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Date	From 2001 Psychologist - Psychoterapist
Date	From A.A. 2002/03 a A.A: 2004/05 Ph.d. in “Psychological sciences” University of Urbino (Italy)
Date	From 2001 Foresinc expert for several Courts for child abuse, testify, murder cases, divorce
Main University Occupations	
Date	from 2016 to 2022 University of Urbino Research topic: Interrogative suggestibility among sexual abused children
Date	from 2020 University of Urbino Research Fellow in Social Psychology M-Psi/ 05: Evaluation and support for stress management in intervention and rescue personnel in the post-aircraft accident/Assessment and support to the management of stress in intervention and rescue personnel in the post air crash
Date	From 2009 to 2015 - University of Urbino Researcher in Social Psychology Topic Research: “repair of family relationship in situations of alleged sexual abuse”
Date	From 2008 to 2009 University of Urbino Research Fellow in Social Psychology M-Psi/ 05

Editorial occupations

- Topic research: Judges and operators in the face of pedophilia: a research on social perception.
- Date From 2021
Board Editorial Member of Rivista Italiana di Criminologia
Reviewer of articles for the journal
Section of Criminology and Forensic Psychiatry
- Date november 2021
Guest editor – special issue Psychological Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Containment, Measures and Vaccination: From Experimental Data to Practice
International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
- Date November 2022
Topic Editor – special issue Autobiographical Memory, Narrative Skills, Self Processes and Individual Differences. Experimental, Clinical and Forensic Implications
Frontiers in Psychology
- Date November 2024
Topic editor: **Targeted Diagnosis and Treatment of Maladaptive Developmental Trajectories and Psychopathological Manifestations in Children and Adolescents.**
Journal of Clinical Medicine

SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY OF RESEARCH STUDIES

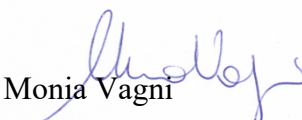
- Date from 2014 – to 2023 University of Urbino
Scientific Responsible for research Italian group on the subject of suggestibility of minors witnesses of alleged sexual violence in collaboration with the international expert prof. Gisli H. Gudjonsson - Department of Psychology (PO78), Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, & Neuroscience, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF, England.
- Date from 2022 – to 2023 University of Urbino
Scientific director of the study conducted in various Italian schools on the perception of authoritative figures, expectations of success, confidence in one's memory and resistance to social and emotional pressure factors in the post-pandemic Covid-19
- Date From 2022 – University of Urbino
Member of the research group on “gender bias and murder”
- date From 2023 - University of Perugia
Scientific Director of the research project relating to the standardization of the Self Administered Interview (SAI) tool for the collection of testimonial information from adults and children.
- Date From 2025 – University of Perugia

	<p>research group on “the role of social influences and individual characteristics, such as source monitoring, level of suggestibility and memory distrust, on the witness's memory</p> <p>From 2025 to today – University of Perugia; University of Siena and University of Urbino</p> <p>Member of the research group about the representations of the Self and the sense of identity of adolescents separated from their families and living in educational communities</p>
Date	<p>Dal 2021 - University of Urbino</p> <p>Scientific manager of the research project related to the standardization of the HRG Hardiness Resilience Gauge items tool for the measurement of resilience capacities in the general population and in Emergency Workers (doctors, nurses, rescuers) in collaboration with prof. Paul Bartone Institute for National Security Studies National Defense University - Washington, DC, USA</p>
Date	<p>From 2020 – to 2022 University of Urbino</p> <p>Scientific manager of the research entrusted by the Italian Red Cross of the Veneto Region to detect emergency stress levels, resilience, coping strategies and the risk of developing secondary trauma and burnout in rescuers.</p> <p>The study made it possible to validate from a statistical point of view an "Emergency Stress Questionnaire" (ESQ) tool which detects 6 stress factors: organizational-relational, physical, emotional, cognitive, decision-making and a specific one relating to the fear of contracting the virus or infecting family and colleagues. The volunteers were tested in different phases of the Covid-19 waves.</p>
Date	<p>2020 – 2022 University of Urbino</p> <p>Scientific director of the study aimed at testing the levels of emergency stress and secondary trauma in relation to organizational, relational, communicative and supportive factors during the Covid-19 pandemic</p>
Date	<p>2018 - 2022 Military Air Force and University of Urbino</p> <p>Scientific director of the study aimed at detecting the stress levels, resilience capacities and coping strategies of ground operators and rescuers involved in search and rescue activities in post-aircraft accident situations</p>
Date	<p>2018- 2022 Military Air Force and University of Urbino</p> <p>Scientific manager of the study aimed at detecting the levels of stress and suggestibility of the seafarers involved in face accidents and subjected to pressures connected to judicial investigation activities</p>
Date	<p>2012 - 2021 International Caritas – University of Urbino</p> <p>Scientific manager of the research entrusted by Caritas Italiana starting from 2012 connected to the projects for the National Civil Service abroad called "White Helmets".</p>

Date	From 2022 to 2024 University of Urbino Scientific director of the research in collaboration with various centers (Pegaso, Tamerigi, FAN.N.P.I.A) affiliated with the Marche Region for the assessment of suggestibility in children with DSA (Specific Learning Disorder).
Date	2021 - 2022 fire fighters Pesaro-Urbino (Italy) Scientific manager of the study entrusted by the Pesaro-Urbino Fire Brigade Command for the detection of stress factors, group dynamics, communication efficiency, resilience and coping strategies of rescuers during the Covid 19 pandemic phase (the study was then extended to other rescuers and health professionals).
Date	From 2013 – to 2021 Responsible for the study conducted at the Villa Fastiggi Prison on the risk of recidivism of sex offenders
Date	From 2011 to 2013 University of Urbino Researcher and research manager for the European project ATTEMPT – Attractive Training Techniques to Empower Parents and Teachers – funded by the European Union under the Daphne III program (contract LS/2009 -2010/DAP/AG/1007) following a comparative selection international
Date	From 2009 to 2015 University of Urbino Responsible for the study conducted with the Juvenile Court of L'Aquila and with the Asur 13 of Ascoli Piceno with the objective of repairing family ties in cases of intra-family mistreatment and abuse
Date	2011 - 2013 Participation with the qualification of researcher of the research unit of the University of Urbino in the CHILDHOOD LINKS project funded by the European Union under the Leonardo program (contract 2011-1-FR1-LEO05-24432) following an international comparative selection.
Date	2013 - 2017 University of Urbino – INAIL Member of the research group in agreement with INAIL Marche for the evaluation of mobbing and related work stress
Date	2017- 2019 University of Urbino Member of the research group Family relationships and parental stress
Date	2017 to 2019 Cattolica University of Milano and University of Urbino

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUPS

	Member of the research group "counterfactual thinking and expert opinion on the processes of attribution of responsibility by magistrates
Date	From 2020 - CNR – University of Urbino member of the research group born from the collaboration between ISTC (Institute of Technological Sciences of Cognition) of the CNR (Rome) and the University of Urbino which aims to detect implicit and explicit attitudes of adherence or refusal to the Covid-19 vaccine in the population .
Date	From 2020 University of Urbino - Società Italiana per lo Studio dello Stress Traumatico (SISST) Member of the “ADJUST” project, a longitudinal study involving eight European countries under the auspices of the European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. The objective of this study was to explore the risk, protective and coping factors of the general population in the face of the COVID Pandemic
Date	Dal 2023 Member of the inter-university research group Evaluation of the personality of people convicted of impedimental crimes who have not collaborated with justice The research involves prison operators through focus groups and ad hoc survey tools currently being validated Partnerships: Ministry of Justice; University of Urbino; University of Turin; University of Ferrara; Tuscany Order of Psychologists
Date	Dal 2022 Member of the post-seismic emergency research group to evaluate the emotional impact of seeing cultural heritage ruins on a sample of cultural heritage operators, compared with a sample of emergency psychologists and earthquake victims.
Date	From 2020 Member of the research group on the detection of the implicit attitude towards the prison population through the validation of an instrument and the use of the IAT model
University teachings	
date	From 2023 – University of Perugia Social Psychology Forensic Psychology and risk assessment behavior
date	From 2009 Deviance Psychology and Criminology- University of Urbino
Date	2010/11 - 2011/12 Psychology of Community – University of Urbino
Date	2006 -2009 interview and questionnaire methodology – University of Urbino

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Vagni M., Maiorano T (2023) Memoria e Suggestionabilità. L' idoneità a testimoniare dei minori presunte vittime di abuso. (Memory and suggestibility. The Testimony Capacity of Minors Suspected Victims of Abuse) Giuffrè editore ISBN 9788828851554

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2. Giostra, Valeria, Tiziana Maiorano, and Monia **Vagni**. 2025. What Resilience Skills Do Emergency Workers Need During a Widespread Phase of a Socio-Health Emergency? A Focus on the Role of Hardiness and Resilience. *Social Sciences* 14: 8. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci14010008>.
3. Maiorano T, Simone L, Lee S and Vagni M (2025) Editorial: Autobiographical memory, narrative skills, self processes, and individual differences: experimental, clinical, and forensic implications. *Front. Psychol.* 16:1594281. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2025.1594281
4. Carioti D., Berlingeri M., Terni de Gregory V., **Vagni M.**, Nerino M.L., Pantalissi M., Pajardi D. (2024) The Attitude Toward Prisoners scale: a revised-short version standardized on Italians (ATP-IS). *Rassegna Italiana di Criminologia*, XVIII, 1, 59-68. <https://doi.org/10.7347/RIC-012024> p59
5. **Vagni M.**, Maiorano T., and Giostra V. (2024) **The suggestibility of child witnesses suspected victims of abuse: an overview between research and psycho-forensic implications**. *Rassegna italiana di Criminologia* XIII, 1, 83-96, <https://doi.org/10.7347/RIC-012024-p83>
6. **Gudjonsson G., Giostra V., Maiorano T., and Vagni M. (2024)** The relationship of compliance with immediate and delayed suggestibility, and types of resistant behavioural response (RBRs) in children *Frontiers Psychology*
7. **Vagni, M.**; Giostra, V. The Role of Coping Strategies in Children's Repeated Suggestive Interviews. *Forensic Sci.* **2024**, 4, 221-233. <https://doi.org/10.3390/forensicsci4020015>
8. **Vagni M.**, Giostra G., e Simone L. (2024) Evaluating autobiographical skills and their relationship with suggestibility in children: Development and validation of the Children Recalling Autobiographical Memory (CRAM). *Frontiers in Psychology*.
9. Giostra, V.; **Vagni, M.** (2024) Interrogative Suggestibility and Ability to Give Resistant Responses in Children with Mild Intellectual Disabilities and Borderline Intellectual Functioning. *Soc. Sci.*, 13, 77. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13020077>
10. Vagni, M.; Giostra, V.; Maiorano, T. Can Children Learn How to Resist Repeated Leading Questions and Social Pressures? *Soc. Sci.* **2023**, 12, 411. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci12070411>
11. Simone, L.; **Vagni M.**, Maiorano, T.; Giostra, V.; Gnagnarella, C.; Pajardi, D.; Van Prooijen J.W.; (under review) Paranoia affected COVID-19 vaccine refusal by increasing beliefs in conspiracy theories and mistrust of science. *Journal of Applied of Social Psychology*.

12. **Vagni M., Giostra V. Maiorano T. (2023) Can Children Learn How to Resist Repeated Leading Questions and Social Pressures? Soc. Sci., 12(7), 411;**
<https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci12070411>
13. **Vagni M., Maiorano T., Giostra V., Pajardi D., Bartone P. (2022) Emergency Stress, Hardiness, Coping Strategies and Burnout in Health Care and Emergency Response Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Frontiers Psychology. 21;13:918788. doi:**
10.3389/fpsyg.2022.918788
14. Simione, L.; **Vagni, M.**; Maiorano, T.; Giostra, V.; Pajardi, D. (2022) How Implicit Attitudes toward Vaccination Affect Vaccine Hesitancy and Behaviour: Developing and Validating the V-IRAP. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health*, 19, 4205. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19074205>
15. **Vagni M., Maiorano T., Pajardi D. (2022) Effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on Interrogative Suggestibility in Minor Witnesses of Sexual Abuse. Current Psychology doi:**
10.1007/s12144-020-01253-7
16. Condino V, Giovanardi G, Vagni M, Lingiardi V, Pajardi D, Colli A. (2022) Attachment, Trauma, and Mentalization in Intimate Partner Violence: A Preliminary Investigation. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. doi:[10.1177/0886260520980383](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520980383)
17. Gudjonsson G., **Vagni M.**, Maiorano T., Giostra V., Pajardi D. (2022) The relative impact of different 'resistant behavioral responses' on interrogative suggestibility in children. The powerful contribution of 'direct explanation' replies to unanswerable questions. *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*. December 2021. Article DOI: 10.1002/jip.1581
18. **Vagni, M.**; Maiorano, T.; Giostra, V.; Pajardi, D. (2021). "Protective Factors against Emergency Stress and Burnout in Healthcare and Emergency Workers during Second Wave of COVID-19" *Soc. Sci.* 10, no. 5: 178. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10050178>
19. **Vagni, M.**; Maiorano, T.; Giostra, V. (2021). "The Relationship between Suggestibility, Fabrication, Distortion, and Trauma in Suspected Sexually Abused Children" *Soc. Sci.* 10, no. 2: 37. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10020037>
20. Simione L., **Vagni M.**, Gnagnarella C., Bersani G., Pajardi D. (2021) Mistrust and beliefs in conspiracy theories differently mediate the effects of psychological factors on propensity for COVID-19 vaccine. *Front. Psychol.* doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2021.683684
21. Gudjonsson G., **Vagni M.**, Maiorano T., Giostra V., Pajardi D. (2021) Trauma symptoms of sexual abuse reduce resilience in children to give 'no' replies to misleading questions. *Personality and Individual Differences* 168, 110378, doi:
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2020.110378>
22. Catellani P., Bertolotti M., **Vagni M.**, Pajardi D. (2021) How expert witnesses' counterfactuals influence causal and responsibility attributions of mock jurors and expert judges. *Appl Cognit Psychol.* 2020;1–15 DOI: 10.1002/acp.3720
23. **Vagni M.**, Giostra V., Maiorano T., Santiniello G. Pajardi D. (2020) Personal Accomplishment and Hardiness in Reducing Emergency Stress and Burnout among Covid-19 Emergency Workers. *Sustainability* 2020, 12, 9071 doi: 10.3390/su12219071
24. Maiorano, T.; **Vagni, M.** (2020) Coping Strategies, Immediate and Delayed Suggestibility among Children and Adolescents. *Soc. Sci.*, 9, 186. doi:10.3390/socsci9110186
25. Maiorano T., **Vagni M.**, Giostra V., Pajardi D. (2020) COVID-19: Risk Factors and Protective Role of Resilience and Coping Strategies Regarding Emergency Stress and Secondary Trauma in Medical Staff and Emergency Workers – an Online Based Inquiry. *Sustainability*,

- 12, 9004. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12219004>
26. **Vagni M.**, Maiorano T., Giostra V., Pajardi D. (2020) Hardiness and Coping Strategies as Mediators of Stress and Secondary Trauma in Emergency Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. [Sustainability \(Switzerland\)](#) Open Access Volume 12, Issue 14, september 2020, Article number 7561; doi:10.3390/su12187561
 27. **Vagni M.**, Maiorano T., Giostra V., Pajardi D. (2020) Coping with COVID-19: Emergency Stress, Secondary Trauma and Self-Efficacy in Healthcare and Emergency Workers in Italy. *Front. Psychol.* 11:566912, doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2020.566912
 28. Gudjonsson G., **Vagni M.**, Maiorano T., Pajardi D. (2020) The relationship between trauma symptoms and immediate and delayed suggestibility in children who have been sexually abused. *J Investig Psychol Offender Profil.* 2020;1–14 DOI: 10.1002/jip.1554
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 31. Pajardi D., Trionfi C., La Spada V., Castaldi S., **Vagni M.**, (2019) *La decisione del giudice di fronte all'alta conflittualità: quando ricorrere alla coordinazione genitoriale. Maltrattamento e Abuso all'Infanzia, 21, n.3. DOI: 10.3280/MAL2019-003007*
 32. Maiorano T., **Vagni M.** (2019) Are Immediate and Delayed Suggestibility among children and adolescents linked to Socio Emotional Intelligence? *Open Journal of Humanities 2 (2019) ISSN 2612-6966, pp 75-91.*
 33. Pajardi D., **Vagni M.**, Giostra V., La Spada V., Maiorano T. (2018) *Stress e competenze genitoriali nelle separazioni giudiziarie. Analisi dei fattori protettivi e di rischio nelle relazioni parentali Ricerche di Psicologia, 2018, Vol. 41 (4), pp 693-712, 693-713 ISSN 0391-6081, ISSN 1972-5620, DOI: 10.3280/RIP2018-004009.*
 34. **Vagni, M.**, Maiorano, T., Pajardi, D., Berlingeri M. (2018) Suggestionabilità interrogativa: il ruolo del contesto forense e dello stress post traumatico in bambini e adolescenti testimoni di presunta violenza sessuale. *Psicologia Sociale n 2, pp 107-128, doi 10.1482/90778.*
 35. **Vagni, M.**, Maiorano, T., Pajardi, D., (2017) Memoria e suggestionabilità interrogativa nei minori testimoni in casi di presunto abuso sessuale. *Maltrattamento Abuso all'Infanzia, , 19, n.2, pp 141-160, ISSN 1591-4267, ISSN 1972 -5140, DOI: 10.3280/MAL2017-002008*
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Suggestibility Scale. *Personality and Individual Differences*, Volume 102, November 2016, Pages 25-29, [dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2016.06.029](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2016.06.029).

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