

Renato Grimaldi was born in Cossano Belbo (CN) on June 13, 1951 and graduated in Computer Science (University of Turin); he is full professor in discipline for scientific sector SPS / 07 (Sociology) at the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences of University of Turin where he teaches Research techniques, simulation and educational robotics for the three-year degree in Educational Sciences and Advanced Methods of Social Research for the Master Degree in Pedagogical Sciences. He is responsible and contact person for the basic courses in Computer Science (INF / 01) of all the Departments that report to the School of Humanities of the University of Turin. He is part of the scientific committee for some university masters where he is also a teacher. He taught in the School of Higher Studies of the Turin University.

From October 2006 to September 2009 he was Director of the Department of Education and Training Sciences; from October 2009 to 2012 he was Dean of the Faculty of Education. From 2012 to 2015 he was deputy director (vicar) of teaching at the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences. From October 2015 to September 2018 he was director of the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences where he also chaired the Library Commission. He was president of the University Library System (2011-13) and then vice-president of the Quality Presidium (2013-15) of the University of Turin.

He was Scientific Coordinator of the Turin Unit of the Prin 2008 (since March 2010), area 10, protocol 20083XW94H_005, entitled "Un secolo di riviste italiane e straniere di storia dell'arte: 1880-1980".

He has directed numerous researches both in the academic field and for the main institutions in the area (Agnelli Foundation, School Foundation for the Compagnia di San Paolo, CRT Foundation, etc.).

He is the Rector's delegate in the ordinary Assembly of the Corep of Turin.

Since February 2019 he has been director of the School of Humanities of the University of Turin.

Since 2019 he has been Scientific Coordinator of the Laboratorio di simulazione del comportamento e robotica educativa "Luciano Gallino", established as part of the Excellence Project won in 2018 by the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences.

He directs the series "Percorsi di Ricerca" at the publisher Franco Angeli of Milan and directs the series "Teoria e ricerca in Educazione" of the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences of the University of Turin at the Aracne publisher in Rome. He directs the publications of the "Scienze della Formazione", brand of the University of Turin (with its own Isbn).

He is a member of scientific-editorial committees of prestigious series including: "Riflessioni e ricerche sulla conoscenza e sul metodo" directed by Alberto Marradi at the Bonanno publisher in Acireale-Rome; "Il riccio e la volpe" directed by Enzo Campelli at the Franco Angeli publishing house; "Teoria sociologica applicata" directed by Andrea Pitasi at the Harmattan, Paris; "Agenda Digitale" directed by Alessandro Longo, Rome. He is also part of the Scientific Committee of the online magazine "ANALELE UNIVERSITĂȚII' EFTIMIE MURGU 'DIN REȘIȚA" of the University of Resita in Romania. He was a member of the Scientific Committee of the "Revista Interuniversitaria de Formación del Profesorado" edited by José Emilio Palomero Pescador at the Universidad de Zaragoza (España).

He is a founding member of Paideia, a school of advanced training in the methodology of human sciences chaired by Prof. Rita Bichi of the Catholic University of Milan.

He was part of the commission for the National Scientific Qualification (SPS/07) for the period 2016-2018.

He is a member of the Steering Committee of the Gozzano-Pavese Center of the University of Turin, of the Resistance and Constitution Committee of the Regional Council of Piedmont and of the University Committee for Sport (CUS-Turin). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tancredi Barolo Foundation, the Parini - Chirio Foundation and the Guzzo Foundation, always as a representative of the University of Turin. He is a member of the enlarged Board of Directors of the Methodology Section of the AIS (Italian Association of Sociology).

He was a member of the Scientific Committee of the Education Festival of the Municipality of Turin and scientific co-director of the KeyLab (Knowledge Exchange Initiative Lab) of the CSP (Piedmont Supercomputing Center for Innovation in ICT). He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Cesare Pavese Foundation in Santo Stefano Belbo and was a member of the Pavese Prize Jury. He is president of the Scientific Committee of the Memoranda Association set up with the Gobetti Center of Turin as part of the activities of the Nuto Revelli Foundation of Cuneo. He is an honorary member of the Otonga Foundation of Quito (Ecuador) which works in favor of environmental sustainability and the education of indigenous young people in Ecuador and is an honorary member of the association "DSchola – Le scuole per le scuole" based in Turin. He is also a member of the Scientific Committee of the City of Asti Retirement Home and of the Ethica Association at the University campus of Asti.

He deals with the methods and techniques of social research.

He studies digital inequalities, social, cultural and economic transformations also through the collection of testimonies, family photographic archives and through the cataloging of thousands of painted ex-votos that are mainly found in Italian sanctuaries but also in the world; in particular in Ecuador he spent several weeks of field research on several missions.

After having participated in the early eighties in the work of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory directed by prof. Luciano Gallino, he is working on the use of social robots in care and education using the simulation model of a social actor conceived and designed by Gallino himself; these activities are carried out in the recently established laboratory dedicated to the memory of the colleague, former professor emeritus in sociology at the University of Turin, who famously carried out a pioneering activity in the fields of simulation using artificial intelligence techniques.

He is completing an editorial project entitled *La società dei robot*, conceived and edited for the Mondadori publishing house, which will be published in mid 2021. This project was born from collaborations with colleagues from the Department of Computer Science - University of Manchester (UK), Department of Engineering and Technology - University of Hertfordshire (UK), Department of Automation and Computer Science - Politecnico di Torino, the Departments of Computer Science, Neuroscience, Economics - University of Turin, Department of Human Sciences for Education (Laboratory of Robotics for Cognitive and Social Sciences) - Milano Bicocca University, Department of Computer Science - University of Bari, Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literature and Psychology - University of Florence, Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies - University of Naples Federico II, Comau (industrial automation and robotics company) of Grugliasco (Turin), Italian Institute of Technology of Genoa, School of Robotics of Genoa.

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