

Caterina Arcidiacono

Full Professor of Social and Community Psychology at the Department of Humanities of the Federico II University of Naples (Italy). She delivers courses in *Community psychology* for the Bachelor's degree in Psychology and for the Master's degree in Psychology, Health Psychology and Social Psychology at Bachelor's and Master's levels in Psychology, and Social psychology, Psychology of tourism, and Community Psychology for the degrees of Social Workers and Science of Tourism.

She was Coordinator of the Ph.D. Course in Gender Studies at Federico II University of Naples and coordinator of the Ph.D. School in Relational and Pedagogical Sciences (2010-2013).

She is currently Member of the Executive Board of the Department of Humanities and Coordinator of the Post-graduate course – first level – in Institutional mediation and negotiation at the Federico II University of Naples (Italy).

Further, she is co-coordinator of the Post-graduate course in Psychology and Psycho-neuroendocrinoimmunology – second level.

She has supervised more than 500 Master's Thesis, 10 Doctoral Thesis concluded and 2 on-going.

She has a robust teaching experience that has always been characterized by deep attention to and care of the theoretical and methodological dissemination of the knowledge of community psychology among students. During her teaching activities, she has always paid great attention to promoting and improving the learning of the specificities and skills characterizing community psychology by defining and applying participatory methodologies in the educational context. The enhancement of community psychology skills has always represented her main focus in the academic context and in the wider scientific context.

She was founder of the Italian Society of Community Psychology in 1994 and president of the same for several years (1994-1999), always taking care of the importance of participation and collaboration with international networks. <http://www.sipco.it>

She was the organizer of the first Congress of Community Psychology in Rome, which represented an important opportunity for international exchange for community psychologists.

She was one of the founders of the European Community Psychology Association and organizer of the IX European Congress of Community Psychology: Beyond the Crisis, organized by the ECPA, held in Naples on 7-9 November 2013. She is founder of ENCP (European Network of Community Psychologists).

She is also a member of the Society of Community Research and Action (American Psychological Association 27th Division).

She is member of the EFPA standing Committee on Community Psychology, and former member of the EFPA task force on community psychology (2011-2013).

At national level, she is Member of the Campania Region core committee of Italian Association of Psychology (2010-2014); see: <http://www.ecpa-online.com>

She is director in chief of the international Journal on gender studies: *Camera Blu* (<http://www.tema.unina.it/index.php/camerablu/index>), Co-director of the online international journal *Community Psychology in Global Perspective* (CPGP, www.siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/cpgp), and director of *Reflection and actions in Community Psychology*, ECPA bulletin (2011-2013) www.ecpa-online.eu.

Professor Arcidiacono has over 400 publications <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-3699-6981> in different areas of research including the following:

- **Gender violence, women identity, and family bonds** Prof Arcidiacono has always shown great interest into the topic of gender. In 1990, she organized the first Italian scientific workshop on Women and Gender Identity in Naples and during her career she has organized and participated to international conferences on women issues. Violence in intimate relationships is one of her main interests. She has developed an ecological model for the fight against and prevention of domestic violence. Recently, her research has focused on perpetrators and interventions for them to enhance their motivations to the treatment.
- **Migration, intercultural issues, and critical approach to community psychology with reference**

to grounded theory and qualitative research She carried out studies with multicultural communities through participatory action research methodologies in order to develop dialogic communities in an intercultural perspective

- **City diagnosis, sense of community, and community trust** Her research focused on the dimensions that influence citizens' investment and participation in personal and collective planning in the territorial contexts to which they belong. She has specifically deepened the trust in territorial community both from a theoretical and methodological point of view. Prof Arcidiacono carried out several action research in the role of scientific coordinator, in synergy with local associations and institutions, for the requalification of local contexts – the research and interventions in the Neapolitan district of Porta Capuana, a degraded area of the city, and of Molo S. Vincenzo are particularly important.
- **Wellbeing, Mattering, and Social Justice** Prof Arcidiacono is, in collaboration with prof Isaac Prillelntesky, the scientific director of an international research project on wellbeing and mattering. The research activity aims to measure the relationship between wellbeing, mattering, and social justice in different geographical and cultural contexts. To this end, a preliminary research work was the adaptation of the ICOPPE scale – already validated in the American context (referent Prof. Isaac Prillelntesky, School of Education and Human Development, University of Miami, US) – in the Italian, Argentine (Prof. Adrian Chirre, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina), and Spanish (Prof. Ruben David Fernandez Carrasco, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain) contexts and the scale of mattering in the Italian context.