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CURRENT POSITION

Leverhulme Early Career Fellow	Department of Sociology, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ
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EMPLOYMENT

2026-ongoing	Visiting Fellow, Social Policy, the London School of Economics
Sept 2022-ongoing	Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Sociology, University of Essex
16th Oct '23- 31st Jul '24	Maternity leave
Sept 2021-Aug '22	Max Weber Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre, The European University Institute

QUALIFICATIONS

Sept 2017-March '22	PhD Population Studies in Social Policy, The London School of Economics Thesis title: "What is it to become a citizen? The perspective of immigrants and natives", Viva passed with minor corrections. Supervisors: Prof. Lucinda Platt, Prof. Stephen Jenkins Examiners: Prof. Dominik Hangartner, Prof. Paul Statham
June 2020	Postgraduate Teaching Certificate in Higher Education full Fellowship
Dec 2017	MSc Social Research Methods with Distinction, The London School of Economics
Dec 2014	MSc Philosophy and Public Policy with High Merit, The London School of Economics
July 2013	BSc Economics with Distinction, University of Essex

PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

Donnaloja, V (2025). "Education Expansion and Attitudes Toward Immigrants Across Generations in the UK". *International Migration Review,* online.

Donnaloja, V. and Borkowska, M (2025). "The enduring effect of higher education on attitudes towards immigrants: a family approach". *British Journal of Sociology,* 76(5), 965-974.

Donnaloja, V. and Vink, M. (2024) "Like parent, like child: how attitudes towards immigrants spill over to the political inclusion of their children". *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies,* 50(14), 3435-3452.

Donnaloja, V., McAvay, H. (2022) "The Multidimensionality of National Belonging: Patterns and Implications for Immigrants' Naturalisation Intentions". *Social Science Research,* 106: 102708.

Donnaloja, V. (2022) British nationals' preferences over who gets to be a citizen according to a choice-based conjoint experiment. *European Sociological Review*, 38(2), 202-218.

Donnaloja, V. (2020) British and Disengaged: national identification and political engagement before and after naturalisation. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies,* 46:13, 2723-2741.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Sonmez, B., Donnaloja, V. and Lo Iacono, S. "What drives US citizens' approval of instrumental violence at the border?". *R&R in Migration Studies.*

Kuhn E. and Donnaloja, V. "Balancing National Security and Human Security at the Southern Border? Preferences for Compromise on Asylum Policy in the United States". *Under review, British Journal of Political Science.*

Donnaloja, V. and Kuhn E. "Why value ambivalence explains tepid support for pro-immigration policies". *In preparation. Target: American Sociological Review.*

Donnaloja, V. "The migrant occupational penalty: people's devaluation of occupations performed by migrants", with and Fernandez-Reino, M. *In preparation. Target: American Sociological Review.*

Donnaloja, V. "Citizens in the making: analysing Italy's first attempt to define what makes a citizen in the context of immigration". *LSE Social Policy Working paper Series.*

ACADEMIC AWARDS & RESESARCH FUNDING

Dec 2024	La Caixa Foundation, Co-Investigator (€20,000)
2022	Titmuss Award for best PhD Thesis Social Policy, LSE
Sept 2022	Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellowship (£109,000)
April 2022	UKHLS Fellowship (declined)
April 2021	LSE Class Teacher Award 2020-21
April 2020	National Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) research visitor bursary (5,867 €)
Sept 2018	LSE Titmuss Meinhardt research funding (£ 5,425)
Sept 2017	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Advanced Quantitative Methods Award (2017-2020)
Sept 2017	ESRC 1+3 Doctoral Training Centre Award (2017-2020)

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND INVITED TALKS

Conference attendance and invited talks: **LSE** Social Policy (2025); **UCL** Quantitative Social Science (2025); Understanding Society **ISER** (2025); European Consortium for Sociological Research **ECSR** (2020-2024); **ISER** (2023) GLOBALCIT, the **EUI** (2021, 2022); Research Committee on Social Stratification **RC28** (2022; 2025); Population Association of America **PAA** (2019); American Sociological Association **ASA** (2019); British Society for Population Studies **BSPS** (2017–2019); International Sociology Association **ISA** (2018) European Association for Population Studies **EPC** (2018).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Course Convener for 'The context of integration' (postgraduate students) University of Essex.
2023	Undergraduate quantitative sociology project supervision, University of Essex
2020-2021	Graduate Teaching Assistant for 'Foundations for Social Policy Research' (compulsory undergraduate module), The LSE
2019-2021	Graduate Teaching Assistant for 'Migration: Current Research, Critical Approaches' (optional undergraduate module), The LSE
2019	Graduate Teaching Assistant for 'Sociology and Social Policy, Department of Social Policy (compulsory undergraduate module)', The LSE
2019	Graduate Teaching Assistant for 'Introduction to Regression Analysis, Department of Methodology' (compulsory graduate module), The LSE

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2022/23	Quantitative migration reading group, Founder and series organiser, University of Essex
2021/22	Women in academia, session organiser, the EUI
June 2022	Causal Inference workshop organiser, the EUI
Oct 2018-2021	Student representative for research programme, Department of Social Policy, LSE
Apr 2018–Sept 2018	Poster session organiser and session chair, British Society for Population Studies Annual Meeting 2018

IMPACT

17/09/2024	'What makes an Italian? An Olympic gold medal and a vandalised mural reopen debate about race and citizenship', The Conversation
24/10/2024	Interview with the Korean magazine Local Government on UK immigration policy
17/07/2022	'Italians support citizenship for migrants' children (ius soli), conditionally', La Repubblica di Firenze
Feb 2020	'British and Disengaged: national identification and political engagement before and after naturalisation', LSE Social Policy Blog
2019	Animation "Who deserves to be British?" for *How Social Policy Research shapes the world*, Oxo tower

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITY

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; European Sociological Review; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; International Migration; Migration studies.