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Language Italian (mother tongue) English (Fluent) French (Good)

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I'm a scholar within the subject area of Marketing and Branding, mainly focused on consumer behaviour and brand narrative in online environment and digital marketing. My current research interests deal with customer brand engagement and decision making to understand consumer experience in the omni-channel perspective.

CURRENT POSITION

2016-2017 Adjunct Professor of International Marketing

Department of Business and Management, LUISS University, Rome (Course taught in english).

2015-2016 Adjunct Professor of Services Marketing

Department of Business and Management, LUISS University, Rome.

2015 - 2016 Adjunct Professor of Trade and Retail Marketing

Department of Business and Management, LUISS University, Rome (Course taught in english)

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITION

2015 **Research Teaching Assistant**

Product and Brand management, Marketing Metrics, Web Analytics Marketing Chairs. Department of Business and Management, LUISS University, Rome.

2008- 2015 Research Teaching Assistant

Brand Management and Digital Marketing Chairs. Department of Communication and Social Science, Sapienza University, Rome.

EDUCATION

2009-2013 Ph.D. in Business Management

Thesis: *Drivers of Customer Brand Engagement in Social Media Sites* (Advisor: Prof. A. Rea). Department of Management and Technologies, Sapienza University of Rome.

2006-2008 Master's Degree *summa cum laude* in Business Communication and Organizational Strategy.

Thesis: *British or international MINI? The Country of Origin effect on Brand* (Supervisor: Prof. A. Rea). Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Sapienza University of Rome.

2005-2006 Master Executive in Communication, marketing, advertising and publishing industry, Awarded by Lazio Region.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Service Science Best Paper Award at Naples Forum on Service, Naples, 10-12 June for the article "The viable decision Maker for CAS survival". Co-authors: Francesca landolo and Luca Carrubbo.
- 2015 Best Paper Award at International Marketing Trends Conference, Paris, January 23th-24th for the article "Drivers of Customer Brand Engagement in social media sites. An exploratory analysis".
- 2011-2012 Research grant for the project "Manipulation of brand identity and meaning on social network sites. A Socio-cognitive analysis".

 Team: Prof. A. Rea, Prof. L. Giuliano, Prof. G. Anzera, University of Rome, financed by the MIUR, Italian Ministry of University and Research.

2009-2012 PhD Scholarship at the University of Rome

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PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

[1] L. Michelini, G. Iasevoli, V. Pitardi (2015). "The Innovative Social Oriented Start-Up:The Role of Entrepreneurship Ecosystem and its Impact on the Social Capital," in *Social Change: Perspectives, Challenges and Implications for the Future*, Nova Science Publishers, New York, ISBN: 978-1-63483-639-5.

Articles in refereed journals

[1] Carrubbo L., landolo F., Pitardi V., Calabrese M. (2016). The viable decision maker for CAS survival: How to change and adapt through fitting process. *Journal of Service Theory and Practice.* (Forthcoming)

Articles in national and international conference proceedings

- [1] Dessart L., Pitardi V. (2016). How Youtube storytelling can win consumers' heart: the case of NIVEA. *Advances in Consumer Research*, vol. 44, Association for Consumer Research (ACR) North American Conference, Berlin, October 27-30, 2016.
- [2] Carrubbo L., landolo F., Pitardi V. (2015). The viable decision maker for CAS survival: How to change and adapt through fitting process. *Proceedings Naples Forum on Service*, June 9th-12th, Naples, Italy. ISBN 979-12-200-0486-2.
- [3] Pitardi, V. (2015). Driver of Consumer Brand Engagement in Social Media Sites. An explorative analysis; *14th International Conference Marketing Trends*, Jan. 23th-24th, Paris, France. ISBN 978-2-9532811-2-7.
- [4] Pitardi V., Rea A. (2014). The perceptions of Millennials in Italian wine purchase experience. An application of the Zaltman Metaphor Elicitation Technique, *Proceedings SIM (Italian Marketing Academy) XI Annual Conference*, 2014, Sept. 18th-19th, Modena. ISBN: 978-88-907662-2-0.
- [5] Pitardi V., Rea A. (2014). Drivers of Consumer Brand Engagement in Social Media Sites. An explorative analysis; *12Th International Conference on*

Communication and Mass Media, ATINER, 2014, May 12t-15th, Athens, Greece. ISBN: 978-618-5065-38-6, http://www.atiner.gr/abstracts/2014ABST-MED.pdf

- [6] Pitardi. V. (2014). Driver of Consumer Brand Engagement in Social Media Sites. An explorative analysis. *4th Forum on Markets and Marketing* 2014 (FMM2014), June 16th-19th, Karlstad University, Sweden.
- [7] Rea A., Pitardi V. (2012). Can wine blogger affect the purchase intention? *VI Annual Meeting American Association of Wine Economist*, June 7th-10th, Princeton, NJ, USA.
- [8] Rea A., D'Antone S., Pitardi V. (2011). Wine and Origin: looking for a mediterranean link. *Eighth Day of Mediterranean Marketing*, Nov. 2011, University of Pisa.
- [9] V. Pitardi (2011). Brand Meaning Process in Online Environment. *Proceedings SIM (Italian Marketing Academy) VIII Annual Conference, 2014,* Sept. 22th-23th, Rome.

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TEACHING

| PROGRAMME | TEACHING FIELD | YEAR | INSTITUTION- COUNTRY |
|------------------------|---|-----------|-------------------------|
| Bachelor | Marketing | 2009-2012 | Sapienza University |
| | Services Marketing | 2015-2016 | Luiss University |
| Master | Brand Management | 2009-2014 | Sapienza University |
| | Digital Marketing | 2014-2015 | Sapienza University |
| | Trade and Retail Marketing (english) | 2015-2016 | Luiss University |
| | International Marketing (english) | 2016-2017 | Luiss University |
| Executive Education | Relationship Marketing CRM | 2009-2011 | Sapienza University |
| | Customer Value Chain Segmentation- Positioning Integrated Communication | 2016 | Luiss BS |
| | | 2016 | Luiss BS |
| | | 2016 | Luiss BS |

SERVICE ACTIVITY

- 2015 Research Project_"Networked Society in Italy: Feelings, Opinions and Behaviours", Luiss Business School.
- 2015 Research Project_"Promotion of digital innovation and technology: the case of publishing industry", Lazio Region, LUMSA University.
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- 2013 Research Project, "Marketing Strategy on Sparkling Wine Market", Wine Management Lab, SDA Bocconi, School of Management.
- 2012 Research Project "The wine experiential purchase of Millennials group", Wine Management Lab, SDA Bocconi, School of Management.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

- 2011 International School of Text Automatic Analysis and Text mining models and methods,. Package Taltac 2, Lexico, DTM-Vin, SAS ed R. Department MEMOTEF, Sapienza University of Rome.
- 2009 School of Statistics, Feb. 2009. Package SPSS 15.0, CISC Department of Communication, Sapienza University of Rome.
- 2003 School of Qualitative Research, Prof. R. Cavallaro,
- 2002 Montorio nei Frentani (CB), Italy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2011- 2013 **External Junior Researcher** at Wine Management Lab SDA Bocconi University, Milan.

Research activity on specific research projects. Main topic: consumer behaviour, marketing practice and branding in Wine Market. Data analysis (SPSS, Lexico, Taltac)

2013 **Branding Consultant** at Mostra D'Oltremare, Naples.

Planning Brand strategies to improve the business performance on events markets and reinforce their brand reputation on the national and international market.

Working on Marketing plans for portfolio exhibition development.

2012 Social media Consultant Azienda Agricola Fratelli Berlucchi.

Development and management of social media strategies for client and prospects.

Content creation and community management activities

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2007 **PR Account Assistant** ImageLine Communications, London,UK. Arranged Media Kits for different clients; tracked and monitored press clippings and advertisement in order to evaluate press coverage and advertisement effectiveness.

AFFILIATIONS TO SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

2016 - Present Association for Consumer Research (ACR)

2009 - Present Junior member of Italian Marketing Academy (SIM)