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Experienced Policy Analyst with a strong background in statistical and econometric analysis applied to economic development – especially focused on policies to alleviate poverty and promote universal access to basic services (housing, water and sanitation, energy, education and health).

My core technical skills are: designing and implementing surveys, advanced analytics and impact evaluations, but I have also demonstrated effective leadership and resourcefulness in project management roles. As a life-long learner, I am passionate about exploring new data sources and analytical tools to tackle various public policy challenges.

WORK

- *Ministry of Economics and Finance - Rome:*

Sr. Economic Advisor 2020-present

Member of a task force supporting the preparation of Italy's upcoming G20 Presidency (in 2021)

- *Inter-American Development Bank (Infrastructure - Water Div.) - Washington, DC:*

Research Fellow 2018-2019

Surveys and analysis of supply and demand of Water and Sanitation in Latin America | Key contributor to preparation of 2020 IADB flagship publication on Infrastructure in LAC

- *World Bank (Sustainable Development - two Multilateral Trust Funds) - Washington, DC:*

Sr. Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist 2009-2018

Several feasibility and impact evaluation studies of housing and infrastructure poverty dimensions in rural and urban areas (with special focus on slums) | Design and management of M&E frameworks for multi-donor trust funds (WPP and GPOBA)

- *Inter-American Development Bank (Social Protection & Health Div.) - Washington, DC:*

Policy Analyst 2008-2009

Comparative policy paper on best practices in vocational training and entrepreneurship promotion policies

- *AVSI (Social Inclusion and Education) - Belo Horizonte, Brazil:*

Summer Intern summer 2007

Initiated empirical study of slum electrification project "Conviver" (Belo Horizonte) | Advised on data sharing among AVSI inter-city operations

- *Value Partners S.p.A - Milan, Italy:*

Business Intelligence Analyst 2001-2006

Business intelligence analysis for several Italian clients and their domestic and international operations

EDUCATION

Georgetown University (USA), M.P.P. International Policy & Development 2008

Università di Pavia (Italy), B.S. Economics & Business Administration 2001

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2007/2008 “Ingenio” dissertation grant for scholars abroad - Regione Lombardia (Italy)

2006/2007 “Ambassador of Goodwill” graduate scholarship - Rotary Foundation International

1997/98 “Socrates-Erasmus” scholarship for exchange student - European Union (EU)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer for: “Energy Policy”; “Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists”

Discussant at conference “The Regulation of Public Utilities of the Future in Latin America and the Caribbean”. Inter-American Development Bank. September 5-6, 2018

Focal Point for Water Practice at the World Bank 1st “Geospatial Day”. World Bank headquarters. November 1, 2016

Program Delegate at “World Water Week” conference. Stockholm, Sweden. August 26 - 31, 2012

Expert Moderator at “Regional Impact Evaluation Workshop *Turning Promises into Evidence*” organized by World Bank South Asia Region and the Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF). Dhaka, Bangladesh. October 2011

Fundraising Data Analyst (Pro bono) for Nonprofit Organization [New York Encounter](#)

COURSES AND JOB TRAINING

- Inter-American Development Bank: **Machine Learning (ML)** (7 weeks) 2019
- World Bank: **Household Surveys in the Post-2015 Development Agenda** (2 days) 2018
- MIT-JPAL (*online* EdX): **Evaluating Social Programs** (4 weeks) 2017
- Duke (*online* Coursera): **Managing Big Data with MySQL** (5 weeks) 2017
- MIT-JPAL (*online* EdX): **The Analytics Edge** (9 weeks) 2016
- UC-Davis (*online* Coursera): **Fundamentals of GIS** (4 weeks) 2016
- General Assembly: **SQL Bootcamp** (1 day) 2016
- Duke (*online* Coursera): **Data Analysis and Statistical Inference** (10 weeks) 2015

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), **English** (fluent), **Spanish** (fluent), **Portuguese** (conversational)

SOFTWARE

Statistics (R, Stata, SAS, MS Excel)

Databases (SQL Server, MS Access, Salesforce)

GIS basic knowledge (ArcGIS, QGIS, GeoDa)

Misc. development tools basic knowledge (Git, Github, Unix Shell, AWS services)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Patel, A. Christian Borja-Vega, Mimmi, L.M., Soukup, T., Kolomaznik, J., Marcia, M., Lee, H. Bhan, T. 2019 (Under Review) *Predicting Deprivations in Housing and Basic Services from Space in the Slums of Dhaka*.

Mimmi, L.M. 2014. [From informal to authorized electricity service in urban slums: Findings from a household level survey in Mumbai](#). Energy for Sustainable Development, Vol. 21, pages 66-80.

Mimmi, L.M., and S. Ecer. 2010. *An econometric study of illegal electricity connections in the urban favelas of Belo Horizonte, Brazil*. Energy Policy, Vol. 38(9), pages 5081-5097.

Technical Reports

Mimmi, L.M., Borja-Vega, C., Patel, A., Bhan, T., Mundt, M., Lee, H. Y., Soukup, T. and Kolomaznik, J. 2018. *"Predicting Deprivations in Housing and Basic Services from Space: A Pilot Study in Slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Working Paper"* (pre-print). Washington DC, World Bank.

Rodriguez, D. J.; Suardi, M. A.; Ham, M.; Mimmi, L.M.; Goksu, A. J. 2014. *"Applying results-based financing in water investments"*. Water partnership program (WPP); Water papers. Washington DC, World Bank.

Mimmi, L.M. 2012. *"Assessing the Demand for Improved Electricity in Urban Slums: Findings from a Baseline Household Survey in Mumbai"*. Working Paper. Washington DC, World Bank.

Mimmi, L.M. 2012. *"Should we re-evaluate what to evaluate (and how)?"* GPOBA evaluation notes; no. 1. Washington DC, World Bank.

Johannes, L, Mimmi, L.M., Mumssen Y. 2010. *"A Snapshot of the OBA Universe"*. World Bank, April 2010.

Mimmi, L.M. 2009. *"Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Programs: A Review of Eight Best Practices"*. Washington DC, Social Protection and Health Division, IADB.

Mimmi, L.M. 2008. *"Demand-driven solutions to illegal electricity connections - A preliminary evaluation of the "Conviver" program in the urban favelas of Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Master's Thesis)"*. Georgetown Public Policy Institute; Washington, DC.

Mimmi, L.M. 2001. *"Italian SMEs internationalization patterns within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. (BS's Thesis in Italian)"*. Università di Pavia, Italy.

Invited Presentations

2020 *"Predicting deprivations in housing and basic services from space in slums of Dhaka"*, presented at session *"Case Studies on the impact of Earth Observation"*. At XVIII Milan European Economy Workshop. Milano.

2019 *"Predicting deprivations in housing and basic services from space in slums of Dhaka"*, presented at session *"Drawing policy advice from land data analysis"*. At Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty. Washington D.C.

2017 *"Integrating Multi-Dimensional Data for Inclusive and Sustainable Development of Urban Slums"*. World Bank. Washington D.C.

2014 *"The Water Partnership Program M&E Framework: Lessons Learned"*. World Bank. Washington, D.C.

2012 *"Sampling, WTP and Demand Assessment: Findings from a Household Survey in 3 Urban Slums of Mumbai."*. World Bank. Washington, D.C.

2011 *"OBADATA Website Launch."*. World Bank. Washington, D.C.

2011 *"Result-Based Financing: energy applications around the world"*. EnergyLab. Milano, Italy.

2009 *"Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Programs: Eight Best Practices."*. Inter-American Development Bank. Washington, D.C.

Public Media

Mimmi, L.M. *"Is President Trump holding on to his electoral promise to 'hire American'?"*. July 9, 2019. [Personal Blog](#)

Mimmi, L.M. and Fabiana Machado. *"Technological disruption: a look into the future innovation in water and sanitation."* January 21, 2019. [IADB Water Blog](#)

Mimmi, L.M., Borja-Vega Christian, and Amit Patel. *"Predicting Slum Dwellers' Deprivations from Space: A Pilot Study on Dhaka."* November 15, 2017. [World Bank Water Blog](#)

Mimmi, L.M. *"Open Spatial Data for Resilience in Tanzania: Lessons Learned from 'Dar Ramani Huria.'"* November 15, 2016. [Personal Blog](#)

Mimmi, L.M. *"Sussidiarietà e Sviluppo: L'elettricità nelle Favelas dell'America Latina."* February 28, 2009. (in Italian) [Personal Blog](#).