



PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: MAJORdom - Intersections of class and ethnicity in paid domestic and care work: theoretical development and policy recommendations based on the study of 'majority workers' in Italy and in the USA

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SCIENTIFIC FIELDS: Public governance, welfare and social innovation

HOST DEPARTMENT: Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage

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ABSTRACT:

This project is about paid domestic and care workers (PDCW) who are citizens and members of the ethnic majority of the country where they work. PDCW as a labor sector employs at least 67 million people globally and these include not only migrants but also 'majority' workers (ILO, 2017). This project contributes to recent scholarship on this topic – mostly focusing on workers with a minority or migrant background – by drawing attention to the workers who are white working-class women, both in the United States and Italy. In the light of the recently passed European Parliament Resolution "Women domestic workers and carers in the EU" (EPoS 2015), it is important to reflect on this labor sector as a constitutive element of employment for working-class women in many countries. More research is needed because PDCW is not only a way of "doing gender", or "doing" race, ethnicity, migratory statuses, but it simultaneously concerns class differences between women.

A comparison between Italy (a Southern European country with a well-grounded tradition of PDCW and high levels of regulation of the sector) and the United States (a Western country of great ethnic diversity but limited regulations on PDCW) is of the greatest interest because in both of these countries 'majority' workers account for a substantial portion of PDCW while differing considerably in terms of legal regulations of PDCW, as well as class structure and ethnic composition. The project consists of policy and data analysis concerning PDCW in the USA, Italy and EU, and of qualitative inquiry on how the intersection of gender, ethnicity and class impact impacts on 'majority' workers in American and Italian PDCW. The experience of the Fellowship, academic environment of an American and Italian university and the research results will enable the Fellow, who specialized in PDCW in Poland, to develop research and transferable skills and establish her position as an international and comparative scholar of PDCW.

Planned Start date	Planned End date
1 st August 2018	31 st July 2021

PARTNERSHIP:

1 Università Ca' Foscari Venezia	Italy	Coordinator
2 University of Massachusetts Lowell	United States	Partner