

LAURA VIGANO'



Brief profile

She is full professor of banking at the University of Bergamo, Italy (joined the university as assistant professor in 1995, associate professor in 2000, full professor in 2002). Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration from 2007 to 2012.

She graduated in Economics and Business Administration in 1987. In 1992, she completed her Ph.D. in Business Economics, Finance and Capital Markets at the University of Bergamo. In 1990, she was a visiting instructor at The Ohio State University (Rural Finance Group). She also spent a visiting period at New Mexico State University (2013) and was a visiting professor at The University of Melbourne (2016).

She is editor of the Journal *Savings and Development*, now issued by the University of Bergamo and the coordinator of the Findev (Finance and Development) research group within the CESC Research Center of the University of Bergamo. She was Director of the Master in Microfinance, offered by the University of Bergamo and CIPSI (an Italian NGO's network) specifically designed for participants from African, Asian, Latin-American Countries.

She is a consultant for national and international organisations. From 1995 to 2005 she was permanent consultant and then scientific director of Giordano Dell'Amore Foundation (Finafrica – Milan).

She worked in several countries, particularly in Africa and in the Middle East, doing research and technical assistance for research institutes and international development agencies (see the list of countries below). She has presented papers at international conferences and published books and articles, with special focus on financial markets and intermediaries in developing economies. Other interests: ethics and banking, credit scoring applications, natural/weather risks and insurance.

Most significant field experiences: Burkina Faso (1991, 1992, 2007), Comoros (1992), Eritrea (1991-1992, 1993, 1994-95, 2001, 2003, 2018), Ethiopia (regular - yearly or more frequent - missions 1999-2018), Iran (1998, 2008, 2009), Myanmar (2015), Senegal (1988 and 1993-1995), Syria (1996 and 1997), Togo (1987 and 1997), Zaire (1989).