

Francesca Greco

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Skills

- Advanced university degree in international relations and Master of Science in Development studies with focus on Water Policy. PhD Candidate at King's College, London - Geography Dept.
- Seven years of progressively responsible work as Project Coordinator, including Project/programme writing, development, planning, implementation, technical and financial management and evaluation.
- Experience at international level in Europe , Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East in the field of water management
- Collaboration with FAO, WWF Italia, WWF Abruzzo, UNESCO, CARE International UK, Italian Council of Research (CNR)
- Deep knowledge of the key international, regional and European and policies related to environment, conservation and sustainable development.
- Strong connection with the Academic World (US Geophysics Union, London Water Research Group, Italian CNR National Research Council, Resilience Centre in Stockholm).
- Fluency in oral and written French, English and Spanish . Italian mother tongue. Good oral and written translation skills.

Summary

CURRENT POSITION (2011-) :

acting as Gender Focal Point, in charge of Regional Political Process at UN WWAP UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme Perugia - Italy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: PAST POSITIONS

ITALY

2006- 2011 : Project Coordinator at WWF Abruzzo for EU program "Youth in Action" (2006-2011)

2008 : consultant for FAO-water (AQUASTAT update) - Rome

2007 :consultant for the International Cooperation office: WWF Abruzzo/Congo DRC / WWF Italy.

2006: consultant for: Italia- Ghana Institute (Rome), WWF Abruzzo,

2006-2008: Project writer for the Fair Trade Network- Italy, Eritrean Community in Abruzzo Region (Italy), CISPERT(International Centre for Local development),Pescara

GHANA:

2005/2006 : UNESCO, water and culture specialist UNVolunteers

UNITED KINGDOM:

2004 CARE International UK, trainee

SPAIN:

2003 : Solidaridad Internacional – (Spanish International NGO) :

Leonardo Programme Award for traineeship

JORDAN:

2002 : Italian Embassy, Italian Council of Research (CNR) : field research in water policy+ internship at the Italian Embassy in Amman

EDUCATION

- **ONGOING: PhD** : “Virtual water trade from non renewable aquifers”, King's College London - Department of Geography: tinyurl.com/waterfra

My research focuses on testing the relevance of exports of food commodities from arid countries using non renewable water sources to the benefit of the global consumer's market. In doing this I will explore the applicability of two new concepts: the “virtual water paradox ”

(also considered as “bad virtual water”) and the “hydro –metabolism of nations” , a concept deriving from socio-economic metabolism and historical materialism theories. The purpose of the study is to increase understanding of the role that virtual water trade has silently played in a global consumers' market, in water ethics, social inequality and indigenous people's right to water. The theoretical background will take the power-analysis of the London Water Research Group, the virtual water and water footprint theories, and expand those inputs into the analysis of the water-food-trade nexus. Case studies will be based on field research regarding virtual water trade in Italy and Spain while data analysis will also include the Middle East and North Africa region and some particularly interesting cases from Peru and China.

- **Multidisciplinary research** team on hydrologic synthesis . at MIT, Boston-CUAHSI 06/2008 - 08/2008 **Research Grant award: (3500 US \$)**
- **Master of Science in Development Studies** at School of Oriental and African Studies, SOAS, University of London – UK : 09/2003 - 09/2004
Within this course of study I dedicated myself to the Water Policy Course and seminars run by Professor Tony Allan. Other courses: “gender and development”, “development practice”, “development economics” and “theory of development”. The specialization in “Water and Water policy” was at King's College/Soas department of Geography. Dissertation in water policy: “The Disi project and the Unity Dam: two cases of water securitization in the Middle East” under the supervision of prof . Tony Allan.
- **Laurea, University Degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences** with specialization in development studies at University of Bologna : FORLì 10/1998 - 02/2003
Within this course of study, the focus was on international relations, development economics, development theory, sociology of development countries, anthropology of development countries, micro-macro & international economics, history of Africa, Latin America, Middle East and North America.
Dissertation in Development Economics: ‘Jordanian hydropolitics and the Disi project: a study on environmental sustainability’

Other Trainings

- project-management at ILEX, Italian Landscapes Explorations “Participative approach and project management in small rural areas” 10/2007 - 10/2007 <http://www.ilexitaly.com/>
- multi-cultural education and non-formal learning at SALTO-YOUTH 05/2007 - 05/2007 http://www.salto-youth.net/static/downloads/training_downloads.php/1371/Cut%20the%20ice%20outline%20%2B%20programme%20.doc.
- training course on Knowledge Management for the Water Sector at TREND-IRC: Ghana (Kumasi) (IRC= International Water and Sanitation Centre, the Netherlands) 06/2005 - 06/2005 <http://www.irc.nl/page/2072>

Languages

- Italian: mother tongue
- English: Fluent written and spoken. (Test of English as a foreign language, plus academic proficiency)
- Spanish: Fluent written and spoken. International diploma DELE (diploma of Spanish as a foreign language, intermediate level)
- French: Good written and spoken

PUBLICATIONS

2014

Patrick MJ, Greco F, Hepworth N, Connell D & Conrad J. (In Prep for 2014) The Social-Environmental Justice of Groundwater Management. In: Jakeman T, Barreteau O, Hunt R, Rinaudo J-D, & Ross A. (Eds) Integrated Groundwater Management. Springer.

2013:

* "L'acqua Che Mangiamo" Edited book, by Francesca Greco and Marta Antonelli, Edizioni Ambiente, Milano, Italy

2011

* L'acqua virtuale in Italia: tipologie e sostenibilità- (co-authored with Marta Antonelli) in - "Il libro blu sullo spreco dell'acqua in Italia " - edizioni ambiente- Bologna 2011

2010

*Tapping Environmental History to Recreate America's Colonial Hydrology" - ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY / VOL. 44, NO. 23, 2010 - co-authored

2008:

*The Disi aquifer in Jordan: an external / internal analysis -Water International, December 2008: Co-authored with Eugenia Ferragina;

*Humans in Biogeophysical Models: Colonial Period Human-Environment Interactions in the Northeastern United States. Poster presented at the American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, December 2008, San Francisco CA. Co-authored with Parolari, Anthony, F. Greco, M. Green, C. Hermans, and M. Lally;

*Exploring Hydrologic Dynamics During the Colonial Era in the Northeastern United States. Poster presented at the CUAHSI Biennial Colloquium on Hydrologic Science and Engineering, July 2008, Boulder CO. Co-authored by Duncan, Jon, S. Brandt, F. Greco, H. Kim, S. Kumar, M. Lally, A. Munoz-Hernandez, A. Parolari, C. Pastore, N. Salant, K. Zalzal, and M. Green;

*The WWF-Congo RDC best practices in the field of eco-tourism and environmental preservation- an experience in Abruzzo - "De Rerum Natura- n. 03 /2008 " (in Italian)

*The application of the TWINS model of analysis to the Jordanian/Saudi Arabia water dispute• , June 2008, London School of Economics, London Water Research Group " London occasional paper

2006

*Water and Environment: the Disi aquifer case in Jordan• , Second World Congress on Middle Eastern Studies, June 2006, Amman, Jordan- conference proceedings;

*Hydro-hegemony and Hydro-political Complexes. A Preliminary Assessment of the West Africa Case• , London Water Issue Group SOAS/King's College, co-authored with Frederic Julien- conference paper;

2005

*The securitization of the Disi aquifer: a silent conflict between Jordan and Saudi Arabia• , Occasional paper no. 74 given in the occasion of the First Hydro-Hegemony Workshop at SOAS/King's College Water Issue Group May 2005 available at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/waterissues/occasional.html#adaptive>;

*La Diga dell'Unità e l'acquedotto Disi-Amman: due casi di messa in sicurezza delle risorse idriche in Medio Oriente• , Review IPALMO " Politica Internazionale• June 2005; (In Italian)

2004

The Right Based Approach mainstreaming in the EMPOWERS project• , Care International UK website;

2003

Giordania, vecchie politiche idriche causeranno un pesante bilancio ambientale• , Review Afriche e Orienti• no 3 / 4 year V (2003); (in Italian)

2002

The International Cooperation between Italy and Jordan 1967-2000• , Italian Embassy in Amman (Jordan), Cooperation Office.

Domenica Grillo