Chiara Saraceno è professore ordinario di sociologia della famiglia presso la facoltà di scienze politiche di Torino, dove insegna anche un corso su "genere e società". Fino a maggio 2005 ha coordinato il dottorato di ricerca sociale comparata e per sette anni, fino a dicembre 2005, ha presieduto il Centro interdisciplinare di studi delle donne di quella università. Al momento è in congedo dalla Università di Torino ed è professore di ricerca presso il Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), con il compito di sviluppare ricerche sui temi dell'impatto delle tendenze demografiche sul mutamento sociale e la formazione di capitale sociale. Fa parte del network di eccellenza EQUALSOC, finanziato dall'Unione Europea, all'interno del quale coordina il gruppo di ricerca "Family and Social Networks". Fa parte inoltre dell'advisory board di altri due network di eccellenza europei.

Fa parte del comitato editoriale di "Stato e Mercato", "European Sociological Review", "European Societies", "Social Policy & Administration", "Retraite et Societé", "Sociologia. Problemas y Praticas".

Per diversi anni ha fatto parte della Commissione di Indagine sulla Povertà e l'esclusione sociale presso la Presidenza del Consiglio e dal 1999 al 2001 ne è stata la presidente. Ha rappresentato l'Italia in diversi organismi internazionali, incluso il Social Protection Committee della UE.

Le sue ricerche, spesso di tipo storico-comparativo, riguardano le trasformazioni della famiglia, le politiche sociali, i mutamenti nei comportamenti delle donne e nei ruoli di genere, i rapporti tra le generazioni, la povertà. Tra le sue pubblicazioni recenti: Sociologia della famiglia (con Manuela Naldini), il Mulino 2007; Mutamenti della famiglia e politiche sociali in Italia, il Mulino 2003; Dinamiche assistenziali in Europa, il Mulino 2004 (a cura. Di quest'ultimo testo esiste anche una versione in inglese, Social Assistance Dynamics in Europe, Policy Press 2002); First European Quality of Life Survey. Families, work and social networks(con Manuela Olagnero e Paola Torrioni), Luxembourg, Office for Official Publication of the European Commission, 2005, Povertà e benessere. Geografia delle disuguaglianze in Italia (a cura, con A. Brandolini), il Mulino 2007; Handbook of Quality of Life in the Enlarged European Union(a cura, con J. Alber e T. Fahey), Routledge, 2007.

Academic Qualifications and Professional Career

11 2006 –	Research professorship "Demographic Development, Social Change, and Social Capital" at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)
1999 – 2005	Chair of the Ph. D. program in Comparative Social Research at the University of Torino
1998 – 2001	Director and then President of the Interdisciplinary Center for Women's Studies (CIRSDe) at the University of Torino
1991 – 1998	Head of the Department of Social Sciences, University of Torino
1990 – 2008	Full professor in sociology of family, University of Torino, Italy, Faculty of Political Sciences
1989 – 1990	Vice Rector of the University of Trento
1986 – 1990	Full professor in sociology of the family at the University of Trento
1975 – 1986	Associate professor in sociology of the family at the University of Trento, Italy
1968 – 1975	Research assistant in sociology at the University of Trento
1966	Ph.D. in philosophy at the Catholic University in Milan (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Italy

Selected Research Projects

09 2005 – 12 2010	Participation to a Network of Excellence on Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion EQUALSOC, coordinated by professor Robert Erikson, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University. Within it, she chaired the research group on
03 2008 -	Family and Social Networks She participated to the European project on "How demographic

O3 2008 – She participated to the European project on "How demographic changes shape intergenerational solidarity, well-being, and social integration: A multilinks framework" MULTILINKS, funded under the Seventh Framework Program and coordinated by Professor Dykstra at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Within it, she coordinated a work package focusing on institutional frameworks and the development of indicators.

02 2007 – 11 2009	She was responsible of the German team in the project Working and Caring in Europe (WOUPS), funded by the French Ministry of Labour (MIRE) and coordinated by the Ecole nationale de la santé publique (ENSP) at Rennes. The aim was to explore how middle aged women in different working situations and their families deal with the demands of care coming from their frail elderly parents.
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2006 – 2009 She co-ordinated a project – funded by the Foundation Compagnia di S. Paolo – on social inequalities and poverty in Italy.

Participation in EU funded TSER-Projects on:

- 2002 2003 Indicators of social quality, co-ordinated by the European Foundation for Social Quality
- 1996 1999 Gender and citizenship, co-ordinated by professor Siim, University of Aalborg, Denmark

Family changes and Family Policies co-ordinated by professor Flora, University of Mannheim (a Training and Mobility project)

1996 – 1998 Co-ordinated a comparative project on the evaluation of income support policies at the local level in six European countries, funded by the EU under the TSER program (Evaluation of Income Support Policies at the Local Urban Level – ESOPO).

Collaboration with Government

- 2000 2001 Represented the Ministry of Social Affairs in the Social Protection Committee at the EU Commission
- 1999 2001 Chair of the Italian Poverty Commission at the Prime Minister Office, after having been member of the same Commission for various years.
- 1995 2001 Represented the Ministry of Social Affairs at the working party on social policy at the OECD
- 1995 2001 Consultant to the Minister of Social Affairs on issues concerning poverty and social exclusion and family policies. In this capacity, she was member of government commissions on the reform of the

	welfare state and monitored the experimental introduction of an income support measure (RMI) in selected Italian municipalities.	
1990 – 1994	Italian expert in the EC Observatory on Policies for Combating Social Exclusion.	
Other Positions (memberships, collaborations, engagements)		
Presently	Editorialist for the newspaper "La Repubblica"	
2007 –	Member of the board of the Foundation Unidea and of the Fondazione Gorrieri.	
2005 – 2009	Collaboration with the Maastricht School of Governance for a PhD program on comparative social policies.	
1995 – 2009	Member of various scientific committees at ISTAT, the Italian national Statistical Office	
1999 – 2008	Participation in the Consiglio Generale of the main Italian Foundation, la Compagnia di S. Paolo for two terms, first as representative of the municipality of Torino and then as distinguished scholar	
1996 – 2008	Editorialist for the newspaper "La Stampa"	
Guest Professo	orships and Fellowships	
05 2000	Invited professor at the Ph.D. program on European Studies, Sciences PO, Paris	
05 1997	Distinguished scholar of the Danish Academy of Social Sciences	
05 1986	Invited professor at the Ph. D. Program in Sociology at the Department of Sociology, Universidad Autonoma, Barcelona	
07 – 08 1985	Fellow at the New School for Social Research, New York	
1981 – 1982	German Marshall Fund fellow at the Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, Harvard University	

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2005	Nominated Grand Ufficiale (Great knight) of the Italian Republic by the President of the Italian Republic
2010	The "Bogianen" distinction by the Chamber of Commerce, Piemont, Italy
	Honoured for her academic work as well as for her commitment against social inequality. "Bogianen" comes from the Piedmontese dialect, means fearless,

Member of the board of editors of the following journals:

persistent.

2007 –	"Social Policy & Administration"
2006 –	"Zeitschrift für Familienforschung" "Retraite et Societé" "European Societies" "European Sociological Review"
until 2006	"Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia"
2005 –	"Stato e Mercato " " Sociología Problemas y Práctica"