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PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

May 2000 – April 2004 PhD in “Politics and Economy of Developing Countries” University of Florence (Italy) Thesis title: *Il mercato del lavoro egiziano: demografia, squilibri occupazionali e politica economica (The Egyptian Labour Market: Demography, Employment Imbalances and Economic Policy)* supervisor Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia.

May 2003 – August 2003 Internship at the Cooperation Office of the Italian Embassy in Egypt (Cairo) and at the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower and Migration. Field work for the PhD Thesis

September 2001 – January 2002 Visiting student at the Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve -Belgium) Institute of Development and Research Centre on Contemporary Arab World

November 1992 – October 1998 University Degree (Laurea) in Political Sciences, with specialisation in international studies, University of Florence – Faculty of Political Sciences “Cesare Alfieri”, Thesis on Development Economics, title: *Popolazione e alimentazione: tendenze e previsioni (Population and Food: Trends and Forecasts)*, supervisors: Prof. Francesco Volpi and Prof. Massimo Livi Bacci, final mark: 110/110 cum laude

July 1992 Scientific High School Diploma, Final mark: 60/60

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2005 to present – Researcher -Programme Specialist at the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre – Socio-economic Policy Analysis Unit. Areas of research: child poverty and child wellbeing, social policies, development data.

February – August 2005 – Full time consultant at the Innocenti Research Centre – UNICEF (Florence – Italy) – Socio-economic Policy Analysis Unit – for a project on “Child poverty in South-Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States in preparation of the Innocenti Social Monitor on

Child Poverty (specific tasks: income poverty analysis using survey micro-data, co-authoring of a paper on child income poverty).

2004 – 2005 – Participation in an interuniversity research project (Projects of Relevant National Interest - PRIN) on “Policy reform, factor shares and within-country income distribution during the recent globalization era” involving six Italian universities and the Bank of Italy.

November – December 2004 – Co-ordinator of a survey for the Italian NGO Mani Tese (in collaboration with the Department of Statistics of the University of Florence).

February 2003 – January 2005 Research assistant in the one-year course on “Development Co-operation and Poverty Reduction” – University degree in “Economic Development and International Co-operation (SECI)” University of Florence, Faculty of Economics (specific tasks: research assistance, students tutoring, planning) – Academic years 2002-3, 2003-4 and 2004-5.

January 2001 – September 2002 Part time consultant at the Innocenti Research Centre – UNICEF (Florence – Italy) for the projects “AIDS, Public Policy and Child Well-Being” and “Harnessing Globalization for Children” (specific tasks: researcher and assistance to the coordination of the projects).

March 2000 – December 2000 Full time consultant at the Innocenti Research Centre – UNICEF (Florence - Italy) for the projects “AIDS, Public Policy and Child Well-Being” and “Harnessing Globalization for Children” (specific tasks: researcher and assistant in the coordination of the projects).

January – November 1999: National civil services for the social services of the town of Chianciano T.

GRANTS

June 2004 – Grant from the “Fondazione Culturale Responsabilità Etica” and the NGO “Mani Tese” to participate to the project “Children Establishing their Capabilities”

FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Development Economics,
Demography, demographic transition
Labour market in developing countries
Inequality (in income and health status)
Epidemiology
Child poverty, child welfare and capabilities
Socio-economic impact of HIV/AIDS
Middle East and North Africa - Sub-Saharan Africa - Eastern Europe and Central Asia

PAPERS and ARTICLES

“Extreme Poverty among Children in South-Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States” (co-authored with Gerry Redmond) in *Child Development and Poverty*, edited by Anselm Fiedler and Isodor Kuester, Nova Publisher, reprint, 2010

“Child Well-Being in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: a multidimensional approach” (co-authored with Sheila Marnie and Luca Tiberti) in *Social Problems and Policies in Central and Eastern Europe*, edited by Simo Mannila and Sanna Vesikansa, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, December 2009

“Child Well-Being in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: a multidimensional approach” (co-authored with Sheila Marnie and Luca Tiberti), *Innocenti Working Paper*, No. 2009-20, Summer 2009, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, November 2009

“The Transition Generation: young people from school to work in CEE and CIS countries” (co-authored with Sheila Marnie) in *Forum21 - European Journal on Child and Youth Policy*, Nr. 13 (July 2009)

“Poverty and Deprivation among Children in Eastern Europe and Central Asia” (co-authored with Gerry Redmond) in *International Journal of Social Welfare*, Vol. 18, pp. 225-236

“Extreme Poverty among Children in South-Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States” (co-authored with Gerry Redmond) in *Poverty, Urbanity and Social Policy: Central and Eastern Europe in a broader context*, edited by Jolanta Aidukaite, Nova Publisher, 2009

“The Transition Generation: young people in school and work in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States” co-authored with Sheila Marnie, *Innocenti Discussion Paper*, No. 2007-01, November 2007, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

“Demographic Challenges and the Implications for Children in CEE/CIS” co-authored with Sheila Marnie, *Innocenti Working Paper*, No. 2007-01, October 2007, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

“Health Improvements and Health Inequality during the Last 40 Years” (co-authored with Giovanni Andrea Cornia) in *Advancing Development: Core Themes in Global Economics*, edited by George Mavrotas and Anthony Shorrocks, Palgrave, 2007

“Child Consumption Poverty in South-Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States”, co-authored with Gerry Redmond, *Innocenti Working Paper*, No. 2006-04, October 2006, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

“Children Conceptualizing their Capabilities” (co-authored with M. Biggeri, S. Mariani and R. Libanora), in *Journal of Human Development* no. 3 (2006), pp. 59-83

“Health Improvements and Health Inequality during the Last 40 Years” (co-authored with Giovanni Andrea Cornia), UNU – *WIDER Research Paper* No. 2006/10 (2006)

“The Pace and Distribution of Health Improvements during the Last 40 Years” (co-authored with Giovanni Andrea Cornia), *Working Paper del Centro Studi Luca D’Agliano* n. 194 (December 2004)

Les effets de la globalisation économique et technologique sur les enfants, paper presented at the UNESCO conference “Un enfant dans ma rue”, Paris 21 November 2002

HIV/AIDS in Africa: Il problema dell’accesso ai farmaci (HIV/AIDS in Africa: the Access to Drugs Issue), paper presented at the conference “Africa: sostenere lo sviluppo delle comunità locali”, Prato, 27 September 2002

“The Pace and Distribution of Gains in Child Wellbeing over 1980 -2000: some Preliminary Results” (co-authored with Giovanni Andrea Cornia) Second chapter of *Harnessing Globalization for Children: a Report to UNICEF*, edited by G. A. Cornia

La transition de la fécondité dans les pays arabes pendant les dernières vingt années, Catholic University of Louvain, Centre d’Etudes sur le Monde Arabe Contemporaine, Louvain-la-Neuve, October 2001

The Socio-economic Impact of HIV/AIDS: Preliminary literature review, background paper for the UNICEF project “AIDS, Public Policy and Child Wellbeing”, UNICEF-IRC, Florence, March 2000

Contributing research and writing for UNICEF publications:

UNICEF (2009), ‘Child Well-Being at a Crossroads: the evolving challenges in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States’ *Innocenti Social Monitor 2009*, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and UNICEF Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, Florence (lead researcher)

UNICEF (2007) *TransMONEE 2007 Features: data and analysis on the lives of children in CEE/CIS and Baltic States*, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and UNICEF Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, Florence (lead researcher)

UNICEF (2006): ‘Understanding Child Poverty in South-Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States’, *Innocenti Social Monitor 2006*, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence (co-author)

PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS IN CONFERENCES

17-18 February 2010 – “Child Friendly Budgets for 2010 and Beyond: Towards Global Economic Recovery with a Human Face” UNICEF and Fordham University, New York

5 November 2009 – “2nd Conference of the International Society of Child Indicators (ISCI) – Counting Children in! Child Indicators: Research, Theory, Policy and Practice”, University of Western Sydney, Parramatta

22 April 2008 – Conference on “Re-Thinking Poverty Making Policies Work for Children” organized by the New School and UNICEF, New York

18 September 2007 Workshop on “Rethinking Poverty and Children in the New Millennium: linking research and policy”, organized by Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP) & Childwatch International Research Network, Oslo

8 September 2007 Annual Academic Conference of the International Sociological Association (Research Committee 19 on poverty, social welfare and social policy) “Social Policy in a Globalizing World: developing a North-South dialogue”, Florence

28 June 2007 “Inaugural Conference of the International Society of Child Indicators (ISCI)”, Chicago

4 May 2007 Final conference of the international project “Child Inclusion: condition of children placed in out-of-home care and construction of child-oriented welfare policies”, Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence

27 April 2007 Workshop on “Poverty and Social Policy in Central and Eastern Europe” organized by the Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES), Södertörn University College, Stockholm

22 August 2006 “29th General Conference of the International Association for Research on Income and Wealth (IARIW)”, Joensuu

5 June 2006 Conference “Developing Foster Care in CEE/CIS/Baltic – Learning Together”, organized by the International Foster Care Organization – East-East Network, Bratislava

21 November 2002 Conference “Un enfant dans ma rue” UNESCO, Paris

8 November 2002 Workshop “Globalization and child well-being” organized by Save the Children Italy at the European Social Forum, Florence

27 September 2002 Conference “Africa: sostenere lo sviluppo delle comunità locali” organised by the Tuscany Region, Prato

24 April 2002 Meeting “Harnessing Globalization for Children” UNICEF – Innocenti Research Centre, Florence

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

February 2009 – Lectures on “Economic globalization, poverty and inequality” – postgraduate course on ‘Child rights and development’, University of Andorra (co-organized with the Andorra National Committee for UNICEF)

January 2009 – Lectures on “Health and poverty in developing countries” and “Economic globalization and health”, University of Macerata, Faculty of Political Sciences

February – June 2005 Lecturer in development economics (with Prof. Francesco Volpi) at the University for Foreigners in Perugia – Specialization Degree in Communication Systems and International Relations.

January – July 2002 Teaching assistant in the course of “Political Economy of Development Countries” undergraduate level (Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia) University of Florence – Faculty of Economics

May 2002 Lecture on “Fiscal policy and redistribution” in the course of “Political Economy of Development” – University of Florence – Faculty of Economics

March 2002 Lecture on “Economic Globalization and Child Wellbeing” at the *European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation*, University of Padua

SKILLS

Computer skills: Very Good working knowledge of Word, Excel, Stata
Good knowledge of SPSS and CSPro
Basic knowledge of E-views and of Access

Languages: French – Fluent, both written and spoken
English – Very Good knowledge, written and oral

Florence, July 2010