

RITA ERICA FIORAVANZO
Curriculum vitae

EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

- 1974 School-leaving certificate
- 1975-82 Medical School (University of Perugia)
- 1985-89 Faculty of Philosophy (Psychological curriculum) (University of Milan)
- 1989-1993 Postgraduate school on Clinical and Developmental Psychology and Psychotherapy
(University of Milan)
- 1990-93 PhD (University of Milan)
- 1999-2001 Postgraduate school on Psychotraumatology (University of Cologne)

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING COURSES

- 2002 Training on Post-Critical Incident Debriefing and Critical Incident Stress Management
by The Trauma Center, Boston
- 2000-01 Certificate on Adult Attachment Interview and Scoring by the Mary Main Attachment
Institute at the University College London
- 2000 Training for Senior Human Right Officers at the International Programme for Conflict
Management - Ruhr University of Bochum (Germany) with the support of the
European Community
- 1999-2000 Master on EMDR (Eyes Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing): First Level at
the EMDR Institute of Roger Solomon and Second Level at EMDR Institute of
Francine Shapiro, New York (*EMDR is the most empirically tested and worldwide
famous therapeutic method for stress and post-traumatic disorders treatment*).
- 1999 Training on National Capacity Building at the International Programme for Conflict
Management - University of Pisa (Italy) with the support of the European Community
- 1999 Training in Conflict Partnership at the Dudley Week Institute
- 1999 Master on Structural Analysis of Social Behaviour (SASB) Department of
Psychology, Utah University (USA) (*SASB is a methodology in use for understanding
and correcting dysfunctional interpersonal relationship patterns between individuals
and groups*)
- 1997-01 Master on Interpersonal Theory and Therapy directed by Lorna Benjamin,
Department of Psychology, Salt Lake City University - Utah
- 1993 Stage at the Department of Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic Medicine at the Ulm
University
- 1989-91 Infant Observation Training by the Infant Neuropsychiatry Italian Society
- 1983-1991 Psychoanalytic Training by the Italian and the Swiss Psychoanalytic Society
(members of the International Psychoanalytic Association)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Licensed Psychotherapist - Member of the Italian Psychotherapeutic Register

- Licensed Clinical Psychologist - Member of the Italian Psychological Register
- Licensed Professional Trainer - Member of the Regional Roster for Psychosocial Trainers and Training Coordinators
- Coordinator of the Committee for Psychosocial Emergency by the Italian Psychological Register
- Member of the Italian Task Force for Children Involved in Armed Conflict (European Network – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IRC UNICEF)
- Member of the Coalition Stop Using Child Soldiers - Italian Committee
- Psychological Expert on International Cooperation for Developmental and Emergency Projects, Member of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Roster
- Expert for Child Protection projects by Italian and foreign NGOs

RECENT EMPLOYMENT RECORD (CLINICAL FIELD)

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| 1988-now | Private practise as psychotherapist for adults and children, clinical supervisor and clinical trainer |
| 1998-2001 | Director of the Institute for Children Psychotherapy and Rehabilitation “Il Centro” operating within the National Health Service in Milan. Duties: managing the clinical activities; planning, organizing and monitoring the clinical programs, coordinating a staff of 40 professionals composed of psychologists, psychotherapists, rehabilitation therapists, art-therapists, educationalists. Reporting periodically to the National Health Office the activities. In charge of training and updating staff. Responsible for postgraduate traineeships. |
| 1989-1997 | Coordinator of the National Health Service Handicap Unit in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan). Duties: coordinating staff of 12 psychologists, psychotherapists and educationalists; planning therapeutic treatments; coordinating training courses for social workers, teachers, psychologists. |

EMPLOYMENT RECORD (FIELD MISSIONS)

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| April 2003 | Coordinator of Critical Incident Debriefing by Cathay Pacific Cargo on behalf of CP headquarter |
| April 2002 | Coordinator of Critical Incident Psychosocial Management for the Pirelli skyscraper survivor (Milan) on behalf of Lombardia Government |
| June 2001 | Member of the group of international experts entrusted with drafting preliminary documents and final guidelines for the involvement of children in the Sierra Leonean Truth and Reconciliation Commission on behalf of UNICEF-UNAMSIL Human Right Office |
| 1999-2001 | Coordinator of several Unicef Training Projects for psycho-social workers and trainers in child rights, child protection and child-soldiers rehabilitation in Sierra Leone (Freetown, Bo and Kenema) on behalf of the Italian NGO International Cooperation |
| 1999 | Evaluation Expertise for ECHO project for Dalit (untouchable) women in Terai (Nepal) |

- 1997-98 Training Programme Coordinator for the psychiatric staff of the Berbera Mental Hospital (Somaliland) on behalf of the Italian NGO GRT
- 1996 Member of the International Humanitarian Committee following the AIFOR settlement in Sarajevo after Dayton on behalf of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1994-96 Coordinator of several Humanitarian Projects in Sarajevo, Kakanj, Knin, Gasinci, Beograd on behalf of foreign NGOs and the Italian Consortium of Solidarity with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

EMPLOYMENT RECORD (TEACHING POSITIONS)

- Lecturer at the State University of Milan
- Lecturer at the School of Psychotherapy and Transactional Analysis in Milan
- Lecturer at the School of Transactional Analysis and Gestalt-therapy in Torino
- Lecturer at the School of Psychosomatic Medicine in Milan
- Member of the scientific board and professor in the Master on Emergency Psychology and Disaster Management under the authority of European Community and the Italian Psychological Register
- Lecturer at the Training Course on Holistic Approach to the Psychosocial Trauma in Developing Country, FOCSIV (NGOs association registered by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Professor in the Master on Ethnopsychology, ITAT Torino
- Coordinator of Health Educational Projects under the authority of the Lombardia Health Service
- Coordinator of Training Courses for psychosocial and medical staff under the authority of the Department of Health and Human Service

LANGUAGES

Italian, English, French, German

LIST OF LECTURES, PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS related to child protection issues

- July 2003 Expert on behalf of Istituto degli Innocenti at the International *Consultation on Birth registration and Armed Conflict*, IRC Unicef with the support of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Firenze
- May 2003 *Trauma Network Action Plan for Pirelli Skyscraper Survivors*, paper presented at the VIII European Conference on Traumatic Stress, ISTSS, Catholic University Berlin, German Society for Psychotraumatology, Berlin
- February 2002 *Mainstreaming Child Rights in Child-soldiers Rehabilitation & Reintegration Interventions. The Sierra Leone case* paper presented at the International Conference *Mainstreaming Human Rights into Humanitarian Work*, ECHO Project, INTERSOS, Rom
- February 2002 lectures at the training course on Holistic Approach to the Psychosocial Trauma in Developing Country: methods and tools, FOCSIV, Gavardo
- January 2002 Series of lectures on *I traumi di guerra nei bambini (Traumata in war-affected children)* at the Counselling School Pantarei, Milan
- October 2001 representative of Italian NGO COOPI at the Meeting "Child Soldiers: a co-operative approach to defining good practice", organized by ECHO, Save the Children and VOICE, Conference Centre Albert Borschette, Brussels
- August 2001 *Can Children be Enemies? The Child Soldiers Dilemma*, paper presented at the VIII. ISPCAN European Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect "Improving Child Protection Policies & Practices", Istanbul
- July 2001 member of the Italian delegation at the International Conference "Filling Knowledge Gaps: a Research Agenda on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children", organized by The

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, United Nations, l'Istituto degli Innocenti-UNICEF, Firenze

- June 2001 *Tortura: fa più male non sapere (Torture: no knowledge is more painful)* paper presented at the Amnesty International Conference against Torture, Milan
- May 2001 Series of lectures about Psychological Intervention in Emergency at the Psychological Association of Region Piemonte, Torino
- May 2001 *Per una psicologia multi-etnica (For a multi-ethnic psychology)* paper presented at the Conference "La psicologia del futuro" organized by Psychological Confederation, Pescara
- June 2000 *An Italian Dance on a Sitar Music - A newly-born Italian Interpersonal Psychotherapy Society*, poster presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research "Return to the Beginning", Chicago (IL)
- October 1999 *La psicologia dell'ospitante (The host-psychology)* paper presented at the conference "Gestire l'invasione per organizzare l'ospitalità" (To manage the invasion in order to organize hospitality) organized by Ordine Psicologi Piemonte, City of Bardonecchia and the Transactional Analysis and Gestalt-therapy Institute of Torino, Bardonecchia
- March-April 1998 Series of lectures *La morte dei sensi, (When the sensibility is dead)* Istituto ricerche di gruppo e psicologia generativa, Lugano (CH)
- March 98 *Dall'identità di gruppo alla disidentità del singolo: un futuro psicologico per le società multietniche* paper presented at the conference "Dentro le culture oltre le identità nella relazione sociale e nell'intervento professionale", Transactional Analysis and Gestalt-therapy Institute of Torino
- November 1997 *La comunicazione felice, (The happy communication)* workshop held at the conference "Dall'intelligenza dell'universo le nuove vie del benessere", Psychosomatic Medicine Institute, Milano
- April 1997 Paper presented at the International Conference "Psychosocial trauma rehabilitation, The Sarajevo Experience"
- December 1996 *Un'esperienza di cooperazione nell'ex-Jugoslavia, (A cooperation experience in the former Yugoslavia)* paper presented at the workshop "Il volontariato come presenza quotidiana", USSL 20, Viadana (Mantova)
- 1994-97 Lecturer at the training course for psychotherapist and psychosocial-workers on group-therapy techniques for drug and alcohol-addicted, SERT, Modena
- 1993-94 Training course on Social Reintegration for Psychiatric Patients within the European Community Project "Horizon", Milan
- June 1993 *La prevenzione e il recupero dell'handicap con ritardo evolutivo: l'intervento educativo in famiglia*, paper presented at the conference "Ruolo e profili dell'operatore psico-socio-pedagogico: le proposte formative dell'Università e delle Regioni", University of Arezzo
- May 1993 *Infanzia stracciata*, paper presented at the conference "L'infanzia negata", Triskeles, Bergamo
- February 1993 Lecture *Il linguaggio dell'handicap, (The language in the disabled persons)* Institute for Psychosomatic Medicine, Milan
- December 1992 *La malattia: dimensioni psicologiche, sociali e antropologiche (Psychological, social and anthropological perspectives of being ill)*, lecture at the Clinical Bioethics Course, Ancona,
- November 1992 Workshops on training group theory and techniques held at the Social-work School, University of Parma,
- October 1992 Workshop on Psychodrama Techniques at the Neuropsychiatric and Developmental Psychology Service, Verona
- February 1991 *Tecniche verbali e non verbali della comunicazione, (Verbal and non-verbal communication techniques)* Workshop organized by the National Health Service Unit of Partinico (Palermo)
- January 1991 *La traiettoria incerta - L'adolescenza tra crescita e disagio, (The uncertain path. Adolescents between development and disease)*, lecture organized by the Varese Municipality
- June 1989 *Il disagio nella civiltà (The disease of the civilization)*, lecture at the Association "Il lavoro psicanalitico", Milan
- May 1989 *Professione genitore: conoscere per educare (Profession: parent. To learn how to bring up)* series of lectures organized by the Vaprio d'Adda Municipality