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## **Paolo Francesco Cottone - Short CV**

Paolo Francesco Cottone is Associate Professor of Social Psychology at the Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology (FISPPA), University of Padua. He holds a PhD in Social Psychology and Personality, directs the Interaction and Culture Laboratory, teaches Social Psychology and Intercultural Psychology, and is a member of the Doctoral Committee in Social Sciences at the University of Padua.

His research is grounded in cultural and social psychology and examines how identities, positions, cooperation, and communication are constructed within situated practices. Across different empirical fields, he uses qualitative and interpretive methods, including ethnographic inquiry, discourse and media analysis, positioning analysis, interaction analysis, and gesture analysis, with particular attention to cultural artifacts as mediators of social action.

This framework connects his work on virtual environments, e-learning, intercultural mediation, gender-based violence, prison contexts, death education, and energy transitions. He has made major contributions to the VEPSY, EMMA, EMPoWER, TIPPING+, and ACCESI projects, and also contributed to DE4PP. His publications address cultural psychology, sustainable energy communities, dignity, gender, institutional contexts, and technology-mediated collaboration; his institutional profile lists more than eighty publications.