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## CITTÀ IN CUI LAVORI

Macerata

## FORMAZIONE

Dottorato in religione e media

## AMBITO DI RICERCA

Religione e media

## POSIZIONE

Ricercatrice



## PARLACI DELLA TUA RICERCA

My research is about weddings and the media (see website [www.promising-images.eu](http://www.promising-images.eu)). It asks about the importance of producing photos and videos during wedding ceremonies on one side. On the other side wedding shows are analysed to understand how these kind of wedding representations influence how weddings look like in real life. An important aspect are the different gender identities that are expressed during these festivities. Brides and grooms perform their identities often in a stereotyped manner. Also weddings include several relevant dimensions: economic, political, and cultural-religious. Weddings are a business, sometimes people spend lot of money that they even get into debt. Who is allowed to marry is also a political question as we see regarding same sex marriage that is still illegal in many countries. And finally, weddings are a legal civil-act and sometimes also a religious. The religious dimension is currently changing rapidly in Western secular countries. At the same time there seems a need for ritual dimensions. This tension allows to change and adapt tradition and to innovate a ritual that is very deeply rooted in society, culture, and history.

## RACCONTA UNA TUA GIORNATA TIPO AL LAVORO

There are many different days. When I work at the office, I contact possible interview participants, write papers about my research results, update the website of the project, organise trips to conferences, to research in field, prepare classes for teaching and public talks . At a conference I give my talk and listen to other presentations. I discuss with other participants of the conference and exchange ideas about research, theories and methods. When I am working in the field I meet people and they tell me about their wedding day, what was important, and the role the photos and videos play afterwards. These conversations are video recorded and need to be transcribed and analysed later.

## HOBBIES E TEMPO LIBERO

I spend time with my family. I love skiing and go for walks with friends. I also like cooking.

## UN OGGETTO DA PORTARE CON TE IN MISSIONE

My camera

## DESCRIVI LA TUA VITA IN TRE PAROLE

Multilingual, diverse, inspirational

**MATERIA PREFERITA A SCUOLA**

Philosophy

**LIBRO PREFERITO**

Quadrology of Elena Ferrante: l'amica geniale

**FILM PREFERITO**

The Hours (Stephen Daldry, US 2002)