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Work Experience

PhD Candidate - Economics of Local Systems

University of Trento (Trento, Italy)

Oct 2018 - Present

Currently in the finalization phase. The research aims at analyzing governance spaces at local level for the transformation of food systems towards sustainability and organic agriculture.

- Developed data-driven insights and actionable, evidence-based suggestions on sustainability transitions of agri-food systems.
- Interacted and interviewed representatives of local public institutions and municipalities, and established strong relations with local stakeholders, incl. practitioners, tourism institutions and organic agriculture associations.
- Participated in Horizon2020 projects' drafting, aiming at improving cover crops, soil fertility and biodiversity in selected vineyards in Tuscany (Italy).

Visiting PhD Candidate - Environmental Governance Research Group

University of Utrecht (Utrecht, Netherlands)

Jan - Apr 2020

Visited the UNMAKING Research Programme team, which aims to understand to what extent, under what conditions and through what processes radical grassroots innovations in the agri-food systems help practices and institutions in the transformation towards sustainability.

Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) Consultant - Sustainability and Circular Economy

Technia (Stockholm, Sweden)

Aug 2016 - Sep 2018

Technia, worldwide leading software provider for PLM solutions - from design to production. Acquired knowledge of PLM systems, Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA) and footprint assessment solutions. Strong experience in writing use cases and user stories, and proficiency in working in the Agile/Scrum development methodology.

Led teams of 3 to 5 people in selected projects:

- integrated sustainability information of materials within IT processes;
- integrated Circular Economy processes in the production cycles of consumer and retail companies;
- supported clients in implementing LCA, and water, carbon and resource footprinting within production processes.

Project Manager (PMO) - Category Management and Supply Chain Transformation

Maersk Group (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Jan 2015 - Jul 2016

Worked in the procurement department at Maersk, worldwide leader in maritime transport. Acquired knowledge of sustainable procurement processes. Projects in China, Denmark, India, Philippines, Singapore, USA.

Led teams of 3 to 8 people. Projects:

- implemented cross-organizational supply chain and category management transformation;
- trained employees across offices worldwide;
- developed digital procurement dashboards, with focus on risk management;
- implemented order automation processes, with streamlining and optimization activities from requisition to order;
- included responsible procurement guidelines within supply chain activities;
- integrated Enterprise Risk Management procedures within Supply Chain processes.

Strategy Consultant - Economics, Logistics and Air Transport

Lufthansa Consulting (Frankfurt, Germany)

Mar 2012 - Dec 2014

Worked in the consulting department of Lufthansa, national German airline.

Selected projects:

- Air Cargo: restructuring of air cargo business (Lebanon, 3 months) and strategy development for major airport (Brazil, 2 months);
- Economic Development: tourism and logistics strategy (Kazakhstan, 3 months) and local port authority strategy (Djibouti, 3 months);
- Airline Restructuring: passenger airline turnaround (Trinidad & Tobago, 3 months; Algeria, 2 months; Saudi Arabia, UAE and Jordan, 3 months);
- Airport Strategy: privatization strategy for selected airports (Greece, 3 months)

Various Positions (internships and junior)

Cargoitalia (Italy), Lufthansa (Germany), SpazioT70 (Philippines)

Jun 2010 - Feb 2012

Education

Doctor of Philosophy - Economics of Local Systems

University of Trento (Trento, Italy)

2018 - 2021

Economics of Sustainable Food Systems

Master in Environmental Management

University of Padova (Padova, Italy)

2017- 2018

Climate Change, Water and Carbon Footprint, Energy Management, Environmental Audit Processes

M. Sc. in International Management - CEMS

Bocconi University (Milan, Italy) and NHH University (Bergen, Norway)

2008 - 2010

Ranked 9th best master in management worldwide by the Financial Times.

Bachelor in Business Administration

Bocconi University (Milan, Italy) and University of Washington (Seattle, USA)

2005 - 2008

Exchange semester at the Foster Business School in Seattle, USA (2007)

Certifications and trainings

- **Setting Science-Based Targets to Achieve Net-Zero** - United Nations Global Compact;
- **International Agroecology Course, taught by Professor M. Altieri (University of California, Berkeley)** - Environmental Agency of Umbria (Italy). 4-day intensive course on agroecology - 2018;
- **Permaculture Design Course** - awarded by Italian Academy of Permaculture. 2-week intensive course on permaculture done at organic farm in Central Italy - 2017;
- **Cradle to Cradle Certified Catalyst** - awarded by Cradle2Cradle Products Innovation Institute (USA) - 2017;
- **Project Management Professional (PMP)**, awarded by Project Management Institute (PMI) in Copenhagen, Denmark - 2015.

Digital Skills

- Knowledge of **GIS Software**: ArcGIS and QGIS;
- Basic knowledge of **STATA**;
- Proficient knowledge of agile project management tools: **JIRA** **Confluence** and **Atlassian** platforms.

Languages Spoken

Italian: native

Spanish: fluent

German: basic

English: fluent

French: proficient

Additional Information

- Lived in more than 10 countries for more than 3 consecutive months (incl. Algeria, Djibouti, Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago) and traveled to > 70 countries;
- Volunteered in eco-villages and organic farms, carrying out tasks like organic gardening, fruit and vegetable picking, cooking and cleaning, eco-building construction, animals feeding;
- Classic guitar & piano player, and avid reader (anthropology & sociology, political theory, ecology & environment);
- Practicing Vipassana meditation techniques;
- Co-organizer of the first farmers' market in hometown valley.