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I tell stories with data, and can look after the whole process: from the data collection (or scrape) to the data visualization. I am currently project leader at Batjo, a Google DNI-funded project investigating the intersection of journalism, data and digital fabrication. I also engage in data activism practices at InsideAirbnb, with a focus on my city: Venice. When I get the chance, I love teaching data storytelling, especially to students, journalists and activists. Previously, I have worked in Amsterdam as lead data journalist at the startup Silk, a semantic web platform for publishing and visualizing data. In this position, other than producing data journalism content, I have also counselled academia, NGOs and businesses on producing their own data stories. I privilege the use of open source tools and/or of coding. I have a BA in History from the University of Siena (IT) and a MA specializing in data journalism from Tilburg University (NL).

WORK EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER AND PROJECT LEADER · Mar. 2018 - Present
@Batjo · *Project at the intersection of data, journalism and digital fabrication*
- Awarded with Google's DNI Innovation Fund, in December 2017

DATA VISUALS, STORYTELLING AND ACTIVISM · Jan. 2018 - Present
@InsideAirbnb · *Activism project publishing data on Airbnb to foster a factual debate on the topic*
- Data storytelling and activism, with a focus on the impact of Airbnb on local residents in Italian cities

DATA STORYTELLING PROFESSOR · Apr. 2018 - May 2018
@Bologna Business School · *At the University of Bologna*
- Professor for the Module "Data Storytelling" in the Data Science MA

A CAREER GAP FOR A HAPPY FAMILY · Apr. 2016 - Jan 2018
Took time off to start a family, care for my newborn daughter, move abroad, and practice my Python and Yoga

LEAD DATA JOURNALIST & TRAINER · Jan. 2014 - Aug. 2016
@Silk.co · *Startup for data publishing and interactive storytelling. Acquired by Palantir in Aug. 2016*
- Projects featured in The Guardian, Information is Beautiful, Vox, CNN, The Atlantic and other
- Trainer at international and local events (see events section of my website for list)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT · Sept. 2013 - Jan. 2014
@DataJLab · *Virtual lab at Tilburg University on data journalism trends and techniques*
- Co-authored paper with Dr. Stefania Milan on journalism & algorithms. Selected for a panel at "Rethinking Journalism"

JOURNALIST · May. 2013 - Jan. 2014
@Freelancer
- Published data-driven pieces for print and digital Italian outlets, like Wired Italy and datajournalism.it

JOURNALIST TRAINEE · Apr. 2013 - June 2013
@NRC next · *Major Dutch newspaper*

EDUCATION & DEGREES

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

- Infografica e Infoestetica by ISIA Firenze · Florence, Italy (2018)
- Winter University: Using European data for better storytelling · Brussels, Belgium (2016)
- Shift, Shape, Mobilize Workshop by Sourcefabric and n-ost · Odessa, Ukraine (2016)
- Scholarship - Summer School for Journalists & Media Practitioners , European University Institute · Fiesole, Italy (2016)
- Data4Change by SmallMedia and VisualizingImpact · Beirut, Lebanon (2015)
- Young European Journalist Workshop "Data Journalism: big stories & dirty surveillance" · Potsdam, Germany (2014)
- Data Journalism Workshop "Turning Data into Stories" by MediaLab Prado · Madrid, Spain (2013)
- School of Data Journalism, workshops by School of Data · Perugia, Italy (2013)
- See the "Event" section of my website for others

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SCIENCES (MA) · Aug. 2012 - Aug. 2013

@University of Tilburg (The Netherlands)

- Data Journalism Specialization
- Graduated with distinction
- Thesis "Social meets civic: Civic social media and open government data: An inquiry on collaborative fact-checking for citizens' empowerment"
- One of the two students chosen for a data journalism internship at NRC Next (major Dutch newspaper)

HISTORY, TRADITION AND INNOVATION (BA) · Sept. 2008 - July. 2012

@University of Siena (Italy)

- Graduated cum laude
- Thesis analyzing media discourse in Italian newspapers during the 2011 war in Libya and NATO's intervention
- Specialized in the period from the 1789 French Revolution to current days. Elective courses in Philosophy, Human Rights, Economic History and Globalisation