Scarscelli Daniele

BIO AND EDUCATION

My scientific activity has developed around the following themes: the consumption of legal and illegal psychoactive drugs; the deviant carriers, with special attention to the role of institutions responsible for social control and the treatment of deviant subjects; the mechanisms governing access and usability of the services by social groups that are stigmatized as deviant (illegal drugs consumers, immigrant women working as prostitutes, drug- addicts, etc.) or by social categories, such adolescents and young people, which are considered as needing interventions to prevent risky behaviour (for instance, psychoactive drugs use); the coping strategies developed by social actors facing specific biographic events.

Education

- 1984 Degree in Social Work, Scuola Superiore di Servizio Sociale of Turin
- 1997 Degree in Political Science, University of Turin
- 2003 PhD in Sociology of Culture and Law, University of Urbino

Teaching

- 2002 2014 Assistant Professor in Sociology of Deviance, Course in Social Work, University of Eastern Piedmont
- 2005 2012 Lecturer in Sociology of Deviance, MA Course in Psychology, University of Aosta Valley
- 2008 2012 Assistant Professor in Sociology of Deviance and Life Course Analysis, MA Course in Society and Local Development, University of Eastern Piedmont
- 2013 Assistant Professor in Criminology, MA Course in Law, University of Eastern Piedmont.

UNIVERSITY CAREER

2004 - Assistant Professor, University of Eastern Piedmont

MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

- 1. Illegal drug use
- 2. Deviance careers and the life course
- 3. Doping
- 4. Medicalization of deviance and social work
- 5. Prison

CURRENT ISSUES OF RESEARCH

1. Doping use among amateur athletes.

The study of doping among amateur athletes has allowed us to focus on the social and cultural features that promote the spreading of this practice in our society. In order to pursue these objectives, we carried out a research using two tools: a structured questionnaire administered to a large sample of athletes through an online survey; semi-structured interviews aimed at reconstructing the doping use careers of a small sample of athletes.

2. The medicalization of deviance and social work.

In recent decades, the medicalization of many areas of human experience has expanded significantly in our societies. Among the non-medical problems that are defined and treated as if they were diseases, there are many problems which fall within the scopes of intervention of Social workers. My research activity is intended to focus on a central issue for the institutional and professional mandate of the social worker: how the medicalization of deviance affects the ways in which social control is exercised.

TOP FIVE PAPERS

- 1. Riuscire a smettere. La tossicodipendenza tra devianza e normalità, Edizioni Gruppo Abele, Torino, 2003 (Drug addiction between deviance and normality: a study of spontaneous and assisted remission, in "Contemporary Drug Problems", Volume 33 (2), 237-274, 2006)
- 2. (con VIDONI Odillo), La devianza. Teorie e politiche di controllo, Carocci, Roma, 2008
- 3. Il consumo di droghe, Carocci, Roma, 2010
- 4. Life Cycles and Changes in Alcoholic Beverage Consumption: Research Project and Theoretical Framework; Consumption Patterns of Alcoholic Beverages in Two Cohorts of Italian Men; The Reduction of Consumption in Two Cohorts of Italian Men: Some Interpretations, in "Contemporary Drug Problems", Volume 34, 2007, Numero monografico: Changes in the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Italy: studies of the decrease in consumption between 1970 and 2000, curato da Allamani e Beccaria, pp. 287-298; 313-336; 337-346,
- 5. (con ALTOPIEDI Rosalba, Roberta DAMENO e Massimiliano VERGA), Does fear of sanctions or sanctions discourage drug use? The point of view of a sample of illegal drug users in Italy, in "Drugs: Education, Prevention, and Policy", 19 (6), 2012, 484 494