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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK
NATIONALITY: Italian
LANGUAGES: Italian: Mother tongue; English: Fluent; French: Intermediate; Spanish: Basic
THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Rwanda, DRC, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Timor Leste, Nepal, Brasil

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2007 - 2013 **PhD in Economics**, University of Sussex, UK
2005 - 2006 **M.A. in Development Economics** (with distinction), University of Sussex, UK
1996 - 2001 **BSc. In Economics**, Bocconi University, Italy

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

May 2014 – PRESENT **Research Fellow**, Institute of Development Studies, UK.
2010 – 2011 **Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher**, AMID-CEPR Programme, Paris School of Economics, France.

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

March 2018-Present: Research team member, Strengthening Quality Learning Environments and Education Systems in DRC and Niger. (Europe Aid).
Jan 2018-Present: Research team member, REALISE Girls Education Challenge project in Democratic Republic of Congo (DFID funded).
December 2017-Present: Consultant, Humanitarian Disasters and Adolescents well-being (UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research).
Sept 2017-Present: Research team member, Early Childhood Development Programme (British Academy).
Apr 2017-Present: Member of evaluation team, Private Enterprise Programme Ethiopia (DFID funded).
Apr 2017-Present: Research team member, Gender and Energy Research Programme (DFID funded).
May-June 2016: Consultancy for ActionAid on the interlinkages between women's economic inequality and Violence against women and girls.
May 2014 – May 2015: Research team member, Domestic Violence in Ghana: Prevalence, Incidence and Causes, Incidence Study for DFID Ghana and the Domestic Violence Secretariat of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP).
Nov 2013 – March 2014: Research consultant for the Understanding Children's Work project, an inter-agency research cooperation programme (International Labour Organization, UNICEF, and the World Bank), Rome, Italy.
Oct 2012 – Jan 2013: Research Assistant for Professor Sonia Bhalotra, CMPO, University of Bristol.
2010 – 2011: Consultant for a MicroCon and World Bank project on Gender and Conflict.
Oct – Dec 2008: Research Assistant for the Department of Institutional Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University. Coordinator: Professor Carlo Devillanova.
Nov 2006 – Dec 2007: Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods, Università del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro", Italy. Coordinator: Professor Roberta Rabellotti.
Jan – Mar 2007: Research Assistant for a World Bank project on health and poverty in Western Balkans. Coordinator: Professor Mariapia Mendola

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2002 – 2004 **Junior Portfolio Manager**, Quantitative Investment Management Department, Euromobiliare Asset Management Sgr, Milan, Italy.
- Feb - Aug 2002: **Internship**, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, Milan, Italy.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Sept 2017- March 2019 British Academy Early Childhood Development Programme, (£350,000). Member of research team. With P. Justino (PI).
DFID Gender and Energy Research Programme (£420,000). Member of research team. With A. Pueyo.
- 2018-2021 DFID Girls Education Challenge (£270,000). Member of research team.
- 2018-2021 EuropeAid DevCo (£1mln). Title: Strengthening Quality Learning Environments and Education Systems in DRC and Niger. Member of research team.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Oct 2010 – Mar 2011 Early Stage Research Fellowship, Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN).
- 2008-2011 Award for the MA Distinction, University of Sussex, UK.^[1]_{SEP}
- Nov 2006 – Dec 2007 Research Fellowship, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

- Justino, P., **Leone, M.** and Salardi, P. (2014) 'Short and Long-Term Impact of Violence on Education: The Case of Timor Leste', *World Bank Economic Review* 28.2: 320-353.
- Akresh, R., Bhalotra, S., **Leone, M.** and Osili, U. (2012) 'War and Stature: Growing Up During the Nigerian Civil War', *American Economic Review (P&P)* 102.3: 273-77.
- Amighini, A., **Leone, M.** and Rabellotti, R. (2011) 'Persistence versus Change in the International Specialization Pattern of Italy: How much does the "District Effect" Matter?', *Regional Studies* 45.3: 381-401.

WORKING PAPERS

- Leone M. , Women as Decision Makers in Community Forest Management: Evidence from Nepal. September 2017. *Revision requested by Journal of Development Economics*.
- Akresh, R., Bhalotra, S., **Leone, M.** and Osili, U., First and Second Generation impacts of the Biafran War (joint with R. Akresh, S. Bhalotra and U. Osili). August 2017. NBER Working Paper 23721; BREAD Working Paper 520; IZA Discussion Paper 10938; Household in Conflict Network Working Paper 254. *Revision requested by Journal of Human Resources*.
- Justino, P., **Leone, M.** and Salardi, P. (2014) Does War Empower Women? Evidence from Timor Leste, IDS Evidence Report 121, Brighton: IDS.
- Bhalotra, S., **Leone, M.** and Osili, U. (2014) The intergenerational Impacts of Education: Evidence from the Universal Primary Education Programme in Nigeria, [*mimeo*].
- Leone, M.** (2013) Shadow Wages and Child Labour Supply in Agricultural Households in Nepal, [*mimeo*].
- Justino, P., **Leone, M.** and Salardi, P. (2011) Education and Conflict Recovery: The Case of East-Timor, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 5774.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Humanitarian crises and adolescent well-being: knowledge, gaps, and prospects (joint with Jose Cuesta). Working paper