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ABOUT ME

Citizen engagement in R&I processes and policies and Open Science and Responsible Research and Innovation (ORRI) expert.

Copernico Medal - University of Bologna Alumni Award 2025 “for her commitment to generating a synergy between scientific research and social responsibility, and for promoting knowledge as a public good.”

WORK EXPERIENCE

🏢 **Politecnico di Milano** – Milan, Italy

City: Milan | Country: Italy | Website: <https://www.gsom.polimi.it/course/master-management-research-innovation-technology/>

Responsible Research and Innovation Adjunct Professor

[2021 – Current]

Scientific Board member and Adjunct Professor in Open Science and RRI (ORRI) and Citizen Engagement for the Executive Master in Management of Research, Innovation and Technology.

Faculty member of the Polimi Graduate School of Management.

Citizen Engagement and RRI consultant for workshops addressed to firms.

🏢 **EU Commission (Research Executive Agency - REA; European Research Council Executive Agency - ERCEA)** – Brussels, Belgium

City: Brussels | Country: Belgium

Independent Evaluator and High-Level Expert

[2019 – Current]

High-Level expert for the Mutual Learning Exercise in Public Engagement in R&I (2024-2025)

Selected member of the Core Group (leading team) of the Community of Practice for designing the Code of Practice of Citizen Engagement for Knowledge Valorisation (without remuneration; 2023).

Jury expert (Involve - Citizen Science section) for the ERC “Public Engagement with Research” Award (2022).

Independent expert evaluator of project proposals (Science With and For Society, Horizon 2020; WIDERA, Cluster 6, Horizon Europe).

🏢 **Fondazione Giannino Bassetti** – Milan, Italy

City: Milan | Country: Italy | Website: <https://www.fondazionebassetti.org/en/>

International Initiatives Scientific Coordinator (In-house consultant)

[10/2010 – Current]

Project designer and manager for international initiatives, experienced in design, implementation and evaluation of national and EU Research and Innovation (R&I) policies.

Citizen engagement, Open Science and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) lecturer in master classes and workshops for research and innovation managers, researchers, communication officers, entrepreneurs, TT officers, and policymakers.

Project Coordinator of Horizon EU REINFORCING (designing and implementing an EU virtual hub for Open and Responsible Research and Innovation with coordination of 7 schemes of cascading grant open calls; January 2023 - February 2027) and EU H2020 TRANSFORM (citizen engagement in regional R&I policymaking; 2020-2022).
Citizen engagement expert for the HEU CO-VALUE project (Citizen engagement in knowledge valorization processes; 2024-2026) and for the Interreg GINEVRA project (responsible governance of autonomous vehicles; 2023-2026).
Deputy Coordinator of EU H2020 SMART-map (RRI in industrial Synbio, Precision Medicine and 3D Printing in Biomedicine; 2016-2018) and H2020 MOSAIC (Citizen Innovation in the context of the EU Mission in Climate-neutral and Smart Cities; 2021 - 2023).
RRI expert in EU H2020 ENLIGHT project (development of a 3D bioprinter for pancreatic tissue; 2022-2025) and in EU FP7 RRI Tools project (RRI Toolkit for R&I actors; 2017-2019).
Advisory Board member of EU H2020 Super MoRRI (monitoring RRI; 2020 - 2023).
Designer and Coordinator of Lombardy Region Forum for Research and Innovation for the responsible governance of regional R&I (2019-2022).

 **Zanichelli editore Spa** – Bologna, Italy

City: Bologna | Country: Italy

Science Writing Consultant and Author

[09/2008 – Current]

School science books editor, science journalist and science non-fiction author.

Selection:

- Co-author of "Curarsi nel futuro" on gene editing and stem cells therapies: <https://www.zanichelli.it/ricerca/prodotti/curarsi-nel-futuro>;
- Editorial co-coordinator and science journalist of Auladiscienze (auladiscienze.scuola.zanichelli.it);
- Editor of reviews on frontier research in Biology (in English) - Invito alla biologia – H.Curtis, N.Sue Barnes.

 **formicablu srl** – Bologna, Italy

City: Bologna | Country: Italy | Website: <https://www.formicablu.it/en/home-en/>

Partner and Project Designer and Manager (In-house consultant)

[2006 – Current]

Project designer/manager for general public and school projects related to science, technology, open science, and open data.

Chair of national and international public events related to science, technology, open science, and open data.

Science writer of audio products and web series plots for research organizations.

Science communication and public engagement in science lecturer in master classes and workshops for researchers and communication officers.

Work-group coordinator.

Selection:

- HEU MEET (EU Researchers' Night in Milan) communication actions coordination (2024-2025);
- Design and running of Public Communication of Science and Public Engagement workshops for researchers of the University of Bologna, Politecnico of Turin, Bicocca University (Milan), Ca' Foscari University (Venice) (2012 - ongoing).
- Design and running of Public Communication of Science course (6 workshops) for Fondazione Cariplo grantees (researchers) (2020);
- H2020 SOCIETY (EU Researchers' Night in Bologna and Romagna) communication actions coordination (2016-2017);
- Coordination and organization of the Bologna heat event for FameLab Italy 2012 and 2013 (contest for researchers on public communication);
- Coordination and producer (podcasts, interviews) of InsidER, stories of research and researchers in Emilia-Romagna region, funded by Emilia-Romagna Region (June 2012 - December 2012).

 **Freelance**

Science journalist

[2006 – Current]

Past experiences: Il Venerdì (Weekly supplement of La Repubblica- Italian daily newspaper); Le scienze (Italian edition of Scientific American); Wired Italy (magazine and website- Italian edition of Wired US); Pagina 99 (Italian weekly newspaper); L'Unità (Italian daily newspaper); L'Espresso (Italian weekly magazine), Mente e Cervello (Italian edition of Scientific American-Mind); Il Riformista (Italian daily newspaper).

 **Associazione Diritto di Sapere** – Milano, Italy

City: Milano | Country: Italy

Project Manager

[02/2013 – 06/2015]

Project manager for open data national initiatives and projects.

 **Zadig srl** – Milan - Rome , Italy

City: Milan - Rome | Country: Italy

Communication officer

[01/2007 – 03/2011]

Communication officer for EU FP7 CIRCE project (climate change impacts in the Mediterranean area; 2007-2011). Activities: Website contents; Audio and written interviews; News and newsletters production; Activities with science museums; Info-material production; Social research on scientists' perception of public communication of science.

 **University of Bologna** – Bologna, Italy

City: Bologna | Country: Italy

Project and Communication Manager

[01/01/2005 – 31/12/2006]

Project and Communications Manager of EU FP6 BIOPOP project (public communication of life sciences; 2005-2006). Activities: project management, communication plan and activities, website contents, participative methods, social research.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Fellow in Science, Technology and Society

Science, Technology and Society Program - JFK School, Harvard University [09/2010 – 12/2010]

City: Cambridge (MA) | Country: United States | Field(s) of study: STS, Sociology of Science, Science and Law

PhD in Law and New Technologies (Bioethics)

University of Bologna [01/2008 – 06/2011]

City: Bologna | Thesis: Dissertation thesis in communication of science in end-of-life law and judicial realms in Italy

Master of Science in Science Communication

SISSA – International School for Advanced Studies [11/2005 – 02/2008]

City: Trieste | Country: Italy | Final grade: 30/30 cum laude

Laurea degree in Biotechnology

University of Bologna [1997 – 2004]

City: Bologna | Country: Italy | Thesis: Experimental thesis in Cellular Physiology (siRNA)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Italian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

Spanish

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

French

LISTENING A2 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Browsing and searching, as well as evaluating and organising data and information / Digital identity management / Creating and editing digital content / Podcasting / Solving technical problems, identifying technological solutions and using technologies creatively / Interacting, sharing and collaborating through digital technologies

PUBLICATIONS

[2025]
Public engagement in ERA – Mutual learning exercise on public engagement in R&I – Fourth thematic report

Authors: Angela Simone | Publisher: Publications Office of the European Union

European Commission: Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Public engagement in ERA – Mutual learning exercise on public engagement in R&I – Fourth thematic report, Publications Office of the European Union, 2025

[2021]
Give citizens a seat at the table

Nature Italy

[2020]
RRI legacies: co-creation for responsible, equitable and fair innovation in Horizon Europe

Journal of Responsible Innovation

[2020]
Coronavirus: Lombardy lessons for policy and governance

Nature

[2020]
Engaging stakeholders in bioprinting research: Views and concerns of microtia patients' parents on bioprinted auricular cartilage

Journal of Plastic Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery

[2018]
Steering research and innovation through RRI. What horizon for Europe?

JCom - Journal of Science Communication

[2018]
Introduction to "Science, society and citizens: suggestions (and hopes) on how to foster RRI in Horizon Europe"

JCom - Journal of Science Communication

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Coordinator and manager of international collaborative work groups

Strong leadership and team management skills

Excellent ability to plan work and achieve goals within set deadlines

Experienced in working in international and multicultural environments

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Experienced moderator and chair of public events at both national and international levels

Selection:

- Chair of the panel Panel “Building Inclusivity Upstream: Engaging Diverse Actors in the Development of New Technologies” at the OECD High-Level Conference “Innovation with and For Society” (Online, December 2021);
- Moderator of the panel “Citizens and the Digital Society” within the event “Towards a good AI society” (European Parliament - Brussels, November 2018);
- Moderator of Premio Galileo (science book award) events, committed by Municipality of Padua, 2011- 2015, Padua (Italy).