

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Short Bio

Development researcher and consultant whose main fields of expertise are water supply, infrastructure, and rural livelihoods. She holds a PhD in Economics of Development and Production at University of Insubria in Italy. She has a long track record of projects and programme management in Africa. She has worked in international projects for research institutions, international organization, and firms. She has now worked in 7 different countries of sub-Saharan Africa and in China.

Research areas: Economic development, water supply economics, rural development, public-private partnerships

Education and academic experience

Nov 2019-present	Postdoc on Emerging Economies Osservatorio sulle Economie Emergenti – Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Torino Department of Economics and Statistics, Lungo Dora Siena, 100 A, 10153 Torino TO, Italy https://www.osservatorio-economie-emergenti-torino.it/
Jun 2018-May 2019	Postdoc on African food systems University of Pavia, Department of Economics, Via San Felice, 5 - 27100 Pavia, Italy http://www.unipv.eu
Mar 2017-Apr 2018	Postdoc on Chinese infrastructural investments in Africa University of Insubria, Department of Economics, via Monte Generoso 71, 21100 Varese (VA), Italy
Oct 2015-Jul 2016	Postdoc on growth and development University of Pavia, Department of Economics, Via San Felice, 5 - 27100 Pavia, Italy http://www.unipv.eu
Nov 2010-Jun 2015	XXVI Ph.D in Economics of production and development (European Doctorate) Thesis Urban Water Services in Sub Saharan Africa: Access, Private Sector Involvement and Technical Paradigm. Tutors: Prof Elena Maggi , University of Insubria, Cotutor: Prof Meine Pieter Van Dijk , ISS Erasmus University Rotterdam Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Italy
Nov 2001-Dec 2002	2nd level University Master degree in Urban and Rural Planning in Developing Countries Master of Science Course of studies: Rural Planning and Food Security Food security, development economics, human nutrition, remote sensing, G.I.S., rural sociology, evaluation I.U.A.V. (Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia), University of Venice www.iuav.it
Jun 2001- Feb 2002	Diploma of Expert in International Trade Techniques and International Investments - Regione Lombardia
Nov 1995-Jul 2000	MSc in Political Science Thesis Fertility and gender disparity in developing countries University of Milan http://www.facoltaspes.unimi.it/

Other research activity

Jul-Sep 2019	Final Evaluations of two EU funded projects in Tanzania - Integrated environmental sanitation concepts for poor, underserved and peri-urban areas of Iringa Municipality 1.8 M€ - Hydroelectric Energy for 20 Isolated Rural Villages in Ludewa District, Tanzania 7.5 M€ Institution Fondazione ACRA 20124 Milano http://www.acra.it
May 2017-Feb 2018	Development Expert Literature review and data analysis on African agribusiness development for a forthcoming publication Institution African Development Bank , Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
Nov 2015-Apr 2019	Monitoring and Evaluation Expert Monitoring and evaluation research of development projects in Uganda, South Sudan, Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Afghanistan in rural development, women rights, maternal health.

Institution	CICOPS (Centro Internazionale Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo) University of Pavia , Italy http://www.unipv.eu/site/home/naviga-per/laureati/cicops.html
May 2009-Feb 2015	Monitoring and Evaluation Expert Monitoring and evaluation of a country level project for health and community empowerment in Malawi (http://www.projectmalawi.it), through analysis of quarterly reports submitted by the NGOs implementing the project and annual field visits.
Institution	IUSS - Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori di Pavia , V.le Lungo Ticino Sforza 56, 27100 Pavia, Italia http://www.iusspavia.it/
Nov 2005- Jan 2006	Data Analysis Expert Modelling allocation of European structural funds among Italian regions based on alternative systems of allocation criteria.
Institution	IRER (now POLIS) Istituto Regionale di Ricerca della Lombardia Via Copernico, 38 20125 Milano http://www.eupolis.regione.lombardia.it/
Mar 2004-Oct 2004	Researcher EC CORDIS 6th framework programme for research: Decision Support Systems for e-Health. EC funded project (Equal): networking. Action research about networks of non-profit organizations. Action research on peer opportunities for women workers in large scale retail trade for COOP Lombardia.
Institution	Fondazione IARD via Soncino, Milano, Italy
Jul 2002 - Jan 2003	JRC Research intern (Trainee) Research internship for the validation of remote-sensing products in their suitability for monitoring crops' growing cycles and for identifying croplands, crosschecking with field data from Ethiopia. Using GIS software, remote sensing raster products (NDVI -SPOT, NDVI – NOAA, TM landsat images), working with land cover classification systems (LCCS – Africover, Global Land Cover map).
Institution	JRC , Joint Research Centre (EC), Ispra (VA), Italy https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/
Sep - Oct 2002	Food Security Expert Research about food security in East Hararghe (Oromia, Ethiopia). Training local staff Agro-ecological and food insecurity mapping through remote-sensing Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA) in 3 villages
Institution	IUAV , Istituto Universitario di Architettura, Santa Croce, 191, 30135 Tolentini Venezia, http://www.iuav.it

Other consultancy and management

Mar 2017-present	Water supply Expert Exploring opportunities for PPPs in wastewater treatment and potabilization in Sub Saharan Africa and managing an AICS funded potabilization project in Kenya
Organization	Idrogroup Srl, Via Comina 39, 20831 SEREGNO (MB) Water treatment plants designers and manufacturer
Mar 2012-Feb 2013	Water economist Feasibility study for water saving and wastewater treatment for an eco-industrial park in Guizhou Province (Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection by Italian and Chinese Environment Ministries)
Organization	Progetti e Ambiente S.p.A., Via U. Rattazzi 49, 15121 Alessandria Engineering firm
May - Jul 2012	ESHIA Expert Environmental, Social and Health Impact Assessment (ESHIA) and Baseline Survey for an exploratory well for onshore oil extraction in the coastal area of Democratic Republic of Congo for ENI.
Organization	AMEC Earth & Environmental GmbH, Via Visconti di Modrone 2, 20122 Milano www.amecfw.com/ Work mainly based in Congo RDC
Feb 2006-Oct 2010	Program Manager East Africa and head of projects' department Coordinating activities of Acra in East Africa (single projects in Ecuador, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cameroon, Senegal) Manage the project cycle (from identification to evaluation) of projects

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building and following up project partnerships with local authorities and civil society organizations, including MoUs. - Technical reporting to institutional donors (EuropeAid, WB, MAE, UN, Foundations) - Reference person for EC delegations and institutional donors - Drafting country strategy papers and sector position papers - From October 2008 to February 2009: Interim Head of Projects Department
Organization	ACRA, Associazione di cooperazione rurale in Africa e America Latina, Via Lazzaretto 3 - 20124 Milano http://www.acra.it
Oct 2005 - Jun 2006	<p>Program Manager</p> <p>Reference person for the regional coordinator based in Nairobi and for the desk officers of the member NGOs in Italy, particularly for the identification and formulation of project proposals.</p>
Organization	UNA Consortium among CESVI Bergamo
Nov 2004-May2005	<p>Project Manager (Tanzania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable agriculture activities; - Construction of 14 protected shallow wells in rural areas; - School feeding in 3 rural kindergartens; - Gis development and training; - Developing a project proposal for EC Water Facility (Cost-Benefit Analysis rated excellent by EC).
Organization	CAST NGO Centro per un Appropriato Sviluppo Tecnologico, via Garibaldi 45, 21014 - Laveno Mombello. http://www.cast-ong.org/
Jul 2003 - Sep 2003	<p>Team leader for a feasibility study (Kilifi District Kenya)</p> <p>Identification of a food security project for cassava production, processing and marketing: PRA - Participatory Rural Appraisal in the target communities, Rapid Market Appraisal, Project proposal.</p>
Organization	CAST NGO
Feb - June 2003	<p>Participatory methodologies expert</p> <p>Training in participatory methodologies for a rapid appraisal in Shu'fat refugee camp (East Jerusalem), coordinating a training course for Palestinian caregivers from associations of Shu'fat to improve networking for child protection and youth services.</p>
Organization	Coop. Centri Rousseau, Via Giovanola, 13, 20142 Milan, Italy. http://www.centrirousseau.org/
Sep 2000- Jan 2001	<p>Market Research assistant</p> <p>Data analysis for international quantitative marketing researches; reports editing; questionnaires' translation; enumerators' briefings.</p>
Organization	Research International, Milano (now TNS http://www.tnsglobal.com/)

Presentations in conferences and seminars

22 th -23 th March 2019	Nectar Workshop: Transport Infrastructures: Investments, Evaluation and Regional Economic Growth. "The Chinese revival of African Railways"
5 th -6 th October 2018	XXth AISSEC Scientific Conference RISE AND DECLINE OF ECONOMIES: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE Collegio Carlo Alberto Torino "The impact of foreign public funding on African development: a comparative study of traditional donors and China"
1 st December 2017	BETA (Bureau d'Economie Théorique et Appliquée) Cournot Seminar Strasbourg University "The impacts of Chinese funding on African development: how DO they compare with TRADITIONAL donors?"
22 th -24 th October 2014	Water Ideas Conference Bologna. Intelligent Distribution for Efficient and Affordable Supplies, IWA International Water Association Conference "Ensuring sustainable access to drinking water in Sub Saharan Africa: Conflict between performance based incentives and social objectives"
24 th -26 th June 2014	EADI General Conference Bonn. Responsible Development in a Polycentric World, EADI European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes "The empowerment approach to evaluation: the case of "Project Malawi""

Teaching Activity

from 2015 to 2019	Teacher, Industrial Economics (complementary classes) Bachelor Degree in Economics and Management, University of Insubria
2017/2018	Teacher, Development economics Bachelor in Economics, University of Pavia Teacher, Development economics Master in Relazioni d'aiuto in contesti di sviluppo e cooperazione nazionale e internazionale Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Seminar (teacher Vaggi) "Accelerated agricultural growth and transformation in Africa: women, youth and vulnerable groups", Economics of Cooperation and Development, Master in economics, finance and international integration, University of Pavia
from 2017 to 2019	Teacher, Political Economy (complementary classes) Bachelor in Economics and Management, University of Insubria
from 2015 to 2017	Lecturer (teacher Maggi) Transport and development, transport infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa; Course: Transports Economics Master in Global Entrepreneurship, Economics and Management, University of Insubria
from 2011 to 2018	Lecturer (teacher Maggi, Montobbio) Regulation in the water supply industry Course: Industrial Economics, Bachelor in Economics and Management/ Master in Global entrepreneurship economics and management, University of Insubria
From 2013 to 2015	Lecturer (teachers Moscati, Bonacina) Exercises: technology, production and costs, profits maximization, taxes, subsidies, quotas; information asymmetries, externalities Course: Micro-economics, Bachelor in Economics and Management, University of Insubria
Academic year 2013-2014	Lecturer The empowerment approach in Project Cycle Management Cooperation and development Network Summer School, University of Pavia
Academic year 2011-2012	Lecturer (teacher Figari); Cost-Benefit analysis: an application to a water supply project in Tanzania Course: Public Economics and Environment, Master in Global entrepreneurship economics and management, University of Insubria
Academic year 2008-2009	Seminar: Economics for development projects Master in Management of Water Resources in International cooperation, University of Milano Bicocca
Academic year 2006-2007	Seminar: Project Cycle Management: the implementation phase of a water supply project Master in Analysis and Management of Development Projects, University of Milano

Publications

Books and chapters in books	Marson M, Paglione L "Village Level Nutritional Status Assessment" in Santacroce P 2004 "Coping with uncertain environment and seasonality. Household level food strategies in Eastern Hararghe Rural Areas." Quaderni IUAV 26 serie Pvs, Venezia, pp 31-34. isbn 88-87697-24-8. Marson M "Identification of the sites" in Santacroce P 2004 "Coping with uncertain environment and seasonality. Household level food strategies in Eastern Hararghe Rural Areas." Quaderni IUAV 26 2004 serie Pvs, pp 11-14 and 26-29, Venezia, isbn 88-87697-24-8.
Full papers in refereed journals	Savin, I., Marson, M., & Sutormina, M. (2020). How different aid flows affect different trade flows: Evidence from Africa and its largest donors. <i>Structural Change and Economic Dynamics</i> , 55, 119-136. Marson M, Maggi E 2017 "Light Public-Private partnerships in the water supply sector: Malawi and other case studies from Sub-Saharan Africa", <i>Development Policy Review</i> , DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12228 Marson M, Van Dijk MP 2016 "Does the Zambian water sector regulator regulation have pro-poor tools and outcomes?" <i>International Journal of Water</i> , Vol. 10, Nos. 2/3, 2016 DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1504/IJW.2016.075573 Marson M, Savin I 2015 "Ensuring sustainable access to drinking water in Sub Saharan Africa: Conflict between financial and social objectives", <i>World Development</i> Vol 76, pp 26-39, 2015. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2015.06.002
Papers published in conference proceedings	Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G "The empowerment approach to evaluation: the case of "Project Malawi"" EADI General Conference 2014 in Bonn

Reports and working papers

- Marson M "ACRA experiences and views about Tourism" in ACRA "Tourism and Poverty, Best practices for a small island at policy, market and civil society level" ACRA, Zanzibar 2008, pp 24-29
http://people.unica.it/gioannisistu/files/2013/11/TOURISM_AND_POVERTY.pdf.
- Molina, P. B., D'Alessandro, C., Dekeyser, K., & Marson, M. (2020). Sustainable food systems through diversification and indigenous vegetables.
- Marson M, Vaggi G 2019 Sustainable value chains in agriculture. The African Indigenous Vegetables in - Southern Nakuru County, Working Papers Series 2018-2020, Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche e Aziendali, Università di Pavia <http://economieweb.unipv.it/2018/01/09/working-papers-series-2018-2020/>
- Marson M (2019) Cost recovery and light PPPs in African water sector reform. Global Water Forum www.globalwaterforum.org/2019/06/10/cost-recovery-and-light-ppps-in-african-water-sector-reform/
- Parigi GB, Del Bo E, Marson M, Sassi M, Vaggi G (2018) Review and assessment of the Lui Midwifery School Project FINAL REPORT, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2018) 4th Report M&E Project Legal Aid Center for Women and Girls Victims of Violence, Afghanistan Report for Intesa San Paolo, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2017) 3rd Report M&E Project Legal Aid Center for Women and Girls Victims of Violence, Afghanistan Report for Intesa San Paolo, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2017) 3rd Report M&V Lotta alla mortalità materna: accesso al parto assistito e alle emergenze ostetriche presso l'Ospedale di Lui e la Contea di Mundri East, Sud Sudan, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M Vaggi G (2016) "Per capita GDP and well being", White paper
- Marson M (2016) Cinesi in Africa sub sahariana: gli elementi di novità per lo sviluppo della regione, *Points of view, Osservatorio sulle economie-emergenti Torino* <http://osservatorio-economie-emergenti-torino.it/points-of-view.html>
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2016) 1st and 2nd Report M&V Filiere agricole inclusive per uno sviluppo sostenibile dei territori rurali in Bosnia Erzegovina e Albania, Report for Intesa San Paolo, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2016) 1st and 2nd Report M&V Lotta alla mortalità materna: accesso al parto assistito e alle emergenze ostetriche presso l'Ospedale di Lui e la Contea di Mundri East, Sud Sudan. Report for Intesa San Paolo, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2016) 1st and 2nd Report M&E Legal Aid Center for Women and Girls Victims of Violence, Afghanistan Report for Intesa San Paolo, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2016) 1st and 2nd Report M&V Slow Food/Terra Madre Uganda: sconfiggere la povertà rurale attraverso la tutela e la valorizzazione della biodiversità alimentare locale – Uganda. Report for Intesa San Paolo, CICOPS Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Marson M, Montagna Napoleone F, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2015) Monitoring and Evaluation Final Report Project Malawi 3, Report for Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia
- Marson M, Montagna Napoleone F, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2014) Monitoring and Evaluation 7th and 8th Report Project Malawi 3, Report for Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia
- Marson M, Panizza A, Tosti M (2013) Interim Report Planning of Surface Industrial Treatment centre for Improved Values of Electroplating sector in Guiyang Eco Industrial Park (China), Report for the Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection, Progetti e Ambiente Geapower.
- Marson M, Montagna Napoleone F, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2013) Monitoring and Evaluation 4th 5th and 6th Project Malawi 3, Report for Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia
- Marson M et al. (2012) Etude D'impact Environnemental Et Social (Eies) Du Projet De Forage d'un Puits D'exploration dans le Bloc Ndunda par Eni Rd Congo, Amec Milano.
- Marson M, Montagna Napoleone F, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2012) Monitoring and Evaluation 1st 2nd and 3rd Report Project Malawi 3. First Mission Report, Report for Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia

Marson M, Montagna Napoleone F, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2012) Monitoring and Evaluation Final Report Project Malawi 2, Report for Fondazione Cariplo e Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia
www.developmentofpeoples.org/uploads/analysis/analysis9th_report-final_PM2_6-02-2012-1.pdf

Danieli L, Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2011) Monitoring and Evaluation Project Malawi 2 – 6th 7th and 8th report, IUSS Pavia

Danieli L, Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2010) Monitoring and Evaluation Project Malawi 2 – 4th and 5th report + Second mission report, IUSS Pavia

Danieli L, Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2009) Monitoraggio e Valutazione 2nd and 3rd Rapporto Project Malawi 2, Report for Fondazione Cariplo e Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia

Danieli L, Marson M, Parigi GB, Vaggi G (2009) Monitoraggio e Valutazione 1st Rapporto di Missione Project Malawi 2, Report for Fondazione Cariplo e Intesa San Paolo, IUSS Pavia

Marson M (2007) "Survey report social economic survey in the villages of Mawengi, Madunda and Lupande, Report for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Project AID: 7757/ACRA/TANZANIA, Acra Milano

Marson M (2006) "Le regioni di Obiettivo 2 e gli indicatori della nuova programmazione 2007-2013" in Rappelli F "Documenti di supporto alla programmazione comunitaria 2007/2013" 2005E005 IReR, Milano.

Marson M (2005) "Economic and Financial Feasibility of Project Proposal: Water supply and sanitation in 14 villages in Njombe District", Cost Benefit Analysis prepared for ACP-EU Water Facility, ACRA

Savoldelli A, Borga F, Marson M, Medici A (2004) "La valutazione delle reti del terzo settore" Equal – Agenzia di cittadinanza, Milano 2004 agesol.it/PDF_fast/progetti/S27_ValutazioneReti_Progetto_ORFEO.pdf

Marson M, Lettieri E (2004) D1.2 Primary care and risk management: sociological and methodological perspectives, Building Knowledge driven and dynamically networked communities within European healthcare systems, Report for Research Project IST-2002-507126, EU FP6, Associazione Impresa Politecnico

Marson M, Bonomi P (2004) D1.3 ICT penetration among General Practitioners, A survey in Lombardia and Epiro regions, Building Knowledge driven and dynamically networked communities within European healthcare systems, Report for Research Project IST-2002-507126, EU FP6, Associazione Impresa Politecnico

Marson M "Fecondità e genere", Manitese, 10.2000.

Referee activity and academic titles

Dec 2018-present	Member of Executive Committee AISSEC Italian Association for the Study of Comparative Economic Systems
Date	2020
Journal	Scienza e pace
Date	2020
Journal	Utilities Policy
Date	2019
Journal	European Transport
Date	2017
Call for proposals	Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales – IAEN, Ecuador
Date	2017
Journal	Heliyon, Elsevier
Date	2017
Journal	World Development, Elsevier
Date	2016
Journal	Habitat International, Elsevier
2014-present	Member of the CRIEL Centre of Research on the Internationalization of the Local Economies Department of Economics, University of Insubria, Varese
Academic year 2007-2008.	Member of the master thesis defense committee for Master in Analysis and Management of Development Projects, University of Milan http://www.facoltaspes.unimi.it/

Languages

Mother tongue **Italian**

Other languages

	Understanding		Speaking	Writing
	Listening	Reading		
English	C1	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	B2	C1	B1	B1
French	B2	C1	B1	B1
Kiswahili	A2	A1	A2	A1