

## **Short Bio – Andrea Appolloni**

My name is Andrea Appolloni, and I am an Associate Professor in Economics and Business Management at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, in the Department of Management and Law. I obtained a PhD in Management from the same university in 2012, and I was a research fellow and then a researcher in management in the past.

I obtained a postgraduate Master's degree in Commercial and Industrial Relations with China and Russia at the University of Macerata in 2017. I have been a Permanent Visiting Fellow at Cranfield University in the UK since 2015 and a Fellow at Minzu University in Beijing, China, since 2024. I was also a Postdoc Fellow at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China in 2016. I am qualified in the ASN as a Full Professor in the Scientific Area SECS-P/08 in Economics and Business Management.

My research interests span a wide range of areas, with a particular focus on Operations Management, Supply Chain, and cross-cutting themes of Innovation and Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability. I approach my research with a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods, often supplemented by critical reviews of the research literature. My research is not confined to a single industry, but rather, I explore various sectors such as ICT and Telecommunications, Automotive, Space Economy, Food, Automation, Services and Industrial. This diverse approach allows me to gain insights from different perspectives and contribute to multiple fields.

The main responsibilities at the University of Rome Tor Vergata are as follows. I teach the courses Procurement Sourcing and Supply Chain Management, Sustainable Supply Chain Management, and Operations Management at the English-language Master of Science in Business Administration, where I am also the coordinator since 2014 of the specialization in Supply Chain Management, which is among the most active in the program in terms of training activities and a number of students. I also teach Catering Business Management at the Faculty of Arts in the Master of Science in Food and Wine Tourism course, where I am part of the Course Council. He has previously held teaching positions abroad at the Beijing Information Science & Technology University (BISTU) in China.

I coordinate numerous research projects, including international ones. Among the most relevant is the European Project H2020-MSCA-ITN-2020 called Sapiens - Sustainability and Procurement in International, European, and National Systems with several European universities and partners, funded to the tune of EUR 4 million. I also coordinate other projects as Principal Investigator, two related to the PNRR and the GRINS, and the second on the Ecosystem of the Technopole of Rome, which is on the themes of Sustainability and Innovation.

I also coordinate a PON project on Sustainability in the Space Economy and a FIS project on innovation in the field of medicine. Another project on sustainable public procurement was financed by LazioInnova, and a member of a circular economy project was financed by the Ministry of the Environment, together with other European and national projects. Some research projects have been funded by corporate organizations, such as Leonardo, Confindustria, Accenture Foundation, European Space Agency, Italian Space Agency, Confartigianato, ELT Elettronica, and others.

Over the years, I have had a continuous scientific production since 2009, with about 200 papers, including articles in journals, books, and book chapters, research reports, and others, regularly participating in international conferences. On Scopus, I have an H-Index of 28, with 104 indexed publications, and I have worked with around 200 co-authors, most of whom are international. I own about 40 papers in Anvur band A and several papers in journals up to ABS 3. I am a frequent corresponding author. I am a

Reviewer, Associate Editor, Guest Editor, and Board Member in several prestigious international scientific journals.

I also teach various post-graduate Master's and executive courses in Italy, among the most relevant at the Scuola Superiore del Sant'Anna in Pisa, LUISS Business School, and the University of Bologna. Abroad, at the University of Belgrade in Serbia, Tianjin University, Dalian University of Technology, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China, the latter being among the most prestigious in Asia and where I have also carried out Visiting Scholar periods together with others such as the University of Tennessee in the USA, ETH Zurich in Switzerland, ShanghaiTech University, and Shanghai Jiao Tong both in China. I am also an External Evaluator at the University of Johannesburg in S. Africa and others.

From 2010 to 2018, I was among the coordinators of the Observatory on Management Consulting in Italy at Confindustria -Assoconsult - Federative Association of Consulting Enterprises, carrying out a research project that over several years has had as its primary purpose the annual realization of various research reports on the trend of management consulting in Italy. From 2015 to 2017, in the same context, the project members were among the project members for the realization of the annual research report on management consulting at the European level at FEACO - European Association of Consulting Enterprises (Brussels). Between 2020 and 2022, I was one of the coordinators of a research project on the economic return on investment of the Space sector in Italy, funded by the European Space Agency at ESRIN in Frascati (Rome).

Also, within the University of Rome Tor Vergata, I coordinate a Research Laboratory of Excellence, the ESA\_LAB@UNITOV, supported by the European Space Agency on Space Economy issues that is part of a European ESA\_LAB@Network together with other Universities and Organizations. I am a Research Fellow at the Tor Vergata Foundation and a member of the Council of CEIS - Center for Economic and International Studies. Since 2012, I have been a Research Affiliate at the Center for Sino-European Logistics & Supply Chain Innovation, Tianjin University in China, and also an Affiliate Professor at Sant' Anna University in Pisa. I am an AAIC Sanhedrin - Association of Italian Academics in China Associate Member.

From 2019 to 2023, I was concurrently associated with CNR - National Research Council, at IRISS - Innovation and Services for Development in Naples, in the 'Laboratory of Green Logistics,' in the project 'Measuring environmental sustainability performance of logistics service providers'. I have been GEV Expert on Interdisciplinary Impact/Third Mission for the Research Quality Assessment 2015-2019 (VQR 2015-2019), an external member of the Working Group on Disability and Social Inclusion, both at ANVUR, and recently, since 2024, I am among the 30 national experts with high scientific qualification designated in Anvur for the composition of the GEV Interdisciplinary Knowledge Enhancement of the VQR 2020-2024.

Since 2010 I have supported the University of Rome Tor Vergata in the promotion of scientific and educational links in internationalization processes, especially in China, the USA, India, the UK, Eastern European countries and Africa. Among the various actions, the most relevant as a scientific member of the 'Task Force China' promoted by the Ministry of Economic Development, and as a member in various missions carried out in China from 2012 to 2024. Missions in support of the signing of various international cooperation agreements, including being the contact person for a Dual Degree with Capital Beijing University in China. Also responsible for signing the scientific agreement with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA.

Also in China, I was the Coordinator of the promotion activities as the referent of UNITALIA's Centre for Academic Promotion for Study Orientation in Italy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in the promotion of degree courses and other scientific activities of the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

Held positions of responsibility in the consulting company Accenture Spa from 2008 to 2012 between Turkey, Italy and a training period in the USA. During this work experience, among other clients, I managed TeknoSA, Consip, Unicredit Banca, Natuzzi and others. In 2006, he also worked for Hertz Rent a Car in Ireland and in 2001 for CTS Voyages in France. He has also gained relevant work experience related to the academic world with the State Police, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Economic Development, European Space Agency, Italian Space Agency, Accenture Foundation, Confartigianato, ELT Elettronica, Confindustria, ICE - Institute for Foreign Trade, Ambrosetti House, IBM, IBM Academy, Leonardo, Telecom Italia. Also, with International Organizations such as FAO, WFP, UNEP, and ITU (part of the United Nations) and the EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank, and various European Union locations. I am an Accredited Expert at the ITU - International Telecommunication Union in the 'Group on Environmental Efficiency for Artificial Intelligence & other Emerging Technologies (Part of the United Nations).

Other scientific awards include the 'Tianjin Academic Foreign Expert 2015' and the 'Beijing Academic Foreign Expert 2023' programs funded by the Chinese government to select talented academic experts to conduct research at Tianjin University and the second at The Central Minzu University for Nationalities in Beijing.

In the past, I have been the winner of various scientific awards, the most notable being the 2011 winner of the Sciences and Arts Fellowship China (SAF-CHINA) award organized by the Ministry of University and Research. A program aimed at promoting the international mobility of young researchers by carrying out a period of Scientific Research at Tianjin University in China on the sustainable selection of Asian suppliers for the Western market. I won the FFABR - Funding for Basic Research Funding in 2017 and received the best paper at the Academy of Management in 2023 and the European Decision Science Institute in 2015. I speak English, French as a foreign language, Italian as my mother tongue, and I am learning Chinese.