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Qualifications:

2000	MSc in Social Science Research Methods, London School of Economics
1996	MA and BSc in Philosophy of science and logic, Milan State University
1994	PEECH, Diploma in European Studies, University Van Amsterdam

Languages:

	Spoken	Written
English	Fluent	Fluent
Italian	Mother tongue	Mother tongue
French	Fluent	Fluent
Spanish	Good	Good

Areas of Expertise:

Evaluation and applied social research methods, political economy of development; rights, justice and rule of law; transparency and accountability of aid; fragile states; social inclusion.

Current post:

Since April 2014 **Director – Governance, Security and Livelihoods-** Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London

Responsibilities and achievements:

- Member of the Senior Management Team with responsibility for business development and new research initiatives
- Leading ODI's portfolio of research, policy engagement and strategic communication on governance with a focus on sectoral reform, service delivery, justice and security. Lead of ODI's Migration for Development Initiative
- Team leadership and management of the Politics and Governance Programme (17 staff, £3 mil p.a. budget) and of the Security and Livelihoods research Consortium (10 staff, £ 1.5 mil p.a.)
- Established relationships with key strategic donors and other agencies including DFID, FCO, World Bank, USAID, DFAT, UN agencies, Rockefeller Foundation, Open Society Institute and more.
- Extensive country experience in Africa (Ghana, Mali, Benin, Kenya, DRC), Asia (Nepal, Lao PDR, China, India, Sri Lanka), Latin America (Guatemala, Honduras) and Central/Eastern Europe (Georgia, Kosovo, Ukraine)

Previous:

- April 2009 – March 2014** **Head – Politics and Governance Programme**, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London
- 2006 – 2009** **Research fellow/Programme Leader - Rights in Action-** Poverty and Public Policy Group (PPPG), Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London
- 2003 – 2006** **Senior Policy Adviser**, Italian Treasury, Rome
Public Investment Evaluation Unit (UVAL), Department for Development and Cohesion Policies.
- 2003 – 2005** **Senior Research Associate**, Amnesty International, London
- 2000 – 2003** **Head of Learning and Impact Assessment team**, Save the Children UK, London
- 1997-2000** **Researcher**, Evaluation, Development and Review Unit, Tavistock Institute, London

Key experience and assignments:

- Governance and political economy**
- ODI Lead: Migration for Development Initiative (2015-)
 - ODI: Team Leader - *Achieving sustainable transitions: the politics of public goods and services in developing countries*. A four year research and advisory programme funded by DFID (2011-2015)
 - ODI: Team member- Development Progress Stories Funded by Gates Foundation (2010-11)
 - ODI Team Member: *International Assistance to Political Parties and Party System*. Responsible for Georgia case study. Funded by DFID (2010-2011)
 - ODI: Team Leader *Politics into practice: a dialogue on governance strategies and action in international development* Funded by AusAid, DAI, German Marshall Fund of the United States, and BBC World Service Trust (November 2010-June 2010)
 - ODI: Team Leader (with Michelle Kooy) *Analysing the governance and political economy of water and sanitation service delivery* Funded by DfID (October 2010-June 2011)
 - ODI: Team Leader (with Arnaldo Pellini) *Accountability for Tanzania* Funded by DfID and KPMG (May 2009-October 2011)
 - ODI: Team Leader *Literature Review of Donors Support for Democratic Development* Funded by NORAD (December-April 2010)
 - ODI; Team leader (with sara Pantuliano) ODI meeting series: *Development, security and transitions in fragile states* Funded by Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (July 2009-March 2010)
 - ODI: Team Leader *State capacity and response to global financial crisis* Funded by DFID (November 2009-October 2010)
 - ODI: Team Leader *Joint Donors workshop on Sectoral Political Economy Analysis* funded by DFID, World Bank, UNDP and EC (November 2009)
 - ODI Team Leader *Methodological guidance for EC engagement with non-state actors and new aid modalities* Funded by European Commission (05-09/08-09)
 - ODI Team Leader: Fragility Analysis of DFID country programmes. Funded by DFID (09/07-01/08)
 - ODI: Team Member *World Governance Assessment*, funded by Norad. (12/06-12/07)
- Justice and rule of Law**
- ODI Team Member: EC member states response to the global financial crisis: a human rights perspective. Funded by European Agency on Fundamental Freedoms and Rights (March 2010-June 2010)
 - ODI team Leader *Human Rights and Pro-poor growth*. Funded by OECD – DAC. November 2008-April 2009
 - Centre for Applied Human Rights: Advisor and Visiting Lecturer, Master on Applied Human Rights (08-09)

- Oxford University Press, member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Applied Human Rights*
- ODI Team Leader: *Scoping Study of DFID policy and practice on Human Rights*. Funded by DFID- Policy Division (05/07- 12/07)
- ODI: Team Leader *Why are Economic and Social Rights so difficult?*, Funded by ODI Innovation Fund and Centre for Economic and Social Rights (07/06– 03/07)
- ODI: Team Leader *Aid effectiveness and human rights: strengthening the implementation of the Paris Declaration*: framework paper and five illustration pieces on the PD commitments. Funded by OECD DAC-Govnet (03/06-09/06)
- ODI: Adviser to Swiss Development Cooperation. *Backstopping mandate on human rights*: training, policy advice, background papers (2006-2008)
- ODI: Adviser to Swedish Development Agency: Human rights and Aid Effectiveness: Regional Human Rights Seminar, Bangkok December 2006
- Lecturer, University of Siena *Master in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action*, (2003-present)

Evaluation

- ODI Team member *Women's Leadership and Participation in Peace and Security and Humanitarian Response*, funded by UnWomen (2012-2013)
- ODI Team member: *Thematic evaluation of the European Commission support to respect of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms*, funded by ERC (2009-2011)
- ODI Team leader *Towards a realistic results agenda* (Jan 2010-July 2010)
- ODI: Team leader (with Sacnteam) *Evaluation of Norwegian Support to Democratic Development through the United Nations*; funded by NORAD (January 2010-December 2010)
- ODI Team leader: *Concept Note for Child Rights Impact Assessment*, funded by UNICEF (05-09-07-09)
- ODI: Convenor of public meeting on 'Development evaluation: the institutional challenge' (02/08)
- ODI: Team Member: 'Defining and Assessing Donors' Synergy for development'. Author of the chapter on evaluating synergy. Funded by Danida (11/07-01/08)
- ODI: Team Leader: *Evaluation of Citizens' voice and accountability*: synthesis report. Funded by DAC Core group members - DFID, SIDA, SDC, NORAD, BMZ, DANIDA and DCGD (09/07-08/08)
- ODI: Team Leader. *Evaluation of Citizens' voice and accountability*: literature review, intervention analysis and evaluation framework. Pilot Case studies: Benin and Nicaragua. Funded by DFID (10/06-07/07)
- ODI: Team leader: *Comparative study of evaluation policies and practices*. Case studies: World Bank, DFID, SIDA. KFW, African Development Bank. Funded by Agence Française du Développement. (09/06 – 03/07)
- ODI: Lead Researcher, *Evaluation of Cross Cutting Themes: Poverty as a human rights issue*. Case study: Mali. Funded by UNESCO (03/06-08/06)
- Senior Consultant: *Assessing Social Change*, a project funded by Ford Foundation in collaboration with Institute for Development Studies, Sussex Uni. (2005)
- Senior Adviser, Amnesty International, London (2004-2005) Developed a strategic framework for impact assessment of human rights action, including human rights indicators
- Senior Policy Adviser, Italian Treasury, Department for Development Policies (2003-2006) Coordinating support to regional and local Italian administrations in research and evaluation methods and techniques, including training for researchers and civil servants.
- Team Leader : Evaluation of ENACT project on child trafficking in Europe , Save the Children Italy (2004)
- Head of Learning and Impact Assessment Team, Save the Children UK.(2000-2003). Managing London and field-based evaluation and research networks. Responsible for the development and implementation of

the evaluation and impact assessment framework 'Global Impact Monitoring'. Field experience several countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

- Team leader 'Rights-based Monitoring and Evaluation: a discussion paper', Save the Children Sweden (2003)
- Senior Researcher: *Evaluation/Impact Assessment Frameworks for EU policies on Asylum and Human Rights*, funded by European Commission, Tavistock Institute (2003-2004)
- Team Leader: *Mainstreaming Anti-racism into European Policies: An Evaluation Framework*, Funded by European Commission, Tavistock Institute, (1999-2000)
- Team Member: *Evaluation framework for New Deal for Communities*. Funded by Department for Transport and the regions, Tavistock Institute, (1998)
- Team Member: several research and evaluation projects on EU and UK social policies. Tavistock Institute, (1996-1998)
- Board member of the European Evaluation Society (2000-2005)
- Advisor to the International Development Evaluation Association (since 2000)

Selected publications and reports:

- 2015** (with Leni Wild and David Booth et al.) *Adapting Development-Improving services to the poor* - Research reports and studies, ODI
- 2014** (with Pilar Domingo and Tam O'Neil) *Women's participation in peace and security Normative ends, political means* - Briefing Paper, ODI
(with Leni Wild and Andrew Norton) *Governance targets and indicators for post 2015: an initial assessment* – Research Report and Studies, ODI
- 2013** (with Leni Wild and Tam O'Neil) *Making sense of the politics of delivery: our findings so far* - Research reports and studies ,ODI
(with Leni Wild) *Working with the politics: how to improve public services for the poor* – Briefing Paper, ODI
- 2012** (with Gina Bergh, Alina Roca Menocal and Leni wild): *Building governance into a post-2015 framework: exploring transparency and accountability as an entry point* - Research reports and studies ,ODI
(with Pilar Domingo et al.) *Development, fragility and human rights*, World Bank
(with David Booth, Alina Rocha Menocal and Leni Wild) *Achieving sustainable Governance transitions: the role of public goods and services* – Framing Paper for DFID
(with Dan Harris et. al): *Political Economy of West Africa Regionalism* -Research Reports and studies, ODI
- 2011** (with Leni Wild) *Politics into practice: a dialogue on performance strategies and action in international development* – ODI Report
(with Dan Harris) *El Salvador's progress on governance: Negotiation, political inclusion and post-war transition* - Development Progress Stories – ODI
(with Dan Harris) *Indonesia's progress on governance: State cohesion and strategic institutional reform* , Development Progress Stories,- ODI
(with Dan Harris) *Somaliland's progress on governance: A case of blending the old and the new* Development Progress Stories – ODI
(with Lisa Denney and Victoria Metcalfe) *Security, humanitarian action and development* ODI Briefing Papers 67
What have we learnt about donors' support for democratic development? A literature Review, Evaluation Department Report 10/2010. Oslo: NORAD

- (with Dan Harris, Isabella Massa and Leni Wild) *Responding to external economic shocks: why state capacity and political incentives matter* ODI Project Briefings 54
 (with Leni Wild and Pilar Domingo) *International assistance to political party and party system development* ODI Research Report
- 2010** (with Leni Wild) *Support to political parties: a missing piece of the governance puzzle* ODI Briefing Paper 66, December 2010
Review of international assistance to political party and party system development – Georgia case study ODI Report
 (with Samir Elwhari and Sara Pantuliano) *Development, security and transitions in fragile states: A meeting series report*, ODI
- 2009** (with Bhavna Sharma and Kate Higgins) *Human Rights and Pro Poor Growth* Project Briefing, ODI
 (with Leni Wild) *Analysing Governance and Political Economy in Sectors: Joint Donors Workshop Report*, ODI
 (with Ed Anderson) *Assessing Compliance: the Challenges for Economic and Social Rights* Journal of Human Rights Practice 2009 1(3):469-476
- 2008** (with Ed Anderson) *Achieving Economic and Social Rights: the challenge of assessing compliance*, ODI Briefing Paper
 (with Christina Archer, Tammie O’Neil and Richard Longhurst) *Comparative Study of Evaluation policies and practices in Development Agencies*. AFD/ODI Working Paper
 (with Goran Hyden, Kenneth Mease and Verena Fritz) ‘The World Governance Assessment: corruption and other dimensions of governance’ in *Global Corruption Report 2008*. Transparency International and Cambridge University Press
 (with Tammie O’Neil et al.) *DFID Human Rights Policy: A Scoping Study*. ODI report
- 2007** (with Goran Hyden, Kenneth Mease and Verena Fritz) *Governance assessments for local stakeholders: What the World Governance Assessment offers*. ODI Working Paper
Voice For Accountability: Citizens, the State and Realistic Governance. ODI Briefing Paper
Human Rights and Livelihoods: Approaches to Poverty Reduction. SDC Briefing Note
 (with Bhavna Sharma, Alison Evans and Tammie O’Neil) *Evaluation of Citizens’ voice and Accountability: Evaluation Framework (Forthcoming ODI Working paper)*
 (with T. O’Neil and A. Hudson) *Evaluation of Citizens’ Voice and Accountability: literature review*, DFID/ODI working paper
- 2006** (with D. Booth and T. O’Neil) *Aid effectiveness and human rights: strengthening the implementation of the Paris Declaration*. Framework paper and think pieces, ODI, November 2006
 (with B. Perrin, C. Hughes, J.F. Marchandise) *Evaluation of Cross-Cutting Themes. Final Report*, Final Report UNESCO, December 2006
- 2005** (with F. Utili) “The Strategic Framework for Development Policies in the South of Italy: how does it expand people’s capabilities?” Paper presented at the HDCA Conference, Paris, September 2005
 “Challenging power and fighting inequalities: the role of civil society in addressing root causes of human insecurity” in ed. Robert Picciotto *Conflict, Security and Development*, Routledge, New York 2005
- 2003** “The right to understand. Are human rights principles useful for understanding social change, strengthening accountability and promoting equity and

democratic participation?" Paper presented at the UK Evaluation Society Conference, December 2003.

(et al.) "Towards Organisational Performance Assessment: experiences of strengthening learning, accountability and understanding social change." Paper presented with BOAG agencies to the DAC Workshop on Partnership in Evaluation, Paris March 2003

"Participating in evaluation: myth or reality ?" in *Rivista Italiana di valutazione*. Franco Angeli, Milano

(with C. Mc Guigan) "Closing the Circle. From measuring policy change to assessing policies in practice: a literature review". Save the Children UK

(With L. Gosling) "Toolkits. A practical guide on monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment." Save the Children UK

2002 (with M. Lawson) "What role for civil society in monitoring poverty reduction policies?" Paper presented at European Evaluation Society Conference, Seville 2003

2001 "Learning to fail. How to promote a culture of evaluation within organisations? Messages from an international NGO " Presented at the Italian Evaluation Society Conference, 2001