



EFCA
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
2018

Personal details / Entry Form

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Section A. EMPLOYER'S RECOMMENDATION

It is my pleasure to provide this information to support Elisa's nomination as EFCA Young Professional of the Year.

As Keios managing director, I have been Elisa's direct manager over the past four years. Our direct collaboration included preparing winning technical proposals and collaborating in the same project teams. Our company works exclusively on overseas projects, and in this framework, her language skills (fluency in French, English, Spanish and Portuguese) proved to be invaluable in a variety of settings such as Bhutan, Burundi, Congo, Jordan, Rwanda and Sri Lanka.

Another point of strength are her sound and consistent academic qualifications. After her Masters of Architecture and Urban Planning, she completed her PhD in Urban Renewal and Regeneration, and further developed her preferred line of studies as member of the scientific committees of several international journals focussing on urban studies and as the author of several publications on highly qualified international magazines.

Her technical capacities span from analytical and research work, including GIS mapping and analysis, to participatory actions such as consultative workshops and high level strategic and physical planning. These strong technical skills are complemented by excellent management abilities, proved by her outstanding performance in coordinating project teams both at the head-office and managing activities of multi-cultural, geographically dispersed teams in the framework of challenging assignments such as the carried out in Congo and in Burundi.

Given her constant professional growth, I decided to give her more responsibility, as in the case of the Pointe-Noire project, where Elisa was my deputy project director, thus carrying the ultimate responsibility of the results. She had to face a very challenging assignment, including spending time on the field in a difficult environment. She was able to deliver the master plan of a major African city with a strong participatory approach, a sound working methodology and realistic results, to the full satisfaction of the Client – and always with a smile.

Her social passion is witnessed not only by her excellent skills in carrying out participatory work on the field, but also by her constant engagement as President and co-founder of the « Interazioni Urbane » NGO (Italy), an organization that aims at improving the quality of life in disadvantaged contexts of contemporary cities also through initiatives of international cooperation in urban regeneration. In 2015, I was delighted by the fact that her social engagement was recognized by the President of the Italian Republic Mr Sergio Mattarella who appointed her among the 8 Italian women of the year for the professional and social commitment on Urban Regeneration. In 2018, she has been nominated Italy Chairperson for Social Innovation by the Women Economic Forum and the world network ALL Ladies League, or her professional and personal commitment in social innovation worldwide during all her life.

To sum up, in all occasions, Elisa brought great value to Keios by consistently delivering high quality on time, to the highest client's satisfaction, as witnessed also by contract extensions and new assignments for continuing collaboration in new projects.

Given her young age, I am sure that Elisa will continue her professional growth and assume increasingly important roles in the consulting industry and in the civil society.

Recognizing all the above, I would like to restate my strongest support for Elisa's nomination as EFCA Young Professional of the Year.

Name and signature: Raffaele Gorjux



Job title: Managing Director of Keios

Managerial relationship to candidate: Managing Director



Section B. THE PROJECT

B.1 Project description:

The project described below concerns the consultancy services for the design of the urban structure plans, called SDAU (*Schema directeur d'aménagement et d'urbanisme*) of the two main cities of the Republic of Congo, Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire.

Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire occupy privileged positions in the Central Africa region, in fact: Brazzaville, is the capital city and a political and meeting hub in Central Africa; Pointe-Noire, is an important port city for Central Africa and the economic capital of Congo.



Fig.1: Aerial view of the city of Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo

The project has been financed by the Government of Congo and the World Bank and managed by the Coordination unit of the *Projet Eau, Électricité et Développement Urbain*. The consultancy has been developed from 2014 to 2016 by the Italian firm Keios.

The main goal of the consultancy was to assist the Congolese Government and the local authorities of the cities of Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire in the development of updated SDAU, as tools of territorial coherence of sector policies and urban strategic planning. These tools must enable them to guide urban development according to land-use planning requirements, and to address the demographic, environmental and urban economic challenges of the region. The objective of the mandate was to elaborate, through a participatory and cross-sector approach, two coherent and realistic Master Plans defining the framework of urban development of the cities in the short, medium and long term and create the conditions for sustainable development of both cities, in coherence with their socio-economic needs and expectations.

Among the key issues were the lack of a clear strategic vision of spatial development and the obsolescence of existing planning tools; an uncontrollable spatial growth; a difficult access to basic services; a congested urban mobility; the proliferation of informal settlements; the degradation of existing infrastructures and the anarchic occupation of urban spaces.



Fig.2: The main challenges of the city of Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo

The project has been developed by a multidisciplinary team of more than 15 local and international professionals as, among others: a Team leader, two Urban Planners, a Geographer, an Economist, two Cartographers, a Social scientist, a Civil Engineer, a Legal expert, an Environmental expert, and a Surveyor.

Moreover, in order to ensure the successful development of two coherent processes in parallel on the two large cities, the project was managed by a Deputy Project Director for each town.

B.2 Innovative characteristics of the project:

The project had to respond to several challenges both from technical and management point of view.

Technically it had to create a new and innovative tool, capable of, among other things: redefining governance; improving the living environment of the population; improving the environmental quality of the cities; improving the competitiveness of the territories; and giving the city a strong identity.

From a management point of view, the main challenges consisted in: developing in parallel two coherent processes in two different main cities; implementing a method to share the available data; actively involving all technical and institutional stakeholders; understanding the expectations and the opportunities of the cities; and creating tools that could have had a real application, co-designed and approved by everyone.

To address these challenges it was necessary to adopt an innovative approach and this has been done through the use of participatory tools throughout the process.

Participation in urban planning is not an easy process to build on, as in this sector there is a delicate coexistence of technical and political choices, particularly in those contexts such in African cities where “good governance” is often a major issue.



Fig.3: Participatory planning workshop in Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo

The innovative aspect of the project was therefore the use of participation's tools during throughout the planning process, by developing a series of participatory workshops and consultations, always engaging both public and private actors and representatives of local communities. In addition, each step of the elaboration of the plans was designed in close collaboration with the beneficiary, the *Ministere de la Construction, de l'Urbanisme, de la Ville et du Cadre de Vie*, to ensure his involvement and commitment, and to generate a sense of appropriation (and direct responsibility) for the master plan and its future implementation.

Indeed, commitment is a key strategy for the sustainable urban development of African cities.

B.3 The YP's role in, and specific contribution to, the project:

The YP Dr. Elisa Maceratini, played both a technical and managerial role for the project, as a planner and as Deputy Project Director for the master plan of Pointe-Noire.

The contribution of Elisa was multiple and multidisciplinary and consisted, specifically, in the preparation of the participatory diagnostic analysis of the city, the elaboration of the development scenarios and the urban vision for the next 20 years, finally reaching the design of the Pointe-Noire master plan.



Fig.4: Moments of Elisa's work in Pointe-Noire, managing the public consultations

Her contribution was fundamental in particular in the planning and coordination of participation and co-planning activities, designing the methodology and facilitating consultation and workshops with all the stakeholders involved.

Thanks to Elisa's listening and mediation skills, in a complex context from the point of view of the cooperation between the different actors, it was possible to make all the parties interact, obtaining a plan for the city of Pointe-Noire representing the result expectations of the different actors, consistently with the real opportunities of the city.

B.4 Communication with the client/end user:

Taking direct responsibility for the management of institutional relations throughout the preparation of the Pointe-Noire master plan, both at central and local level, Elisa's contribution was also very important in the communication processes with the client and with the beneficiaries.

The YP, in fact, as Deputy Project Director, was responsible for all communication activities and therefore, specifically, represented the company in front of the Minister of Urban Planning and reported constantly the progress of the project to him, his executives and the Mayor of Pointe-Noire. Furthermore, by applying the innovative methodology of co-planning, Elisa also discussed technical choices with the Minister and the Mayor, who were pleased to also bring their direct contribution to the vision of the city for the next 20 years.



Fig.5: Presentation of the YP in front of the Minister Claude Alphonse Nsilou and the Mayor of Pointe-Noire

B.5 Describe the project end results and the benefits to the client/end user:

The main result of the project was to achieve the objective of providing the Ministry of Urban planning and the two municipalities of Pointe-Noire and Brazzaville with new master plans as expression of a consensual determination of a set of actions to be implemented over the next 20 years. The master plans also take into account the Sustainable Development Goals and meet both the needs of its inhabitants and its users by respecting the balance of development: improving the environment and the living conditions of the population.

The most important benefits of the project will be met in the next years by the approximately 3 million inhabitants of Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, when all the actions of the plans will be implemented. The greatest result will be the concrete upgrading of the quality of life of these millions of people.



Fig.6: The master plan of Pointe-Noire

The two SDAU was presented and approved by the Government and the priority actions are currently underway. Another important achievement was a demonstrated improvement of the territorial governance capacities, which is the key for the sustainable development of the cities of the Congo. In fact, among the benefits derived from this project, thanks to the participatory approach and involvement throughout the process, local technicians had the opportunity to be trained and have professional updates on the issues of urban planning, raising the awareness of institutions, local communities and all the actors on the issues of sustainable development and building a greater collective awareness on the problems and the potential of cities.



Fig.6: Moments of celebration at the end of the project with the client and the end user of the master plan

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LETTRE DE RECOMMANDATION

J'ai été pendant près de 15 ans (2002 – 2017), Ministre en charge de la Construction, de l'Urbanisme et de l'Habitat de la République du Congo.

En ma qualité de Ministre de la Construction, j'ai coordonné la mise en œuvre de nombreux projets de rénovation urbaine parmi lesquels la mise à jour des schémas directeurs d'aménagement et d'urbanisme (SDAU) de Brazzaville et de Pointe-Noire a constitué sans nul doute le projet le plus important en raison de son impact indéniable, sur l'avenir des villes de notre pays.

Dans la mise en œuvre de ce projet, Mademoiselle Elisa MACERATINI, dans ses fonctions de Directeur de projet adjoint et co-chef de mission de la ville de Pointe-Noire a fait montre d'une expertise exceptionnelle tout au long du processus de planification de la ville et dans sa collaboration avec mon département qualifiée de très positive.

Après un coup d'arrêt porté au projet, Mademoiselle MACERATINI a été reconduite au sein de la nouvelle équipe chargée de conduire la deuxième phase du projet avec des responsabilités plus importantes, notamment relancer le projet avec une approche nouvelle et innovante que mon département à su apprécier à sa juste valeur.

Ses compétences dans la langue française et le professionnalisme dont elle a fait montre, notamment dans la mise en œuvre du projet SDAU, a suscité l'estime de tous au sein de mon département.

Eu égard à ce qui précède je me permets d'écrire cette lettre de recommandation avec grand plaisir en tenant compte de la bonne impression qu'elle a laissé parmi mes collaborateurs et surtout parce que le projet SDAU conçu avec son brillant concours représente un outil innovant et efficace dans l'amélioration concrète du cadre de vie des habitants de Pointe-Noire.

Fait à Brazzaville, le 29 MARS 2018



Alphonse Claude N'SILOU.-

Ministre d'Etat,

Section C. CLIENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE CANDIDATE

I was for almost 15 years (2002-2017), Minister in charge of Construction, Urban Planning and Housing of the Republic of Congo.

As Minister of Construction, I coordinated the implementation of numerous urban renewal projects, including the new master plans of Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, which constituted the most important because of its undeniable impact on the future of the cities of our country.

In the implementation of this project, Miss Elisa Maceratini, in her responsibilities as Deputy Project Director and Co-Team Leader of the City of Pointe-Noire, has demonstrated exceptional expertise throughout the city planning process and his collaboration with my department has been qualified as very positive.

After a stoppage in the project, Miss Maceratini was included in the new team to lead the second phase of the project with greater responsibilities, including reviving the project with a new and innovative approach that my department appreciated at its true value.

Her skills in the French and the professionalism she has shown, particularly in the implementation of the SDAU project; has raised the esteem of everyone in my department.

In view of the foregoing, I write this letter of recommendation with great pleasure, bearing in mind the good impression that she has left my colleagues and especially because the SDAU project, conceived with her brilliant competition, represents an innovative and effective tool in improving the living conditions of the inhabitants of Pointe-Noire.

Name and signature: Alphonse Claude Nsilou

Job title: Minister of State for Construction, Urban Planning and Housing of the Republic of Congo (until 2017); from 2017 Minister of State for Trade and Supply

Company: Government of the Republic of Congo



Section D. CV OF THE CANDIDATE



Curriculum Vitae



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Nationality

Italian

Date of birth

30/08/1983

Work experience

Dates

2014-present

Occupation or position held

Consultant in architecture, regional and urban planning, GIS and participatory planning.
Member of the permanent staff.

Main activities and responsibilities

Design, management and development – as key expert and/or Deputy Project Director – of several projects funded by World Bank, Asian Development Bank and African Development Bank, including, amongst others:

- *Master plans of 4 secondary cities of Burundi* (Government of Burundi, AfDB)
- *Master plan for the ZES of Grand-Bassam* (Government of Ivory Coast, AfDB)
- *Master plans of Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire* (Government of the Republic of Congo, WB)
- *Kandy Urban Upgrading Project* (Government of Sri Lanka, WB)
- *Planning Act and a set of Spatial Planning Standards* (Royal Government of Bhutan, WB)
- *National Tourism Masterplan of Rwanda* (Government of Rwanda, WB)
- *Wadi Araba Integrated Development Master Plan* (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, WB)

Name and address of employer

Keios Development Consulting, Via G. Calderini 68, cap. 00196 Rome, Italy

Type of business or sector

Consulting services in the fields of urban development, cultural heritage and sustainable tourism.

Dates

2010-present

Occupation or position held

President, co-founder

Main activities and responsibilities	Projects' writing, coordination and management; public speaking; fundraising; research; technical support to local communities and institutions; organization of workshops and seminars; public space <i>design and build</i> . Team leader of 26 projects, since 2010, amongst others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CAS(A) – From CAS (Extraordinary Reception Center) to CASA (home)</i>. Project of training and social inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in Rome, Italy. • <i>ToGeTher(e) – Building spaces of social inclusion in Europe and Latin America</i>. Project of training and social inclusion of migrants through participatory planning and design. • <i>Parco Borgo Ticino playground</i>. Participatory planning, design and rehabilitation of a playground in the outskirts of Rome with local communities, including refugees. • <i>Parco della Cellulosa playground</i>. Participatory design and build of the playground in the outskirts of Rome with local communities, including people with mental disabilities. • <i>Primavalle Municipal Market participatory rehabilitation</i>. • <i>Secondary school Pio La Torre courtyard participatory rehabilitation</i>. • <i>Consultancies at the Municipality of Rome</i> in participatory design and planning.
Name and address of employer	Interazioni Urbane
Type of business or sector	No Profit Organization supporting local communities and public administrations in the fields of participatory planning, social inclusion, placemaking, tactical urbanism and social innovation.
Dates	2011-2014
Occupation or position held	Partner, architect and urban planner
Main activities and responsibilities	Architectural and urban design of projects of international cooperation and emergency; projects' writing and management; diagnostic analysis; scientific research.
Name and address of employer	FAREstudio Architetti Associati, Via Latina 47, cap. 00179, Rome (Italy)
Type of business or sector	Consulting services in architecture and urban planning for international cooperation and emergency
Dates	2013-2014
Occupation or position held	Consultant in architecture and urban planning
Main activities and responsibilities	SWOT analysis, mapping, technical evaluation and environmental impact assessment of projects funded by the EU (FED) in Chad; proposal of a new model of DAO (Dossier d'Appel d'Offre).
Name and address of employer	Ministere de l'Economie, du Plan et de la Cooperation Internationale de la Republique du Tchad, Cellule Action FED (Chad), N'Djamena, Chad
Type of business or sector	Consulting services in architecture, urban planning and sustainable design
Dates	2010
Occupation or position held	Collaborator, architect and urban planner
Main activities and responsibilities	Urban survey and slum upgrading of the favelas of Manguinhos and Mangueira; design of public spaces and new social housing units for the populations to be resettled under the program PAC-Rio.
Name and address of employer	Jorge Mario Jauregui Atelier Metropolitano, Rua Goitacazes, 120 CEP, Glória, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Type of business or sector	Consulting services in architecture, urban planning and slum upgrading
Dates	2008
Occupation or position held	Researcher and GIS expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Mapping of the informal settlements of the southern outskirts of the city of Bogota; analysis of existing planning instruments and new strategies for slum upgrading in Bogotá, Colombia
Name and address of employer	Observatorio Urbano, University of La Salle, La Candelaria, Bogotá, Colombia
Type of business or sector	University

Education and training

Dates	2009-2013
Title of qualification awarded	PhD in Urban Renewal and Regeneration
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Urban regeneration of informal settlements /Urban poverty /Integrated approach in urban planning. Title of the thesis: "Informal settlements in the cities of Latin America. Strategies and tools for renewal and urban upgrading". Received highest score on thesis, <i>Excellent</i> .
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sapienza University of Rome, Italy Dottorato in Riqualificazione urbana e recupero insediativo
Dates	2010-2012
Title of qualification awarded	Visiting doctoral researcher
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Urban planning tools and regulations of Colombia, Argentina and Brazil. Slum upgrading programs financed by the local governments, the WB and the IDB.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Escuela de Arquitectura y Urbanismo, Cra 45, Bogotá, Colombia (2012); Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Facultad de Arquitectura, Diseño y Planeamiento, Riobamba 220 bis – 2000 Rosario, Argentina (2011); Universidade Federale Fluminense, Escola de Arquitectura y Urbanismo, Rua Passo da Pátria, 156, São Domingos, Niterói - RJ, Brazil (2010)
Dates	2010
Title of qualification awarded	Licensed Architect and Urban Planner (n°20221)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Italian Architecture and Urban Planning State Exam
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori di Roma, Piazza Manfredo Fanti 47,00185, Roma, Italy (Chamber of Architects and Planners of Rome)
Dates	2003-2008
Title of qualification awarded	Master's degree in Architecture and Urban Planning
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Architecture, Design, Urban planning Title of the thesis: "Survey and slum upgrading of the informal settlements of Bogotá, Colombia". Received highest possible score on thesis, <i>110/110 summa cum laude</i> , with mention for publication.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sapienza University of Rome, Italy; Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Montpellier, France (1 year Erasmus fellowship)

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Italian**

Other language(s) **English, French, Spanish, Portuguese**

Self-assessment
European level ()*

English

French

Spanish

Portuguese

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C	1	C	2	C	2	C	1	C	1
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C	2	C	2	C	2	C	2	C	2
B	2	B	2	B	1	B	1	B	1

Social skills and competences

- **Teamwork** skills acquired through working within NGOs, private companies and academic institutions in different countries and contexts, during the last 15 years
- **Moderation and facilitation** skills acquired through facilitating workshops, conferences, meetings and working on cooperation between public administrations and NGOs
- **Effective communication** skills acquired through conferences, roundtable discussions and 10 years of training and tutoring students and young professionals
- **Problem solving** skills and **ability to take responsibilities in case of extreme difficulty** acquired by managing complexity in professional experiences, and by working as volunteer in several emergency contexts (as volunteers coordinator in the earthquakes of L'Aquila).
- **Team's motivation** – to work towards a common vision and common goals – acquired during 10 years leading no profit organizations and working on positive attitude, aspirations and empathy.

Organisational skills and competences

- **Leadership** skills acquired through leading projects with up to 30 team members
- **Project management** skills and strict sense of responsibilities, acquired through managing research, consultancy and development of projects (more than 30 projects managed)
- **Projects long-term consultation** skills acquired through following and assisting parallel projects
- **Organizational** skills acquired by organizing international seminars (both academic and institutional), conferences, assemblies, expositions, cultural events and workshops in different countries (Italy, France, Ireland, Latvia, Croatia, Colombia, Argentina, Chad, Congo), in collaboration with several institutions as the Sapienza University of Rome, the Order of Architects and Urban Planners of Rome, the Embassy of Colombia, the UE and others.
- **“Ambassador”** skills acquired as national representative for Italy at the European association of architecture's students EASA (appointed EASA National Contact since 2007 to 2009), in charge of the organization of the EASA main annual meeting in Italy (25 workshops, 15 conferences, 450 participants from 45 countries); and of the SESAM (8 workshops, 4 conferences, 180 students from 45 countries) in Rome in 2009, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Youth, the Municipality of Rome, the National Civil Protection, by managing more than 30 volunteers, fundraising, institutional partnerships, communication and logistic.

Technical skills and competences

- Technical expertise in **architectural design and supervision, regional and urban planning, urban regeneration, slum upgrading and participatory planning**
- Project's **design, writing up, coordinating and reporting**
- Scientific **research** and design of **methodologies**
- **Coordination and supervision** of international multidisciplinary teams of experts
- Design, organization and **facilitation of technical workshops, stakeholders meeting and public consultations**
- Human resources' **training and management**
- **Public speaking**, planning and delivery of public presentations and training sessions

Computer skills and competences

Proficient with: Windows 7 and Windows 10 systems; Microsoft Office suite including Word, Excel, and Power Point; and with graphic programs including Autocad 2D/3D, Sketch Up, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and QGIS.

Hobbies and activities

Freehand drawing, reading books, organization of art and photography exhibitions, travelling and experiencing different cultures, visiting museums and open spaces / neighbourhoods / buildings renovated, running and dancing.

Papers published

- MACERATINI E. (2014). "Participatory Planning, Upcycling/Recycling and Self-build in Rome". In: Boundaries International Architectural Magazine, Vol. 10, 54-65. (ISSN 2239-0332)
- MACERATINI E. (2013). "Del levantamiento de la ciudad espontanea al proyecto de

Research activities	<p>recualificacion”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACERATINI E. (2013). “Buenas prácticas de intervención integral en asentamientos informales”. In: Revista Bitacora Urbano Territorial, Vol. 23 n.2, 85-93. (ISSN 0124-7913) • MACERATINI E. (2012). “El programa Rosario Hábitat, como modelo internacional de intervención integral”. In: Mejoramiento Barrial como Respuesta a una Ciudad para Todos, Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia. (ISBN 978-958-761-336-0) • MACERATINI E., PIAZZONI M. F. (2011), “Una giornata a corte: un primo passo verso lo spazio pubblico”. In: Urbanistica Informazioni, n. 239-240, Roma: INU Edizioni S.r.l. • MACERATINI E. (2011), “Informal city: the cases of Bogotá and Rio de Janeiro”. Paper presented at the RC2 Conference 2011, Session 29. Amsterdam. Online publication: http://www.rc21.org/conferences/amsterdam2011/edocs/Session%2029/RT29-1-Maceratini.pdf • MACERATINI E. (2010), “La evolución del barrio informal Potreritos de Bogotá”. In: Revista Traza, n.1, Bogotá: Universidad de La Salle. (ISSN 2216-0647) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2016, Coordinator of the Sustainable Urban Development research unit of the Italia che Cambia NPO • 2015, Member of the research group of the Sapienza University of Rome “Europa e America Latina. Insediamenti informali, dinamiche spontanee e abusivismo”. • 2014-2015, Member of the international research group of the Sapienza Università di Roma “Costruire la città pubblica. Strategie e strumenti per la riqualificazione del patrimonio edilizio esistente”, financed by the Galileo Program of scientific cooperation Italy -France. • Member of international research group of the Sapienza Università di Roma “Governare la città contemporanea. Strategie e strumenti per la costruzione della città pubblica”, financed by the MIUR on 2013. • 2010-2012, Member of international research group of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, “Estructuración de un modelo base para políticas públicas nacionales y locales orientado al mejoramiento barrial y urbano en ciudades colombianas: una estrategia para la superación de la informalidad y la pobreza urbanas”, financed by Colciencias, Colombia.
Academic employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-2016 Professor of the course “Sustainable urban planning and participatory management of urban transformation” at the Master of “Innovative governance of multicultural urban systems”, Links Campus University, Rome, Italy • 2016 Visiting professor of the course “Innovative methods for sustainable urban upgrading”, Universidad de La Salle, Bogotá, Colombia • 2010-2015 Teaching assistant at the course “Urban Planning Laboratory” – Master in Architecture and Urban Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Sapienza Università di Rome, Italy • 2013 Teacher of the course “Architecture and master planning for all” at the Master “Architecture for Health” – Faculty of Architecture, Sapienza Università di Rome, Italy • 2009-2010 Teaching assistant at the course “Architectural evolutionary morphologies” - Master in Architecture and Urban Planning, Sapienza Università di Rome, Italy • 2009-2010 Teaching assistant at the course “Design Laboratory” - Master in Civil Engineering University of Perugia, Faculty of Civil Engineering • 2007-2010 Teaching assistant at the course “Urban Survey” - Master in Architecture and Urban Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Sapienza Università di Rome, Italy

Awards and distinctions

- 2017, Appointed Italy Chairperson for Social Innovation by the Women Economic Forum (WEF) and the ALL Ladies League (ALL).
- 2015, Awarded by the President of the Republic of Italy, Sergio Mattarella for the commitment demonstrated in the social and professional sector of the Italian society in 2014.
- 2014, Awarded as national "Change Agent" in Urban Planning sector by a national commission composed by several Italian NGOs and coordinated by Italia che cambia Onlus.
- 2014, Winner of the PROMETEO Program, Government of Ecuador. Selected as urban planner for the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador.
- 2012, Winner of the international competition Future Cities, Planning for the 90%, with the project Fil Rouge_Urban Project at the Architecture Venice Biennial, 2012.
- 2009, Winner of the "Engineers Without Borders – Italy" Prize, international competition for degree theses on appropriate technology in developing countries.
- 2007, Winner of the "Most deserving foreign students Prize" awarded by the Region Languedoc – Roussillon and by the Mairie de Montpellier in 2007.
- 2002, Winner of the "Most deserving students Prize" awarded by the Regione Lazio in 2002.

Public speaking experience

- 2018, Lecturer at the Think City Program, Urban Renewal Department of Penang, Malaysia. Title of the speech: "Engagement and social inclusion through public spaces' renovation".
- 2017, Speaker at the International Conference "Cities of Africa – Urbanisation as a driver of growth for the African continent" the Italian Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ministry. Title of the speech: "Participatory planning experiences in sub-Saharan Africa".
- 2017, Speaker at the international seminar "Build the public space. A strategy for the urban regeneration" at the Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. Title of the speech: "Participatory planning as a tool for urban regeneration".
- 2017, Speaker at the Biennial of Public Space 2017 (Rome, Italy). Title of the speech: "Building engagement, social inclusion and integration among refugees and local communities through participatory design of public space".
- 2015, Lecturer at the Faculty of Urban Planning of the University of Valladolid, Spain. Title of the speech: "Participatory planning. Innovative tools and methodologies".
- 2014, Speaker at the international seminar "Governance and participation for the urban parks's regeneration" at the Municipality of Genzano, Italy. Title of the speech: "Experiences of Participatory planning, Upcycling and Self Build in Rome".
- 2013, Speaker at the international seminar "Europa e America Latina. Insediamenti informali, dinamiche spontanee e abusivismo. Strategie e strumenti per il recupero." at the Sapienza University of Rome. Title's speech: "Tools and strategies of innovative slum upgrading".
- 2013, Speaker at the international seminar "Foro internacional de Urbanismo y Participacion" at the University of La Salle, Bogotá, with the University of Applied Sciences of the Hochschule Ostwestfalen-Lippe and the Sapienza University of Rome. Title's speech: "Buenas practicas en mejoramiento integral en America Latina".
- 2011, Speaker at the international Urban Planning Conference RC21 "The struggle to belong. Dealing with diversity in 21st century urban settings", University of Amsterdam, Holland. Title's speech: "Informal city in the era of globalization: the cases of Bogotá and Rio de Janeiro".

Membership of professional organizations

- Member of the Order of Architects and Urban Planners of Rome, Italy (n. 20221)
- President of Interazioni Urbane NPO
- Member of the OICE Young Professionals' Group
- Treasurer of Build a Change NPO
- President of the European International Association SESAM Italy and EASA Italy
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