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Nationality: Italian

Qualifications:

2000 MSc in Social Science Research Methods, London School of Economics
1996 MA and BSc in Philosophy of science and logic, Milan State University
1994 PEECH, Diploma in European Studies, University Van Amsterdam

Languages:

| | Spoken | Written |
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| English | Fluent | Fluent |
| Italian | Mother tongue | Mother tongue |
| French | Fluent | Fluent |
| Spanish | Good | Good |

Areas of Expertise

Political economy of development; rights, justice and rule of law; accountability; citizenship and democratisation; fragile states; evaluation and applied social research methodologies

Posts held:

Since April 2009 **Programme Leader – Politics and Governance**, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London

2006 – 2009 **Research fellow/Programme Leader - Rights in Action-** Poverty and Public Policy Group (PPPG), Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London

2003 – 2006 **Senior Policy Adviser**, Italian Treasury, Rome
Public Investment Evaluation Unit (UVAL), Department for Development and Cohesion Policies.

2003 – 2005 **Senior Research Associate**, Amnesty International, London

2000 – 2003 **Head of Learning and Impact Assessment team**, Save the Children UK, London

1997-2000 **Researcher**, Evaluation, Development and Review Unit, Tavistock Institute, London

Key experience and assignments:

- Governance and political economy**
- ODI; Team leader (with sara Pantuliano) ODI meeting series: *Development, security and transitions in fragile states* Funded by Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (July 2009-March 2010)
 - ODI: Team Leader *State capacity and response to global financial crisis* Funded by DFID (November 2009-October 2010)
 - ODI: Team Leader *Joint Donors workshop on Sectoral Political Economy Analysis* funded by DFID, World Bank, UNDP and EC (November 2009)
 - ODI Team Leader *Methodological guidance for EC engagement with non state actors and new aid modalities* Funded by European Commission (05-09/08-09)

- ODI Team Leader: Fragility Analysis of DFID country programmes. Funded by DFID (09/07-01/08)
- ODI: Team Member *World Governance Assessment*, funded by Norad. (12/06-12/07)

Human rights, justice and rule of law

- ODI team Leader *Human Rights and Pro-poor growth*. Funded by OECD – DAC. November 2008-April 2009
- Centre for Applied Human Rights: Advisor and Visiting Lecturer, Master on Applied Human Rights (08-09)
- Oxford University Press, member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Applied Human Rights*
- ODI Team Leader: *Scoping Study of DFID policy and practice on Human Rights*. Funded by DFID- Policy Division (05/07- 12/07)
- ODI: Team Leader *Why are Economic and Social Rights so difficult?*, Funded by ODI Innovation Fund and Centre for Economic and Social Rights (07/06– 03/07)
- ODI: Team Leader *Aid effectiveness and human rights: strengthening the implementation of the Paris Declaration*: framework paper and five illustration pieces on the PD commitments. Funded by OECD DAC-Govnet (03/06-09/06)
- ODI: Adviser to Swiss Development Cooperation. *Backstopping mandate on human rights*: training, policy advice, background papers (2006-2008)
- ODI: Adviser to Swedish Development Agency: Human rights and Aid Effectiveness: Regional Human Rights Seminar, Bangkok December 2006
- Lecturer, University of Siena *Master in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action*, (2003-present)

Evaluation

- ODI: Team leader (with Sacnteam) *Evaluation of Norwegian Support to Democratic Development through the United Nations*; funded by NORAD (January 2010-December 2010)
- ODI Team leader: *Concept Note for Child Rights Impact Assessment*, funded by Unicef (05-09-07-09)
- ODI: Convenor of public meeting on ‘*Development evaluation: the institutional challenge*’ (02/08)
- ODI: Team Member: ‘*Defining and Assessing Donors’ Synergy for development*’. Author of the chapter on evaluating synergy. Funded by Danida (11/07-01/08)
- ODI: Team Leader: *Evaluation of Citizens’ voice and accountability*: synthesis report. Funded by DAC Core group members - DFID, SIDA, SDC, NORAD, BMZ, DANIDA and DCGD (09/07-08/08)
- ODI: Team Leader. *Evaluation of Citizens’ voice and accountability*: literature review, intervention analysis and evaluation framework. Pilot Case studies: Benin and Nicaragua. Funded by DFID (10/06-07/07)
- ODI: Team leader: *Comparative study of evaluation policies and practices*. Case studies: World Bank, DFID, SIDA. KFW, African Development Bank. Funded by Agence Française du Développement. (09/06 – 03/07)
- ODI: Lead Researcher, *Evaluation of Cross Cutting Themes: Poverty as a human rights issue*. Case study: Mali. Funded by Unesco (03/06-08/06)
- Senior Consultant: *Assessing Social Change*, a project funded by Ford Foundation in collaboration with Institute for Development Studies, Sussex Uni. (2005)
- Senior Adviser, Amnesty International, London (2004-2005) Developed a strategic framework for impact assessment of human rights action, including human rights indicators
- Senior Policy Adviser, Italian Treasury, Department for Development Policies (2003-2006) Coordinating support to regional and local Italian administrations in research and evaluation methods and techniques, including training for researchers and civil servants.
- Team Leader : Evaluation of ENACT project on child trafficking in Europe , Save the Children Italy (2004)

**Social
justice and
inclusion**

- Head of Learning and Impact Assessment Team, Save the Children UK. (2000-2003). Managing London and field-based evaluation and research networks. Responsible for the development and implementation of the evaluation and impact assessment framework 'Global Impact Monitoring'. Field experience several countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- Team leader 'Rights-based Monitoring and Evaluation: a discussion paper', Save the Children Sweden (2003)
- Senior Researcher: *Evaluation/Impact Assessment Frameworks for EU policies on Asylum and Human Rights*, funded by European Commission, Tavistock Institute (2003-2004)
- Team Leader: *Mainstreaming Anti-racism into European Policies: An Evaluation Framework*", Funded by European Commission, Tavistock Institute, (1999-2000)
- Team Member: *Evaluation framework for New Deal for Communities*. Funded by Department for Transport and the regions, Tavistock Institute, (1998)
- Team Member: several research and evaluation projects on EU and UK social policies. Tavistock Institute, (1996-1998)
- Board member of the European Evaluation Society (2000-2005)
- Advisor to the International Development Evaluation Association (since 2000)

- Team leader: "Social inclusion interventions and expenditure in the Strategic Development Framework 2000-2006 in the Italian Southern Regions", Italian Treasury (2004)
- Coordinator: Education and Social Exclusion themes in the 'Strategic National Framework for Development Policies', Italian Treasury (2004-2005)
- Analyst: National and regional household survey data on economic poverty and indicators of social exclusion (2003 and 2004 Annual Poverty survey published by the National office of Statistics), Italian treasury (2003-2004)
- Manager: portfolio of research projects analysing the integration of social inclusion and anti-discrimination policies in economic development programmes, Italian Treasury, (2003-2005)

Selected publications and reports:

- 2009** (with Leni Wild) Analysing Governance and Political Economy in Sectors: Joint Donors Workshop Report, ODI
- (with Ed Anderson) *Assessing Compliance: the Challenges for Economic and Social Rights* Journal of Human Rights Practice 2009 1(3):469-476
- 2008** (with Ed Anderson) *Achieving Economic and Social Rights: the challenge of assessing compliance* , ODI Briefing Paper
- (with Christina Archer, Tammie O'Neil and Richard Longhurst) *Comparative Study of Evaluation policies and practices in Development Agencies*. AFD/ODI Working Paper
- (with Goran Hyden, Kenneth Mease and Verena Fritz) 'The World Governance Assessment: corruption and other dimensions of governance' in *Global Corruption Report 2008*. Transparency International and Cambridge University Press
- (with Tammie O'Neil et al.) DFID Human Rights Policy: A Scoping Study. ODI report
- 2007** (with Goran Hyden, Kenneth Mease and Verena Fritz) *Governance assessments for local stakeholders: What the World Governance Assessment offers*. ODI Working Paper
- Voice For Accountability: Citizens, the State and Realistic Governance*. ODI Briefing Paper
- Human Rights and Livelihoods: Approaches to Poverty Reduction*. SDC Briefing Note
- (with Bhavna Sharma, Alison Evans and Tammie O'Neil) *Evaluation of Citizens'*

- voice and Accountability: Evaluation Framework (Forthcoming ODI Working paper)*
- (with T. O'Neil and A. Hudson) *Evaluation of Citizens' Voice and Accountability: literature review* , DFID/ODI working paper
- 2006** (with D. Booth and T, O'Neil) *Aid effectiveness and human rights: strengthening the implementation of the Paris Declaration*. Framework paper and think pieces, ODI , November 2006
- (with B. Perrin, C, Hughes, J.F. Marchandise) *Evaluation of Cross-Cutting Themes. Final Report*, Final Report UNESCO , December 2006
- 2005** (with F. Utili) "The Strategic Framework for Development Policies in the South of Italy: how does it expand people's capabilities?" Paper presented at the HDCA Conference, Paris, September 2005
- "Challenging power and fighting inequalities: the role of civil society in addressing root causes of human insecurity" in ed. Robert Picciotto *Conflict, Security and Development* , Routledge, New York 2005
- 2003** "The right to understand. Are human rights principles useful for understanding social change, strengthening accountability and promoting equity and democratic participation?" Paper presented at the UK Evaluation Society Conference, December 2003.
- (et al.) "Towards Organisational Performance Assessment: experiences of strengthening learning, accountability and understanding social change." Paper presented with BOAG agencies to the DAC Workshop on Partnership in Evaluation, Paris March 2003
- "Participating in evaluation: myth or reality ?" in *Rivista Italiana di valutazione*. Franco Angeli, Milano
- (with C. Mc Guigan) "Closing the Circle. From measuring policy change to assessing policies in practice: a literature review". Save the Children UK
- (With L. Gosling) "Toolkits. A practical guide on monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment." Save the Children UK
- 2002** (with M. Lawson) "What role for civil society in monitoring poverty reduction policies?" Paper presented at European Evaluation Society Conference, Seville 2003
- 2001** "Learning to fail. How to promote a culture of evaluation within organisations? Messages from an international NGO " Presented at the Italian Evaluation Society Conference, 2001