economic Sociology. A columnist for the newspaper *Domani*, he serves on the editorial and scientific boards of academic journals, including *Stato e Mercato* (which he directed from 2011 to 2015) and *Sociologias*.

Research Interests

He has carried out researches on the sociology of innovation, economy of collaboration, universities and third mission activities, regional/local development and urban governance. In particular, on the theme of innovation he has been carrying out research on manufacturing digitalization, innovative enterprises, national innovation systems in southern Europe, the geography of innovation in high tech industries and the contribution of universities to regional development. He has also written the first handbook, at international level, dedicated to the sociology of economic innovation. The book was firstly published in July 2013 in Italian by Il Mulino, then in English by Routledge in 2016 and finally in Brazilian-Portuguese by Editora UFRGS in 2020.

In addition to innovation topics, he has carried out research on the following topics: the territorial pacts for development; the role of social capital in local development; the renewal of local administrators in Italian cities. He has also studied the relations between civic traditions, political cultures and local development, with particular reference to the southern regions and to the “red regions” of Central Italy.

Publications

Among his recent books in Italian: *Il futuro alle spalle. Volume I. La digitalizzazione delle imprese manifatturiere in Italia* (Il Mulino, 2016, curato con A. Gherardini); *Il futuro alle spalle. Volume II. I sistemi regionali della digitalizzazione manifatturiera Italia* (Il Mulino, 2016, curato con A. Gherardini); *L'economia della collaborazione* (*The Economy of Collaboration*, Il Mulino, 2019, with C. Manzo; Routledge 2021); *La terza missione degli accademici italiani* (*The Third Mission of Italian Academics*, Il Mulino, 2018, with A. Perulli, R. Semenza, M. Rostan); *Fondazioni e sviluppo locale* (*Foundations and Local Development*, Donzelli 2017); *Sociologia dell'innovazione economica* (*Sociology of Economic Innovation*, Il Mulino 2013; Routledge 2016); *Governare città. Beni collettivi e politiche metropolitane* (*Governing Cities - Collective Goods and Metropolitan Policies*, Donzelli-Meridiana Libri, 2012 with F. Piselli and L. Burroni); *Imprese e territori dell'alta tecnologia in Italia* (*High-Tech Firms and their Territories in Italy*, Il Mulino 2010, with C. Trigilia); *Invenzioni e inventori in Italia* (*Inventions and Inventors in Italy*, Il Mulino 2010, with C. Trigilia).

Among his recent works in other languages: *Handbook on the Sociology of Innovation* (Elgar, forthcoming 2027-2028, co-edited with C. Trigilia); *Manufacturing Digitalization in Italy: The Future Behind*, Routledge, Routledge, 2026, co-edited with A. Gherardini). *A New World Is Open? Distance Teaching In Italian Universities During The Covid-19 Emergency* (in *Education & Emergency in Italy. How the education system reacted to the first wave of Covid-19*, Brill, Leiden, The Netherlands, 2022, with M. Rostan); *Italy at a critical juncture. Game changing crises for the Italian innovation system* (in “*Stato e Mercato*”, n. 1, 2022); *The Economy of Collaboration* (with Cecilia Manzo, Routledge, 2020); *Sociologia da inovação econômica* (UFRGS Editora, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul Press, Porto Alegre, 2020); *The Economy of*

Collaboration in the Age of Digitalization (in “Sociologies in Dialogue”, forthcoming 2019); *The «Enterprise of Innovation» in hard times* (in “European Planning Studies”, 2017); *The Innovation Paradox in Southern Europe* (with Davide Donatiello, in “South European Society & Politics”, 2017); *Into the Crisis: Fab Labs – a European Story* (with Cecilia Manzo, in “The Sociological Review”, 2018); *Sociology of Economic Innovation* (Routledge, 2016); *Preface: Creative Economy and Innovation Studies*, (in S. Ruduit Garcia, ed., *Economia Criativa: Heranças, Inovações E Perspectivas*, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul Press, 2016); *Fab Labs in Italy: Collective Goods in the Sharing Economy* (with Cecilia Manzo, in “Stato e Mercato” 2015); *Political Economy* (in G. Ritzer, ed., *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, Blackwell, 2015); *Surfing between State and Market, for One Hundred Times* (in “Stato e Mercato”, 2014); *Society, Politics and Territory in Italy: What is Left?* (in “South European Society & Politics”, 2010); *Negotiating Local Development: The Italian Experience of “Territorial Pacts”* (in “Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy”, 2010).

Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum (longer version)

Francesco Ramella was born in 1962 in Florence (Italy)

Citizenship: Italian

Education:

PhD in Political Sociology (1992, University of Florence).

MA (4 years) in Political Sciences (1987, University of Florence)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS at the University of Torino

FULL PROFESSOR of Economic Sociology.

DIRECTOR of the «Centro “Luigi Bobbio” per la Ricerca Sociale Pubblica e Applicata» (“Luigi Bobbio” Center for Public and Applied Social Research).

MEMBER of the Scientific Committee of the Master in “Organization and Human Resources Development”.

MEMBER of the Scientific Committee of the “Observatory on University and Profession”.

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS at the University of Torino

MEMBER of the Board of Directors of the Collegio Carlo Alberto (Torino): 2023-2026.

CHAIR of the Dept. of Cultures, Politics and Society (2021-2024)

MEMBER of the Academic Senate (2021-2024)

PRESIDENT of the BA programme in “Social and Political Sciences”, University of Torino (2013-2019).

Director of the International MAPS Programme held at the Collegio Carlo Alberto (Advanced Master in Public Policy and Social Change): 2015-2018.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Sociology of Development (Undergraduate)

Sociology of International Development (Postgraduate)

SCIENTIFIC POSITIONS

MEMBER of the Editorial Board of the scientific journal “Stato e Mercato” (I was Editor in Chief from 2011 to 2015).

MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD of the *Lapolis* Political Science Book Series, Apogeo Education, Maggioli Group Publishing Division.
(<https://lapolis.org/pubblicazioni/collana-maggioli/>)

MEMBER of the Editorial Board of “Sociologias” (journal published by the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil).

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

CO-FOUNDER and FIRST PRESIDENT of the Italian Society of Economic Sociology (SISEC), 2017–2020

COLLABORATOR at the Research Institute “Demos & Pi”

MEMBER of the Scientific Committee of the Italian Centre for Research on Universities and Higher Education Systems (UNIRES)

MEMBER of the “il Mulino” Association for Culture and Politics

MEMBER of the European Sociological Association (ESA)

MEMBER of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

VISITING PROFESSOR at the School of Political Science and International Relations, Tongji University, Shanghai: September 4–October 14, 2025.

VISITING RESEARCHER at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt: October–November 2024.

VISITING PROFESSOR at the Centre for Research in Economic Sociology and Innovation (CRESI), University of Essex (Colchester, UK): October–November 2018.

VISITING SCHOLAR at the Institute of Social and Political Studies (IESP), Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ), Brazil: November 2016.

VISITING PROFESSOR in the Graduate Program in Sociology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil: November 2014–January 2015.

VISITING PROFESSOR in the Graduate Program in Sociology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil: May–June 2014.

VISITING SCHOLAR at the Department of Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz (USA): 2009.

VISITING SCHOLAR at the Institute of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil): 2008.

VISITING SCHOLAR at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (USA): 1998.

VISITING FELLOW at the Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca (USA): 1996.

PRIZES

WINNER of the Italian national selection for the “Second Worldwide Competition for Young Sociologists” (1993), organized by the International Sociological Association.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL OR CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

1. 2025-2027 Scenari artigiani, funded by EBAP.
2. 2024-25 Il giovane Piemonte, funded by the *Luigi Bobbio Center*.
3. 2023 Studi sulla digitalizzazione dell’economia e della società in Piemonte funded by Noovle-TIM
4. PRIN 2020 *The future behind. Manufacturing companies and regional systems of digitization: the Italian case* Principal investigator of a PRIN project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), 2022–2025.
5. 2020-21 La digitalizzazione delle PMI, funded by Noovle-TIM and the University of Torino.
6. 2020 L’e-learning ai tempi del Covid-19. Le risposte digitali delle università e degli accademici italiani all’emergenza sanitaria del 2020, funded by Centro Luigi Bobbio e Unires.
7. 2019 *Lo sviluppo possibile del Piemonte*, funded by Piccola Industria-Unione industriali Torino.
8. 2017-19 “I nuovi imprenditori della produzione collaborativa in Piemonte”, funded by Fondazione CRT.
9. 2012 “Definizione di un sistema di indicatori per lo sviluppo di iniziative in tema di proprietà intellettuali”, Camera di Commercio di Milano.
10. PRIN 2010 “Università, innovazione ed economie regionali”, Coordinator of the Local Research Unit at the University of Urbino within a PRIN project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), 2013–2016.

11. 2010-15 "Progetto di Promozione dello Sviluppo del Territorio", Associazione di Fondazioni e di Casse di Risparmio S.p.A. (Acri).
12. 2009 "Invenzioni, inventori e territori. Prospettive e politiche di sviluppo italiane e internazionali", Iris Prato, Incontri di Artimino.
13. 2008 "Imprese e territori dell'Alta Tecnologia in Italia. Primo Rapporto di Artimino sullo Sviluppo Locale", Iris Prato, Incontri di Artimino.
14. 2007 "Uno sviluppo esigente. Società, economia ed istituzioni in Toscana", Demos & Pi, Confindustria Toscana.
15. PRIN 2007 "I protagonisti dell'innovazione: imprese, imprenditori e innovatori", Coordinator of the Local Research Unit at the University of Urbino within a PRIN project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), 2008-2010.
16. "Le politiche per i giovani nei comuni delle Marche", Laboratorio di Studi Politici e Sociali (LaPolis - Università di Urbino) - Consiglio Regionale delle Marche.
17. PRIN 2004 "Comuni e interessi locali nel Mezzogiorno", Coordinator of the Local Research Unit at the University of Urbino within a PRIN project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), 2005-2006.
18. 2005 "Il Mezzogiorno a mezza strada. Indagine Demos sugli orientamenti dei cittadini del Sud verso l'economia, le istituzioni e la realtà sociale", Demos-Regione Campania.
19. 2003-2004 "Il governo municipale delle Marche. Gli effetti della legge elettorale dei sindaci 10 anni dopo", Laboratorio di Studi Politici e Sociali (LaPolis - Università di Urbino)-Consiglio Regionale delle Marche.
20. PRIN 2002 "Patti sociali per lo sviluppo locale. Indagine sulle nuove forme di governo del territorio nelle regioni del Centro e del Sud", Coordinator of the Local Research Unit at the University of Urbino within a PRIN project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), 2003-2004.
21. 2002-3 "La lezione dei patti territoriali per la progettazione integrata territoriale nel Mezzogiorno", Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze-Dipartimento per le Politiche di Sviluppo e di Coesione-Ministero delle Attività Produttive-Direzione Generale per il coordinamento degli incentivi alle imprese.
22. PRIN 2000 "Capitale sociale, sviluppo locale e modelli di regolazione nelle Marche", Coordinator of the Local Research Unit at the University of Urbino within a PRIN project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), 2001-2003.
23. 1999-2000 "Programma di interventi a favore dei giovani e degli adolescenti per gli anni 2001/2003", Regione Marche.
24. 1999 "Gli amministratori comunali nel Mezzogiorno", Sudgest-Imes-Cnel.
25. 1998-1999 "Il comune e gli interessi locali: un'analisi comparata tra Mezzogiorno e Centro Nord-Est", Prin.
26. 1997 "Condizione dei giovani-adulti in Valdelsa", Regione Toscana.
27. 1996 "Associazionismo e mobilitazione contro la criminalità organizzata nel Mezzogiorno", Imes.
28. 1994-96 "Famiglia, sistema educativo e sviluppo diffuso in Toscana", Regione Toscana.
29. 1992-1994 "Circuiti culturali nel Mezzogiorno", Imes-Formez.