

CURRICULUM VITAE

Sara Caria

EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD in Social Sciences (Research line Applied Economics), University of Salamanca, Spain. Dissertation: *Patrones de especialización y cambio de la matriz productiva en Ecuador, 2006-2015*.
Thesis ascribed to the field of Economics, final note: *sobresaliente cum laude*
- 2000 Master in Development and Cooperation, European School of Advanced Studies in Cooperation and Development, University of Pavia, Italy
- 1998 Graduate in International and Diplomatic Sciences, University of Trieste, Italy

RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS

- 2022–present Researcher, Department of Communication and Economics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy. Taught course: Economics of growth.
- 2017–2022 Associate Professor, Department of Public Economics, Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador
Taught courses: Macroeconomics, Fundamentals of Economics (blended on-line modality), Ecological Economics, International Relations (blended on-line modality), Development Theory, Thesis Seminars
- 2015–2017 Professor, Department of International Relations, Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador
Taught courses: Development Theory, International Cooperation and Development, South-South Cooperation and Integration
- 2012–2013 Professor, Department of International Relations, Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador
Taught courses: Research methods, Development Theory, International Monetary System

VISITING PROFESSOR

Scuola Normale Superiore, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Firenze, Italy. Research: Policies for productive diversification and economic reactivation post Covid in Ecuador. September 2020-August 2021.

University of Cantabria, Master in International Cooperation, Santander, Spain. Taught course on *Project Management: Financial and Technical Monitoring*. February 2014.

Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador. Taught course on Development Theory. October 2014.

Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador. Taught course on International Cooperation for Local Authorities. November 2011.

Central University of Ecuador, Postgraduate Institute of Agronomy, Master in Rural Development. Taught course on *Microfinance and Local Development Financing*. June 2002.

WORK EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- Jul / Jun 2015 **Team Leader and Country Director, Ecuador**
Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti - COSPE
Via Slataper, 10, 50134, Florence, Italy

Main duties: Technical assistant in the European Commission financed Project: “Strengthening of Public Finance Planning and Management for local authorities of the northern frontier in Ecuador, through the implementation of result oriented approach”. In charge of relations with European Union Delegation and project planning and monitoring.

2006/2012 **Team leader and Country Director, Ecuador**
Fondazione ACRA
Via Lazzaretto 3 - 20124 Milan, Italy

Main duties: Overall responsibility for the development of the country programme: legal and institutional representation, coordination and networking with the government, donors and other development actors; Recruitment, selection and supervision of personnel (responsible for a multicultural and multi-ethnic staff of 30 people); supervising project managers and providing them with methodological orientation and Support; financial planning, budgetary monitoring and financial reporting; writing of project proposals, negotiation of implementing and financing agreements with local authorities and local NGO partners.

2005/2006 **Microfinance Expert, Bolivia**
Fondazione ACRA
Via Lazzaretto 3 - 20124 Milan, Italy

Main duties: technical assistance to local rural small producers' organization (coffee producers and llama breeders) for the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of credit funds.

2000/2005 **Project Manager**
Fondazione ACRA
Via Lazzaretto 3 - 20124 Milan, Italy

Main duties: Project Manager in two European Commission financed initiatives, based in Quito, Ecuador. In charge of technical and financial planning and supervision, report writing, coordination with local partners.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Technical and financial evaluation of projects, within the framework of the debt relief agreement between Italy and Ecuador, 2021 Environment Call for proposals. Contracting authority: Fondo Italo-Ecuadoriano per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile, FIEDS. June-July 2021.

Policy proposal for the strengthening of a Citizen Participation System in the northern Province of Carchi, Ecuador. Contracting authority: Carchi Province Government, 2019.

Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) for European Commission financed project “Management of *Anadara tuberculosa*, food security of mangrove families in three pacific coast countries, Colombia, Ecuador y Peru”. Contracting authority: European Union Delegation for Ecuador, January 2014.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

“Policies for productive diversification and economic reactivation post Covid in Ecuador”, Scuola Normale Superiore (visiting scholar), 2020-2021. Project coordinator.

“Emerging economies as new actors of South-South cooperation: trade, investment and technical cooperation between Turkey and Ecuador, 2011-2018”, Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, 2020-2021. Project coordinator.

“Ecuador’s economic and productive structure: historical trajectory, challenges and opportunity for productive transformation”, within the framework of regional Latin American project *FES-Transformaciones*, funded by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), 2018-2019. In charge the research in Ecuador.

“Structural change and export diversification in Ecuador”, Università Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador / Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, 2014. Research under the supervision of PhD thesis director.

COLLABORATIONS

Member of the experts roster of Programme for Country Partnership (CPC), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) since 2021.

Member of Research Group on Resources-based Growth, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), since 2020.

Member of the Research Group on *South-South Cooperation and Integration* of REEDS network (Red Española de Estudios del Desarrollo) network, since 2016 and of the Euro Latin-American Network in *International Cooperation*, since 2019.

Member of a consultation panel with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, Department of International Cooperation and other local authorities, in charge of institutional building activities, training, organization of conferences. 2017-2020.

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Co-organizer of “International Debate: responsible consumption and circular economy”, Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador, November 2019

Co-organizer of “Seminario internacional Pasado y presente de la cooperación internacional: una perspectiva crítica desde las teorías del Sistema Mundo”, Università della Calabria, Cosenza, Italy, June 2019

Co-organizer of "International Forum of Social Economy. Panel of circular economy", Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador, February 2019

PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (2018-2023)

“New commodity, old dependency? Exploring the impact of the transition to electric mobility in South American Lithium Triangle”, *XXII AISSEC Scientific Conference (Re)discovering the drivers of economic development*, Pescara, June 2022.

“ A case of a digitalized assembly line within the Industry 4.0 framework”, *30th GERPISA Colloquium*, Detroit, USA, June 2022.

“The management of natural resource rents in Andean countries during the rise and fall of commodities’ prices (2004-2019)”, *XXI Scientific conference comparative perspectives on economic development and inequalities*, Urbino, Italy, October 9th, 2020.

“¿Inversores y cooperantes emergentes? La Inversión Extranjera y la Cooperación Internacional de Turquía en Ecuador entre 2011 y 2018”, *V Congreso de Estudios del Desarrollo*, Bilbao, May 2020.

“International Development Agendas as an ideological instrument for new and old powers”, *Seminario internacional ‘Pasado y presente de la cooperación internacional: una perspectiva crítica desde las teorías del Sistema Mundo’*, Cosenza, Italy, June 2019.

“The win-win consensus: how globalization eliminated conflict from today’s development debate”, *18th Historical Materialism Athens Conference*, Athens, Greece, April 2019.

“Neoestructuralismo, regionalismo abierto y problemas ambientales: lecciones para el nuevo TLCAN”, *IV Congreso de Estudios del Desarrollo*, Córdoba, Spain, December 2018.

“Fine chocolate value chain in Ecuador: an opportunity for integrating rural smallholders and firms in Ecuador”, *13th Wageningen International Conference on Chain and Network Management: Managing Sustainability and Innovation in Networks and Chains*”, Ancona, Italy, July 2018.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Member of the Research Group on South-South Cooperation and Integration and of the Euro Latin-American Network in International Cooperation. Both groups gather researchers from several Latin American countries (Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico), Italy and Spain.

Coordinator of monographic number of the Review *Estado & Comunes*, 1 (6), 2018, “(Des)estructuración de los regímenes de bienestar en América Latina: ¿desaceleración económica y cambio de ciclo político?”.

Peer-reviewer of the following Reviews: *América Latina Hoy*, *Third world Quarterly*, *Revista Iberoamericana de Estudios del Desarrollo*, *Journal of Latin American Geography*.

LANGUAGES

Italian (native speaker)

Spanish (fluent speaking, reading and writing)

English (fluent speaking, reading and writing)

French (conversational and reading ability)

German (basic knowledge)