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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.



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Marzia

Master in Econom and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics, DD with
Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen (2025)

2026 – Pre-doc in Social Statistics at Unifi

Analyzing and combining statistical, administrative, and digital data to investigate violence and bullying involving minors.

2026 Project Collaborator (IVY Programme) at ICGEB, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology

Communication and project management for two Interreg cross-border cooperation project between Italy and Austria.



Sara

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2025)

2026 – Junior Research Fellow at Bocconi University (Green Research Centre and Dondena Center)

Contributing to academic research projects related to social inclusion, labor and development economics, with a particular focus on school drop-out, paternity leave and affordable housing.

2025 Data Analyst at American Express Italia

Performed deep data analysis on digital cards, app and brand campaigns.



Sara

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics, DD with
Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen (2025)

2025 – Research assistant at the Research
Unit “Pensions and Sustainable Financial
Markets” at the Leibnitz Centre for
European Economics Research in
Mannheim (ZEW)

Research interests: Household finance, financial
literacy, and financial education.

Currently working on several evaluations of
financial education interventions and the design
of a financial literacy monitoring survey Germany.

2025 – Research assistant and PhD
candidate in Economics at the University of
Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU)



Chiara

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2025)

2026 – Research Assistant at Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA)

EMEA is a think tank working on applied economic research and policy analysis, with a focus on sustainable development, innovation, and resilience in the Euro-Mediterranean region.



Chiara

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2025)

2026 – Junior Economists Intern at Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Contributing to a technical study on farmers' incentives and Integrated Soil Fertility Management practices through literature review and agricultural data analysis, within FAO's Agrifood Economics and Policy Division



Giovanni

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2024)

2025 – PhD Candidate in Economics at
Università di Torino & Collegio Carlo
Alberto

Research interests at the intersection between
development, history and institutional
economics

2024 - 2025 Pre-Doc research assistant at
CEMFI (Madrid)

Contributing to academic research projects
related to Family, Labor and Development
Economics, with a particular focus on fertility
and female labor market outcomes.



Bernardo

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2024)

2024 – External Suppliers Management at Louis Vuitton

Working at Louis Vuitton as an *External Suppliers Management Officer*, supporting in overseeing six suppliers, representing around 800 workers in total. Daily interaction with top managers from partner companies, dealing with key topics such as production flows, compliance, sustainability, and ethics.



Lorenzo

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2023)

2025 – PhD Candidate in Economics
at Goethe University Frankfurt
(GSEFM)

Research interests: Development Economics,
Labour Economics, Child Labour.

2024 -- Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow
at University of Goettingen and
Center for Modern Indian Studies
(CeMIS)



Cecilia

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2023)

2024 – PhD Candidate in
Development Economics at
University of Florence

Research interests: Gender disparities, Social norms, intra-household dynamics, and women's participation in the labour market.



Annika

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics, DD with
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (2024)

2025 - Junior Advisor with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) with a focus on Resilient Rural Areas: Project Manager at the Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative which is hosted by GIZ

Within my GIZ project we advise the German Ministry of Development on all aspects related to rural areas and land. With the ELD Initiative we work with a broad global network of researchers, universities, NGOs or decision makers at the science-policy interface to make the values of land count in political decisions. We provide economic evidence, such as valuations and cost-benefit analyses on land and ecosystems, to support transformative land solutions

2024 - Intern with GIZ focusing on Private Sector Engagement within development cooperation



Laura

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2023)

**2023 – Scholarship from the PRIN
financed project IDEATES**

Analysis on database from ISTAT and research
on literature on energy transition.

**2024 – PhD Candidate in Social
Sciences for Sustainability and
Wellbeing at University of Florence**

Research interests: Ecological Macroeconomics.



Marianna

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2023)

2024 – Research Assistant at the
Migration Policy Group, Brussels

2023 -- Internship at the Joint
Research Centre of the European
Commission

2023 -- Research Assistant at the
Migration Policy Group, a Brussels-
based non profit think tank



Lamin

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2023)

2023 – PhD studentship at the Doctoral College of the University of Hertfordshire

Research interest: The effects of inflation on low-income households and the operational costs of foodbanks.

The research aims to investigate the demand and supply side conditions of the current market via the disposable income of low-income households and the operational costs of foodbanks



Clara

Master in Economics and Development
Curriculum in Development Economics (2022)

**2023 – Socio-economic Analyst at the
Association Entraide Pierre Valdo (Saint-
Etienne, France)**

The association specialises in child protection and assistance & support to refugees.

Attached to the Reporting & Data department, Clara is responsible for creating a set of tools allowing to consolidate activity data from its various establishments: monitoring, data analysis and reporting.



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**

Research Interest at the intersections between Gender Studies, Social Media Studies, Behavioral and Development Economics.

In her dissertation, Luise employs 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**

Research interest in 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

Member of a research teams working with community partners to address local socioeconomic issues. The team supports EndPovertyEdmonton's research needs in tackling poverty in Edmonton.

As the in-house economist, Alfredo's 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.

Tommaso's 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)**

Research on agriculture and development. In particular, Giulia carries 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**

Research interests on 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

Research interests mainly in development, labour and feminist economics. For what concerns research methods, Alessandra's focus is on microeconometrics and policy impact evaluation techniques.



Sara

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

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

Think tank on Mediterranean Region



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

Giulio's Ph.D research is about 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, Francesco is responsible for the Monitoring and Evaluation of projects.

Francesco's 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 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

After the master, Eugenia earned 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, Margherita got several positions in FAO and in IFAD, first as intern and then 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.



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

Dario manages EU-funded projects in the fields of
environment and sustainable development.
Other tasks include reporting, market research
and data analysis.