

Simona de Falco CV

Personal Information

Simona de Falco

Place and date of birth: NAPOLI, February 8, 1979

Assistant Professor, University of Trento

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Education

Master's Degree in Psychology (summa cum laude), 2002, Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli.

Ph.D. in Cognitive Science and Education, Università degli Studi di Trento. Dissertation title: "Joint Attention in autism spectrum disorders: Evaluation, interaction and intervention".

Research Interests

- **Keywords:** Parent-child interaction, autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, at risk parenting, school inclusion.
- **Main research interests:** Parent-child interaction and its relation with the psychological development of children with typical development, autism spectrum disorder and Down syndrome (play skills, joint attention, emotional availability, language).
- **Clinical research:** Efficacy evaluation of parenting programs for the prevention of childhood mental health problems. Efficacy evaluation of treatments for children with autism spectrum disorders.

Professional and Academic Experiences

Positions held

2008- at present: Assistant Professor in Psychodynamics, University of Trento, Faculty of Cognitive Sciences.

2007 - 2008: Post-Doc, Department of Cognitive Science, University of Trento.

2003-2006: PhD Student, University of Trento, Department of Cognitive Science.

Stages and Scientific visits

Visiting fellow at National Institute of Child Health and Human Development- (NIH-NICHD): June-Sept 2000, July-Aug 2004, Aug 2006.

Visiting fellow at the Center for Autism Research and Treatment of the University of California Los Angeles: Feb-Apr 2005

Teaching

2008-at present: Member of the Scientific Board of Ph.D. School in Cognitive Science and Education, University of Trento.

2005-2009: Contract professor at the University of Trento

"Child Psychology"

2005-2006: Contract professor at the University of Valle D'Aosta

"Handicap Psychology"

2005-2006: Teaching Assistant at the University of Trento

"Child clinical psychology"

2005-2008: Teaching Assistant at the University of Trento

"Individuals and groups"

Clinical training

- 1) Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) Clinical - training at Western Psychological Association, Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- 2) Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) Research - training at the Centro di Riabilitazione Sinapsy, Roma.
- 3) Emotional Availability Scales (EAS) - training at National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda, U.S.A.
- 4) Adult Attachment Projective (AAP) - workshop and training at the Università of Padua.
- 5) Broader Phenotype Autism Symptom Scale Course, (BPASS) training at the University of Washington (USA).

Publications

Number of papers on national and international peer reviewed journals: 8

Number of Chapters on books: 13

Number of national and International congresses with review: 70