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Personal Statement

Today within our society Journalism is changing and the traditional skills are no longer sufficient. Nowadays being a journalist is much more than just writing for a newspaper or magazine: new media transformed the approach towards Journalism and information. As a five-year experienced journalist, I developed high skills in web-journalism and I can write news and content suitable for different media. I am looking for opportunities and a professional growth in Journalism or in the communication sector. I would playing a key role in shaping the editorial content in line with the brand promise, as well as helping to plan, commission and edit a wide range of editorial features. I am open to accepting either an internship or traineeship position in order to improve my profile in UK labour market.

Work Experience

Nigrizia / Contributor

Monthly magazine, Verona, Italy

www.nigrizia.it

September 2013 - today

Nigrizia is a monthly newspaper focused about Africa founded in 1883; it is one of the most ancient Italian magazines. I am writing especially about economics and human rights.

East Journal / Founder and editor-in-chief

Daily online newspaper www.eastjournal.net March 2009 – today Fast Journal is an on

East Journal is an online Italian newspaper focused on Eastern European politics and culture, based on participatory and no-profit journalism. In addition to writing news analysis about Eastern European politics, I am the main responsible for publication, organization, planning and supervision. My tasks include also liaising with the editorial staff and contributors. *East Journal* also publishes Most, a web-magazine with three yearly issues.

Narcomafie / Journalist and copy editor

Monthly magazine, Turin – Italy

www.narcomafie.it

November 2010 - December 2013

Narcomafie is a monthly magazine focused on mafia, international organised crime, human rights and justice.

I was the main responsible for the magazine's website; my main tasks were the production of daily online contents, the supervision of the back office and to manage of weekly newsletter.

In addition, I wrote articles and carried out investigative reports for the magazine's paper edition. In particular, I published three main works, about the war in D.R. Congo, financial corruption in Croatia and Albania's organised crime.

During last year, I was also in charge of a column about threatened journalists.

Futura / Traineeship

November 2008- November 2010

Monthly magazine of the master in journalism

Futura is a monthly magazine about urban life-style, published by the University of Turin and sponsored by professional journalism association.

Artusi High School / Italian and History teacher

Private High School, Casale Monferrato - Italy September – December 2008

For a few months I taught humanities in a private high school. As graduate in Humanities and Italian Literature, I can teach Italian language and literature, ancient and modern history, geography and civilisation.

Education

M.A. in Journalism (2008-2010) University of Turin Thesis title: *Islam in Bosnia Herzegovina, an analysis* (Grade: 103/110)

M.A. in Italian Literature, Philology and Linguistics (2006-2008) University of Turin Thesis title: *The biological poetry of Pier Luigi Bacchini* (Grade: 110/110 cum laude)

B.A. in Humanities (2001-2005) UPO - University of Piedmont Thesis title: *The first poetry of Vittorio Sereni* (Grade: 103/110)

Main works and publications

Forthcoming	Congo, maschere per una Guerra (Congo. Mask for a war), Quintadicopertina editore, Genova /Book/
12/2013	<i>Il pellegrino e altre storie senza lieto fine</i> (The pilgrim and more tales with no happy end), Edizioni Forme libere, Trento /Book/
3/2013	<i>L'epopea criminale del Congo</i> (The Congo's epic crime) in «I sentieri della ricerca, rivista di storia contemporanea», Istituto storico della Resistenza, Torino
7/2012	<i>Le mafie dietro la guerra</i> (The mafia behind the war) in «Narcomafie», on the trafficking of drugs and minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo
5/2012	<i>La mafia bicipite</i> (The two-headed mafia) in «Narcomafie», investigation into Albanian organized crime in Italy and at home
9/2011	<i>La cupola nel caveu</i> (The mafia in the bank vault) in «Narcomafie», on interaction among crime, finance and politics in Central and Eastern Europe
7/2011	Bulgaria, atomic mafia (eng), in «Flare», investigation on the relationship between organized crime and the nuclear sector in Bulgaria (<u>http://www.flarenetwork.org/report/enquiries/article/bulgaria_atomic_mafia.</u> htm)
6/2011	La poesia civile di Riccardo Olivieri (Riccardo Olivieri's social poetry) in «Italian Review of Poetry» magazine of the Department of Italian Studies, Columbia University, NY
9/2010	<i>L'evoluzione del verso di Pier Luigi Bacchini</i> (Pier Luigi Bacchini poetry evolution) in «Palazzo Sanvitale, quadrimestrale di letteratura», Monte Università di Parma

Additional Skills

Technical skills: Wordpress, InDesign, Shell

Language skills: Italian (mothertongue), English (level B2), French (level B1)

References available upon request.