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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate - Regional and Urban Planning **09/2016 - present**
Cluster Economic Geography

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies **10/2014- 11/2015**

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

- **Best Overall Performance (with Distinction), Awarded RICS Best Student Prize.**
- Dissertation : “The land beyond the sea. Can territorial planning improve refugee settlement? - Suggestions from the analytic comparison of two Italian systems of reception”. The research examines which determinants of the hosting territory, urban area, neighbourhood and housing form impact on the recovery, empowerment and integration of the refugees.
- Courses : Social and Political Aspects of Regional and Urban Planning- Urban Policy and Planning- The Economics of Regional and Urban Planning- The Politics of Housing- Planning for Sustainable Cities- Cities, People and Poverty in the Global South
- Research projects:
 - Indian workers in the Po Valley. Towards cultural hybridization?* (Class The Politics of Housing).
 - Paper: “Cascine: unravelling the transformation of a traditional housing typology”.
 - Bunhill, a place of opportunities, but for who?* (Class Urban Policy and Planning).
 - Paper: “Global competitiveness at the local scale: an analysis of narratives on City Road new developments”.

MSc Architecture **09/2012- 06/2014**

USI- Lugano Academy of Architecture, Switzerland

- **Best Overall Performance (Grade: 9.88/10), Awarded Network USImpresa Scholarship.**
- Dissertation: “Self-help construction. The junction of professional and traditional cultures?” The paper discussed the principles of continuity from Vernacular to Sustainable architecture.
- Final project ‘ValTransit’ reflected on the spatiality generated by infrastructural projects, in particular the Gotthard tunnel in the area of Biasca, Switzerland. The project converted a residual infrastructural space on one public urban park and exhibition centre.

BSc Architecture **09/2008- 06/2012**

USI- Lugano Academy of Architecture, Switzerland

- **Grade: 9.23/10.**

BA Humanities- curriculum Philosophy and Art History **02/2010- 02/2014**

University of Freiburg, Switzerland

- **Grade: Summa cum Laude.** Philosophy (5.75/6) Art History (5.84/6).

High School, Lyceum orientation Sciences **09/2003- 06/2008**

Viadana (MN), Italy

- **Grade: 100 cum laude/100, Awarded High School Excellence Prize.**
- Selection Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Associate **01/2016 - present**

GPA, Independent Consultant for the World Bank (United Kingdom)

Co Founder and Executive Director **10/2015 - present**

Associazione Lapis, Mezzocorona (Italy)

- Project HI HERE - www.hihere.eu: an App for iOS and Android, to provide refugees in Italy with a platform to restore their social networks and consult information on asylum.

- Project Assistant** 12/2013 - 02/2014
 Schulbausteine für Gando, (Burkina Faso)
- Worked in the team directing the construction of a community centre.
 - Tested local methods of construction with the assistance of local builders.
 - Wrote the project final report.
- Intern, Urban Design Team** 07/2012- 09/2012
 Barcelona Regional Urban Development Agency, (Spain)
- Developed urban design strategies for the renewal of the City Zoo Area, Barcelona.
 - Assisted to the meetings for several international projects.
- Intern, Architectural Design Team** 09/2010- 06/2011
 Kuehn Malvezzi Architekten Berlin (Germany)
- Worked on architectural competitions, details drawings and documentation for planning application.
 - Participated to the organisation of an art exhibition in Sevilla.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Member, Planning Society** 2014- 2015
 London School of Economics, (United Kingdom)
- Editor, Journal MADE- Mobility Architecture Design Environment** 2012-2013
 USI- Lugano Academy of Architecture, (Switzerland)
- Participated in the organising board by proposing editorial topics.
 - Coordinated monthly meetings.

LANGUAGES AND IT KNOWLEDGE

Italian: Native Speaker
 English and French: Fluent
 Spanish: Low Intermediate (A2- B1 level)
 German: Simple comprehension and reading (A1 level).

Excellent knowledge of 2D and 3D drawing software AutoCad, Vectorworks, Rhino.
 Very good knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, In-Design, Illustrator Adobe Premiere and Adobe After Effects (for video making), MS Word, Outlook and Power Point, Basics of Excel and GIS.
 Basics of SimWalk software for Urban Planning and Architecture.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- RICS Best Student Prize** 2015
 Awarded to the Best Overall Performance on the MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies (LSE).
- Network USImpresa Scholarship** 2014
 Awarded to the Best Overall Performance on the MSc Architecture (USI).
- High School Excellence Prize** 2008
 Awarded to the Best Student of the Class 2003/2004.
- Selection Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa** 2008
 Awarded to Outstanding Lyceum Student, selected at national level.

PUBLICATIONS and CONFERNCES 2016

“Never settled. The informal refugee settlement of Borgo Mezzanone and its effects on asylum seekers in the reception centre”, *Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration*, Vol. 6, No. 1

- 2nd Postgraduate Conference on Migration, University of Sheffield, June 2016
 “Is there such thing as a model of reception? Introducing the local perspective in refugee studies.”
- Critical Hospitality Studies Symposium, Edinburgh Napier University, July 2016
 “Hospitality as Anti-politics: Carl Schmitt, the Liberal State, and the Refugee.”
- 18th Nordic Migration Conference, University of Oslo, August 2016
 “The impact of housing on the everyday lives of asylum seekers. Centralized vs. disepersal reception in Italy.”
 “From systems of protection to strategies to integration: the importance of local factors affecting refugee social inclusion in the host country.”
- Annual International Conference, Royal Geographic Society, London, August 2016
 “Can spatial planning improve asylum seekers social inclusion? Evidence from the Italian system of reception.”