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Hi all! I'm 28 years old and I'm a science freelance journalist. Since I was in high school, I've always wondered how a bunch of cells (the nervous cells) can give rise to the multitude of actions and thoughts typical of humans. With this question in mind, I chose to study biology and neurobiology at university. I then moved to a neuroscience laboratory, in Trieste, to study the neural basis of tactile perception. It was a great opportunity to meet students and scientists from different countries and to work closely with the brain. However, I figured out what I wanted to do was not carrying out research in the lab, but telling science to people outside.

This is why I applied for a science communication master and, a few years later, I started writing science stories for Italian readers (most of them have been published on "MIND" and "LeScienze", but also on "Micron", "OggiScienza" and "IlTascabile"). From 2016 to 2017 I've also run a blog, where I wrote what scientists do in neuroscience labs after taking part in their experiments as a "lab rat" (it was very funny!). I also took part in organizing a talk at Sapienza University, in Rome, by two young Palestinian researchers working on depression and other mental diseases (they even came to Florence for a special event dealing with science and women and science in Palestine).

Other than writing science stories, I also run a column about science in the movies, which appears regularly on Micron (I go to the cinema, watch a movie and then pick a science topic from the movie's plot to talk about) and I work as a supply teacher in secondary school.