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Date	From A.A. 2011/12 to A.A.2015/16 Psychology Degree with 110/110 et lode: “Suggestibility, response types and coping strategies in minors presumed victims of sexual abuse” University of Urbino Carlo Bo
Date	From A.A. 2007/08 to AA 2010/2011 Law Degree with 110/110 et lode: “Medically assisted procreation. Criminal aspects and questions of constitutional legitimacy” University of Macerata
Date	From 2018 to today Psychologist - Psychoterapist
Date	From A.A. 2023/24 to today Phd Student in “Humanities” University of Urbino (Italy)
Date	From 2018 to today Forensic expert for several Courts for child abuse, testify, divorce
Date	From 2016 to 2018 University of Urbino Research topic: Interrogative suggestibility among sexual abused children
Date	From AA 2021/22 to AA 2022/23 University of Verona Research Fellow - Department of Management Realization of a research project entitled "Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation: key skills for digital, sustainable and inclusive companies. New paradigms for an Entrepreneurial Training Ecosystem
Date	November 2024

**PARTICIPATION IN
NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH GROUPS**

Topic editor: **Targeted Diagnosis and Treatment of Maladaptive Developmental Trajectories and Psychopathological Manifestations in Children and Adolescents.**
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- Date From 2025 to today – University of Perugia
Member of the research group on the subject of the role of social influences and individual characteristics, such as source monitoring, level of suggestibility and memory distrust, on the witness's memory
- Date From 2025 to today – University of Perugia; University of Siena and University of Urbino
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
- Date From 2022 – University of Urbino
Member of the research group on “gender bias and murder”
- Date From 2014 to today – University of Urbino
Member of the 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 2023 to today - University of Urbino
Participation in 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 2023 to today- University of Perugia
Member 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 2022 to today – University of Urbino
Participation in the research in collaboration with various centers (Pegaso, Tamerigi, FAN.N.PI.A) affiliated with the Marche Region for the assessment of suggestibility in children with DSA (Specific Learning Disorder)
- Date From 2021 to 2025- University of Urbino

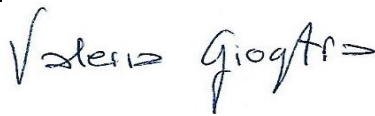
	<p>Member of the research project related to the standardization of the HRG Hardiness Resilience Gauge items tool for the measurement of resilience capacities in the general population and in Emergency Workers (doctors, nurses, rescuers) in collaboration with prof. Paul Bartone Institute for National Security Studies National Defense University - Washington, DC, USA</p>
Date	<p>From 2020 to 2022 - Red Cross and University of Urbino</p> <p>Member 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>From 2020 to 2022 - University of Urbino</p> <p>Participation in 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>From 2018 to 2022 - Military Air Force and University of Urbino</p> <p>Participation in 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>From 2018 to 2022 - Military Air Force and University of Urbino</p> <p>Participation in 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>From 2018 to 2021</p> <p>Participation in the study conducted at the Villa Fastiggi Prison on the risk of recidivism of sex offenders</p>
Date	<p>From 2020 University of Urbino - Società Italiana per lo Studio dello Stress Traumatico (SISST)</p> <p>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</p>
Editorial Occupation	
Date	From November 2024

Guest editor: **Targeted Diagnosis and Treatment of Maladaptive Developmental Trajectories and Psychopathological Manifestations in Children and Adolescents.**
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**UNIVERSITY
TEACHINGS**

- Date From AA 2021/22 to AA 2023/24 - University of Urbino
"Methods of intervention and prevention in the legal and social fields"
- Date From AA 2021/22 to Today - University of Urbino
Teacher in Master "Legal, Penitentiary and Criminology Psychology"
- Date From AA. 2021/2022 to Today – University of Urbino
Workshop "Forensic cases"
- Date From AA. 2020/2021 to AA 2023/2024– University of Urbino
Workshop "Literature Review"
- Date From AA. 2019/2020 AA. 2021/22 – University of Urbino
Workshop "Clinic intervention in individual and institutional settings"

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Giostra, V.** (2023). Attenzione e percezione. In M. Vagni & T. Maiorano (Eds). *Memoria e suggestionabilità. L' idoneità a testimoniare dei minori presunte vittime di abuso*. pp. 67-80
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2. **Giostra, V.** (2023). Intelligenza e testimonianza. In M. Vagni & T. Maiorano (Eds). *Memoria e suggestionabilità. L' idoneità a testimoniare dei minori presunte vittime di abuso*. pp. 157-168
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3. **Giostra, V., & Maiorano, T.** (2023). Suggestionabilità immediata e differita in ambito forense: paradigmi teorici a confronto. In M. Vagni & T. Maiorano (Eds). *Memoria e suggestionabilità. L' idoneità a testimoniare dei minori presunte vittime di abuso*. pp. 187-205
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4. Pajardi, D., Vagni, M., **Giostra, V.**, & La Spada, V. (2019). Applicazione del MMPI2-RF in ambito forense. In Piccinini L. (a cura di), *MMPI-2-RF, DM5 e casi clinici* (pp. 81-122). Giunti OS ISBN: 9788809986220

ARTICLES

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2. Gudjonsson, G., **Giostra, V.**, Maiorano, T., & Vagni, M. (2024). The relationship of compliance with immediate and delayed suggestibility and types of resistant behavioral responses in children aged 10–15 years. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 15, 1463756.
3. **Giostra, V.**, & Vagni, M. (2024). Interrogative Suggestibility and Ability to Give Resistant Responses in Children with Mild Intellectual Disabilities and Borderline Intellectual Functioning. *Social Sciences*, 13(2), 77. Doi: [10.3390/socsci13020077](https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13020077)
4. Vagni, M., Maiorano, T. & **Giostra, V.** (2024). The suggestibility of child witnesses suspected victims of abuse: an overview between research and psycho-forensic implications. *Rassegna Italiana di Criminologia*, XVIII, 1, 83-96. Doi:10.7347/RIC-012024-p83
5. Vagni, M., **Giostra, V.**, & Simione, L. (2024). Evaluating autobiographical skills and their relationship with suggestibility in children: development and validation of the Children Recalling Autobiographical Memory. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 15, 1321305. doi: [10.3389/fpsyg.2024.1321305](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2024.1321305)
6. Vagni, M., & **Giostra, V.** (2024). The Role of Coping Strategies in Children's Repeated Suggestive Interviews. *Forensic Sciences*, 4(2), 221-233. doi: [10.3390/forensicsci4020015](https://doi.org/10.3390/forensicsci4020015)
7. Vagni, M., **Giostra, V.**, & Maiorano, T. (2023). Can Children Learn How to Resist Repeated Leading Questions and Social Pressures?. *Social Sciences*, 12(7), 411. 1. doi:10.3390/socsci12070411
8. 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 in Psychology*, 13, 918788. doi: [10.3389/fpsyg.2022.918788](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.918788)
9. Gudjonsson, G., Vagni, M., Maiorano, T., **Giostra, V.**, & Pajardi, D. (2022). The relative impact of different 'resistant behavioural responses' on interrogative suggestibility in children: The powerful contribution of 'direct explanation' replies to unanswerable questions. *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*, 19(1), 3-19. doi: [10.1002/jip.1581](https://doi.org/10.1002/jip.1581)

10. 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. *International journal of environmental research and public health*, 19(7), 4205. doi:10.3390/ijerph19074205
11. 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. *Social Sciences*, 10(5), 178. doi: 10.3390/socsci10050178
12. Vagni, M., Maiorano, T., & **Giostra, V.** (2021). The Relationship between Suggestibility, Fabrication, Distortion, and Trauma in Suspected Sexually Abused Children. *Social Sciences*, 10(2): 37. doi: 10.3390/socsci10020037
13. 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: 10.1016/j.paid.2020.110378
14. Vagni, M., **Giostra, V.**, Maiorano, T., Santaniello, G., & Pajardi, D. (2020). Personal Accomplishment and Hardiness in Reducing Emergency Stress and Burnout among COVID-19 Emergency Workers. *Sustainability*, 12(21), 9071. doi: 10.3390/su12219071
15. Maiorano, T., Vagni, M., **Giostra, V.**, & Pajardi, D. (2020). COVID-19: Risk Factors and Protective Role of Resilience and Coping Strategies for Emergency Stress and Secondary Trauma in Medical Staff and Emergency Workers—An Online-Based Inquiry. *Sustainability*, 12(21), 9004. doi: 10.3390/su12219004
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17. 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. *Frontiers in Psychology* 11:566912. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2020.566912
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19. 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*, 41(4), 693-17. doi: 10.3280/RIP2018-004009