

CURRICULUM VITAE

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QUALIFICATIONS

- 2002-2007 **London School of Economics and Political Science**
PhD in European Studies
“Explaining differences in regional performance: Administrative capacity and political factors. The case of Structural Funds implementation in Italian Objective 1 regions.”
Supervisors: Dr R. Leonardi, Dr E. Thieleman.
- 1994-1999 **University of Messina, Italy**
Bachelor’s degree: Economics
Grade: **110/110 *cum laude***. (U.K equivalent: First Class with Honours)
Courses: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Mathematics, Statistics, Marketing.
- 1989-1994 **Diploma di Maturita**
Grade: **60/60**. (U.K equivalent to A levels)
Courses: English, Italian, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Latin, Art, Philosophy.

LANGUAGES

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Italian	Fluent (native)	Fluent (native)	Fluent (native)
English (IELTS: 7.5/9)	Fluent (IELTS: 8/9)	Fluent (IELTS: 7.5/9)	Fluent (IELTS: 7.5/9)
French	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient

HONOURS AND PRIZES

- 2002-2007 **London School of Economics Research Studentship.**
Grant awarded for PhD study at the European Institute. LSE.
- 2001-2002 **Sicilian Regional Government Research Award.** “The contribution of Structural Funds to the economic development of Southern European Objective 1 areas.”
- 2000-2001 **Bonino-Pulejo Foundation and the British Council post-Laurea Research Grant.**
“The Community Support Framework of Mediterranean Objective 1 regions, 1994-1999: A comparative analysis.”
- 1999 **Sicilian Regional Government Prize for Regional Economic Development Studies.** “Economic and social cohesion in Europe: Structural Funds and other tools for development”. Awarded for University dissertation degree.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT

2000-present **Research Officer** **London School of Economics and Political Science**

Responsibilities: Research project management
Grant application coordinator
Organiser of visiting lecturers
Visiting studentship tutor

Research Interests: Structural Funds, Regional policy, Socio-economic development, Cohesion policy, Multi-level governance, Institutional and administrative capacity.

TEACHING APPOINTMENT

- 1999-2007: I have considerable experience using both instructional (didactic) and constructional (group discussion) teaching methods. I have taught in both English and Italian and have also played a significant / lead role in organising numerous courses and workshops. I have supervised student dissertations and act as a personal tutor for Masters students.
- 2006-2007 Lecturer: “The new cohesion policy 2007-2013 and the role of regional governments.”
Training workshop for senior civil servants and general managers.
Alma Graduate School of Management and Communication, Bologna, Italy.
- 2006-2007 Lecturer: “The future of cohesion policy and the planning of Structural Funds 2007-2013.”
Masters in European public policy, governance and integration process.
Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao and University of Palermo, Italy.
- 2006 Lecturer: “The evaluation of European structural policies: a multidisciplinary approach.”
Summer School in Design, Evaluation, and Monitoring of International Programmes. Centre for International Development, University of Bologna, Italy.
- 2003-2006 Course coordinator and Lecturer: “European Union and cohesion policy: Challenges and opportunities.”
Masters in organization and economic development.
University of Bologna and Profingest Management School.
- 2003-2004 Course coordinator and Lecturer: “The instruments for promoting the internationalisation of small and medium enterprises”.
Masters in process of internationalisation for small and medium enterprises.
University of Messina, Italy.
- 2003 Course coordinator and Lecturer: “Regional policy and Structural Funds”.
Masters in European Studies. University of Messina, Italy.
- 1999-2000 Lecturer: “Planning of institutional, territorial and European partnership”.
Masters in management. Training School A.T.I. CUOA – CERISDI, Palermo, Italy.

GRANT- FUNDING MANAGEMENT – SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE.

I have been involved in a number of reserach projects performed at the London School of Economics, while working as a Research Officer. I have written numerous successful project

applications and played a key role in their daily management. I have been involved in defining the methodologies utilised, identifying and liaising with relevant experts, coordinating the tasks of involved personnel, ensuring deadlines are met and auditing grant expenditure.

2007-2008 **Evaluation of training programmes carried out by the Ministry for Education (Italy)**

Client: Ministry of Education and Research (Italy)

Aim: Evaluating the effectiveness of the training programme financed by the Ministry of Education over the period 2007-2008.

2006-2008 **Sixth Framework Programme Priority - European Network for Better Regulation.**

Client: European Commission.

Aim: To disseminate current knowledge of EU regulatory processes, to improve the degree and mode of implementation of impact assessment procedures in EU Member States.

2007 **From Amoral Familism to Social Capital: Institutions and Civil Society in Basilicata**

Client: Region Basilicata (Italy)

Aim: to investigate the development of institutions and civil society in Basilicata.

2005-2007 **Innovative Pan-European Structures for the Management of Economic Change and restructuring at the Local Level (Acronym: PRO-CHANGE).**

Client: European Commission, Greece and Italy.

Aim: To set up a structure to enhance coordination amongst relevant stakeholders involved in local restructuring processes; to develop capacity building programmes that enable local stakeholders to effectively deal with restructuring issues; to increase employment prospects especially in the social economy and tourism sectors.

2003-2006 **Mid Term Evaluation of the Italian Community Support Framework, Objective 1 2000/2006.**

Client: Italian Ministry of Treasury.

Aim: To analyse the process of capacity building in Objective 1 regions; to study the qualitative and quantitative effects of the Community Support Framework at the regional level.

2001-2006 **Evaluation of the Regional Operational Programme of Piedmont, Italy 2000/2006.**

Client: Piedmont Region (Italy)

Aim: To assess the impact of the European Social Fund in furthering training and education.

2006 **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Italy: What are the causes of the current low levels?**

Client: Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione e Dipartimento della Funzione Pubblica – Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Italy).

Aim: To determine where FDIs are located within the 20 Italian regions; to single out which are the facilitating/impeding factors; to compare the Italian case with Germany, Spain, Greece, United Kingdom.

2003-2005 **Assessment of the Mid Term Evaluation Report on Structural Funds implementation in Spain, United Kingdom and Ireland.**

Client: European Commission.

Aim: To assess the quality of the mid term evaluation report for Objective 1 and 2 regions.

2004 **Ex-post assessment of research projects within the framework of the Pluri-annual Research Programme on Social Cohesion.**

Client: Belgian Federal Science Policy Office.

Aim: To assess four research projects carried out by the Université catholique de

- Louvain, related to active welfare state; labour market mobility; the effect of sanctions in unemployment insurance; individual employment histories in Belgium.
- 2002 **Ex-post Evaluation of the Multifund Operational Programme of Sicily, Italy 1994/1999.**
Client: Centro Studi Investimenti Sociali (CENSIS).
Aim: To determine the socio-economic impact of the infrastructure financed by the European Regional Development Fund.
- 1999 **Evaluation of the effectiveness of European Union financing support to Wales.**
Client: University Welsh Institute, Cardiff.
Aim: To identify best practices of Structural Funds implementation in Wales.

PUBLICATIONS

EXISTING PUBLICATIONS

Articles in journals:

- June 2007 **“Can Administrative Capacity explain differences in implantation performances? Evidence from Structural Funds implementation in southern Italy”**. *Regional Studies*, 2007, vol 41, n.4
- Nov. 2005 **“Practice of regional governance for implementing Structural Funds. Building Administrative Capacity in Italian Objective 1 regions”**. *Regional Studies*, Special Issue.
- Nov. 2005 **“Luci ed ombre nelle dinamiche dei partenariati per lo sviluppo. Lezioni da due PTO in Campania”**. *Rassegna Italiana di Valutazione*, volume 33. Franco Angeli: Roma.
- Apr. 2005 **“Italy: Learning from past mistakes”**. *Local Governance Brief*, Special Spring edition.
- May 2005 **“A Book Review of Sub national Democracy in the European Union, by John Loughlin”**. *Journal of Contemporary European Research* Vol.1 n. 1.
- Nov. 2004 **“Scrutinizing partnership: The weight of civil society in Italian Territorial Employment Pacts”**, ILO Discussion paper series *Partnerships for development: Studies on Territorial Employment Pacts in Italy*, DP/155/2004.
- Nov. 2004 **“How to reform global governance”**. *The democratic papers*. British Council.
- Jul. 2003 **“Una convention per le Nazioni Unite.”** *Reset Magazine* n.78/2003.

Book:

- Dec. 2005 **Imprese e Allargamento UE. Come investire e operare con successo nei Nuovi Paesi Comunitari**. Agra publishing: Bologna.

Chapters in books:

- 2007 **“Commentary on the Title XVII Economic And Social Cohesion, art. 158-162”**, in **The Law of the European Union**, Smith & Herzog (eds.), Matthew Bender & Company Inc.
- 2006 **“Riforma dei Fondi Strutturali e performance siciliane e messinesi nella governance dei programmi di spesa europei”**, in **2° Rapporto sull’economia della provincia di Messina (2005)**. “W. Pareto” Liaison Office: University of Messina.

2005 "Reform of the United Nation" in **Essential Guide to Human Rights**, edited by Rhona K.M. Smith and Christien van den Anker. Hodder Arnold: London.

WORK ACCEPTED OR IN PRESS

Articles in journals:

- Accepted "Il Capitale Sociale e la coesione sociale: implicazioni e sviluppi", submitted to *Aggiornamenti Sociali*
- Submitted "The role of political stability in determining administrative capacity performance", submitted to *South European Society and Politics*.

Chapters in Books:

- Nov.2007 "Administrative and Institutional capacity", in **From Amoral Familism to Social Capital: Institutions and Civil Society in Basilicata**, edited by Robert Leonardi and Raffaella Nanetti, Palgrave: New York.
- 2006 "A new challenge for cohesion Policy. Implementing Structural Funds in the New Member States" in **EU enlargement: challenges and prospects** edited by George Philippidis and Mark Baimbridge. Copenhagen Business School Press: Copenhagen (forthcoming).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SOME SELETCED)

- 2nd-5th Apr.2007 *Regional practice in implementing EU Cohesion Policy. Evidence from two contrasting case study.* **Regional Studies Association International Conference 2007.** Lisbon, Portugal.
- 24th Nov.2005 *Practice of regional governance for implementing Structural Funds. Building Administrative Capacity in Italian Objective 1 regions.* **Regional Studies Association Annual Conference.** London, Voluntary Resource Centre.
- 7th-8th Apr.2005 *Scrutinizing Partnership. The Weight of Civil Society in Italian Territorial Employment Pacts.* **UACES Student Forum 6th Annual Conference.** University of Oxford.
- 4th-7th Apr.2005 *What Capacity for implementing Structural Funds? Evidence from the Italian Objective 1 regions.* **55th Political Studies Association Annual Conference.** University of Leeds.
- 28th Jun.2004 *Why do some regions implement more Structural Funds than others?* **ECPR Second Pan-European Conference on EU Politics.** John Hopkins University Bologna, Italy.
- 7th-8th May 2004 *Structural Funds Implementation and Institutional Capacity. The case of Italian Objective 1 Regions.* **UACES Student Forum 5th Annual Conference.** Glasgow Caledonian University.
- 28th March 2004 *The expenditure of Structural Funds in Southern Italian Objective 1 Regions: is there a correlation with the principle of partnership?.* **First Conference on Innovative tools of programming and management of Structural Funds.** Regional Government, Bologna, Italy.
- 14th-17th Oct.2002 *New form of governance in Europe: multilevel and multisubject.* Working group: "Linking the level". **Next Generation Democracy annual conference.** Taormina, Italy.

EVENT MANAGEMENT (SELECTION OF EXPERIENCE)

While working at the London School of Economics and Political science, I have been involved in researching the topic of the lectures and identifying suitable speakers, contacting them and persuading them to speak. I have also managed the organisation and administration of the events.

- 30th Apr.2007 **Public Lecture by Giovanna Melandri, Italian Minister for Sport and Youth:**
“New legislation to improve public sporting events.”
- 12th Mar.2007 **Public Lecture by Linda Lanzillotta, Italian Minister for Regional Policy:**
“Innovation in Regional policy.”
- 12th Oct.2006 **Public Lecture by Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic:**
“Is there a future for European Integration?”
- 10th Oct.2005 **Public Lecture by Fabrizio Barca, Head of the Department for Development Policies,** Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance: “Institutions and development: The case of Italy.”
- 19th Jan.2004 **Public Lecture by Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission:**
“Europe: Adding value, changing quickly.”

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Fluent knowledge of Microsoft Windows, Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Project, Word, Outlook).

MEMBERSHIPS

- Regional Studies Association (RSA)
- University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)
- Capacity Development Network
- British Italian Society (BIS)
- Vision (Italian based think-tank)
- Open Democracy; Policy Network (UK based think-tank)
- EE-net (European Expert Network)
- Associazione Italiana di Valutazione

OTHER INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2007-present Member of the Editorial Team – **European Institute Research Paper**, London School of Economics.
- 2006-present **External Advisor** for the London School of Economics Italian Society.
- 2002-2006 **PhD Student Representative** at the European Institute, London School of Economics.
- 2001 **External Collaborator** for the English weekly magazine “The New Statesman” reporting on European Union issues.
- 1998-2002 **Public relations officer and interpreter.** Taormina International Film Festival.