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**Economics and development**

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**Our Testimonials**

*Graduates in  
Development Economics*

The MSc in Economics and Development - curriculum in Development Economics started in the a.y. 2014/2015. This corresponds to the previous MSc in Development Economics and former MSc in Economia dello sviluppo avanzata to which most of our testimonials were enrolled.



# Luise

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2021)  
(Double Degree Program Florence-Göttingen)

**2022 – PhD Candidate at the Professorship of  
Global Health at the TUM School of Social  
Sciences and Technology**

*My research focuses on the intersections between Gender Studies, Social Media Studies, Behavioral and Development Economics.*

*In my dissertation I employ primary data and computational - and mixed methods to investigate the interrelations between online misogyny towards politically active women and response and prevention methods in Brazil, India and Germany.*





# Daniele

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2020)  
(Double Degree Program Florence-Göttingen)

2021 – PhD Candidate in Economics at  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

*My main area of research is income inequality: its impact on development indicators and policies to reduce inequalities.*





# Alfredo

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2020)  
(Double Degree Program Florence-Göttingen)

2021 – Research Assistant at the School of  
Public Health (UofA – CUP)-Canada

*Our research teams work with community partners to address local socioeconomic issues. My team supports EndPovertyEdmonton's research needs in tackling poverty in Edmonton.*



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*As the in-house economist, my main tasks are conducting literature reviews, data analysis, economic modelling, grant writing, and academic writing.*



# Tommaso

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2019)  
(Double Degree Program Florence-Göttingen)

**2021 – Research Assistant at the Italian  
National Research Council (CNR)**

*Working with a team of researchers focused on  
the relationships between environment and urban  
tissues development.*



*My main tasks are air pollution data analysis and  
supporting the air quality devices hardwares  
assembling.*



# Giulia

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2019)

2020 – Research Assistant at  
Italian National Research Council (CNR)



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*My current research topic is in agriculture and development; in particular I carry out socio-economic analysis on woman rice producers in rural areas of Casamance, Senegal*



# Lisa

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2019)  
(Double Degree Program Florence-Göttingen)

2019 – PhD student in Markets and  
Institutions for Development and  
Innovation at Sapienza University, Rome

*My main research interests include rural development  
and the diffusion of more efficient agricultural  
techniques among small farmers.*





# Margherita

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2019)

2019 – PhD Candidate in Science and  
Management of Climate Change at Ca'  
Foscari University of Venice

*Research interests: developing countries roles and opportunities in international climate negotiations; inequality and climate policies relationship.*







# Alessandra

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2019)

2019 – PhD Student at University of Torino  
– Collegio Carlo Alberto

*My research interests are mainly development, labour and feminist economics. For what concerns research methods, my focus is on microeconometrics and policy impact evaluation techniques.*



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# Sara

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2018)

2019 – Researcher at Euro-Mediterranean  
Economists Association (EMEA)

*Think tank on Mediterranean Region*



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# Giulio

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2017)

2017 – Ph.D. Student in Development  
Economics and Local Systems at the  
University of Trento and the University of  
Florence



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*In my Ph.D research I am studying the structure of international trade with a particular focus on the participation of African Developing countries.*



# Francesco

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2017)

**2017 – International Consultant at the International Trade Center (UNCTAD-WTO)**

*Working in a team focused on global value chains in agri-food sector, I am responsible for the Monitoring and Evaluation of projects.*

*My main tasks are data analysis, editing reports and supporting the implementation of the projects both from the HQ in Geneva and travelling to countries involved in the projects.*

*Currently I am working on a project on coconuts producers in the Caribbean.*





# Eugenia

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2016)

2020 – Official at the Italian Ministry of Economy  
and Finance  
(Ministero dell’Economia e delle Finanze, MEF)



*After the master I got a Ph.D. in Development Economics and Local Systems at the University of Florence and the University of Trento with a thesis on the impact of natural and economic shocks on migration*



# Margherita

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2016)

2019 – Ph.D. Student in Development  
Economics and Local Systems at the  
University of Trento and the University of  
Florence

*Research interests: agricultural economics, food security  
and nutrition, poverty reduction and agrobiodiversity.*

*After the master she got several positions in  
FAO and in IFAD, firstly as intern and after as  
consultant and research assistant. She  
conducted economic research on the topics of  
poverty, structural transformation and small  
family farmers, contributing to several reports  
and papers.*





# Marta

Master in Development Economics (2016)

2018

Research Associate at the Robert Schuman  
Centre for Advanced Studies (European  
University Institute)

*Research Associate for the GlobalStat project, which  
gathers statistical data economic, environmental,  
political, social, societal and cultural performance of  
nations.*

*and*

Monitoring and Evaluation specialist at ARCO  
research center

*ARCO is university centre offering research, consulting,  
and training services in local development, social  
economy, inclusive development, M&E and impact  
evaluation, and sustainable food commodities.*

2017 – Research Associate at BRAC Uganda





# Giulia

Master in Development Economics (2016)

## 2017 – Junior Buyer at Fincantieri

*After 6 months as a Project Manager at ITA – Italian Trade Agency, I am now involved in a project with China, within the Merchant Ship Business Unit at Fincantieri. I am part of the Buyers team responsible for the purchasing of cruise ships components and parts addressed to the Chinese market.*



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# Dario

Master in Economics and Development  
Curriculum in Development Economics (2015)

2016 – Research intern at ISEG University  
of Lisbon

2016/17 – Erasmus Mundus Master in  
Economics of Globalisation and European  
Integration

2017 – Trainee at European Commission

2018-ongoing – Project Officer and Market  
Analyst at Shecco, Brussels

*I am managing EU-funded projects in the  
environment and sustainable development fields.  
Other tasks include reporting, market research  
and data analysis.*



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# Ermanno

Master in Development Economics (2015)

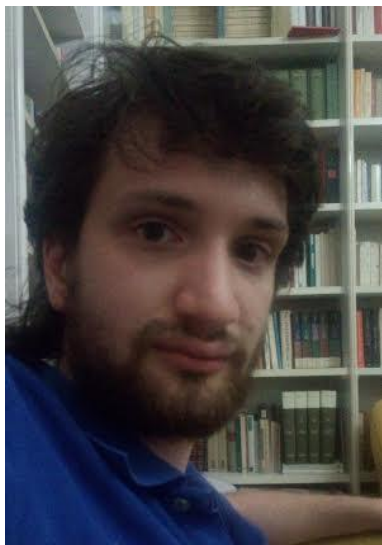
**2015 – on-going : Project Management and Development - Starkmacher e.V.**

*Poverty alleviation, agriculture and empowerment; poverty reduction strategies and livelihood programs for rural dwellers to become self-sufficient, responsible and productive members of the family and community.*

**2016 – on-going : Sustainable Coffee Value Chain Consultant- Umami Area (and miscellaneous)**

*Coffee trainer and value chain consultant.; integration of coffee smallholders into global value chains; empowerment strategies of coffee producers belonging to ethnic minorities; consultant for market integration of coffee companies.*





# Luca

Master in Development Economics (2015)

2017 – PhD Student in Development Economics and Local Systems

*After an Overseas period in Peking during my master's degree, I am a PhD Student at DELoS University of Florence and University of Trento with a thesis on inequality in China.*





# Greta

Master in Development Economics (2014)

2021 – Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute (EUI)

PhD. Oxford Department of International Development

Current research:

Resilience and Complex Emergencies

Previous works

- FAO Somalia M&E Consultant (2013-2014),
- EUTF consultant at Research and Evidence Facility (REF) (2020)
- Development Economics Visiting Lecturer at Friedensau University (2019-2020)
- Research Associate EUI (2019)





# Cristina

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2013)

**2020 – Economist at Ministry of Economy and Finance - Italy** (Directorate for Studies and Research, Department of Finance)

**2018-2019** - Consultant at UNICEF-Office of Research

**2018** – Short Consultancy at IFAD

**2015-2019** - Ph.D. in Development Economics and Local Systems (University of Florence)

**2013-2015** - Consultant at UNDP-International Policy Center for Inclusive Growth

**2012-2013** - Research Assistant at EUI





# Mariaelena

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2013)

2017 – PhD Student in Economics at  
University of *Chieti and Pescara*

*Applied Economics, Agricultural Economics and  
Environmental Economics*

2017 - External Consultant on Project  
Management (LVIA)





# Tommaso

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2013)

## 2018 – Analyst Officer – Action Aid

*ActionAid is an international charity working with the poorest women and girls in the world, changing lives for good.*

Financial planning, data analysis, monitoring and reporting.

## 2015 – Data Analyst – PerMicro

*PerMicro is the first Italian institution in terms of number of granted microcredits and disbursed amount.*

Credit scoring model, data management and reporting, monitoring the risk portfolio and credit process.





# Giulio

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2012)

## 2017 – Field Coordinator Assistant at “REACH Initiative”

Working on a research project of UNICEF on Unaccompanied and Separated Minors in Sicily

*After my Master’s graduation I worked for three years in Burkina Faso and Ghana as National Coordinator for the “Nubian Vault Association”, French NGO active in the housing sector in Sahelian Africa. Back to Italy, I worked in with migrants, as operator in a reception centre and as Field Coordinator Assistant for a UNICEF-REACH research project.*







# Olivia

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata  
(2011)

Master Recherche in Public Policy and  
Development, Paris School of Economics (2012)

PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics  
(2016)

**2016 – Lecturer in Agricultural and  
Development Economics at Lancaster  
University (UK)**





# Marica

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata  
(2010)

**2017 – Post-Doc Researcher at University of Göttingen**

*I obtained a Ph.D. in Development Economics from University of Göttingen in 2015.*

*Since February 2017, I work as a postdoc researcher at the University of Göttingen, where I am engaged in a research project financed by MWK on the role of shocks on pro-poor growth.*

*Over the past five years, I have also gained international experience in policy advisory work, by contributing to the realization of studies for non-academic institutions such as Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and TNP2K (National team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction) at the Government of Indonesia.*



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# Antonio

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2009)

## 2017–Empirical analysis specialist at FAO

*After the master he earned a Ph.D. in Development Economics at the University of Florence in 2015. He has been research fellow at the Department of Economic and Statistics of the University of Salerno from December 2013 to May 2015.*

*Since 2016, he is working with the Economics and Policy Innovations for Climate-Smart Agriculture (EPIC) team of the Agricultural Development Economics Division at FAO, where he conducts data analysis on the adoption and impact of Climate Smart Agriculture in several African countries.*



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# Beatrice

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2009)

2014 – present: Social and Economic Analysis Specialist at UNICEF Tanzania

2012-2014: Social Policy Officer at UNICEF Timor-Leste

2011-2012: Economic Affairs Expert at UN Mission in Liberia





# Raian

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2009)

**2017 – Economist at the World Bank**

*Working on regulatory climate reform, private sector and agricultural development.*





# Marco

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2008)

2017 – Survey Specialist, World Bank  
Development Data Group (DECDG)  
Survey Unit – LSMS

*After the master he got a Ph.D. in Development Economics at the University of Florence in 2012. Then he worked at the Agricultural Development Economics Division at FAO and as Post-Doc Fellow at the Department of Economics and Management of the University of Florence*



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# Andrea

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2007)

2017 – Postdoctoral Researcher – Lecturer  
D.I.C.E., Heinrich Heine Uni. Duesseldorf

*PhD in Economics, Bocconi University (2015)*

*Master in Economics, University of Waterloo (2008)*

- *Research interests: Empirical and Theoretical International Economics*
- *Teaching: Master courses on Macroeconomics and International Economics; Bachelor courses on Microeconomics and International Economics*





# Elena

Master in Economia dello Sviluppo Avanzata (2007)

**2017 – Researcher at IRPET**

(Regional Institute for Economic Planning of Tuscany)

*After graduation in Development Macroeconomics with a thesis on occupational impact of immigration, I had an internship at IRPET and a fellowship project at HWWI (Hamburg) on migration economics. I am currently part of the welfare and labour area at IRPET with a specialization in labour economics.*

