

SIMONE CIGNA

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Education

- Sep 2018 – Jun 2019** **SAIS John Hopkins University, Europe campus**
Master in International Affairs
❖ Awarded with a merit fully funded Scholarship;
- Sep 2017 – Jun 2018** **University of Chicago, US**
International Student-at-Large, Master in Economics
❖ Strong emphasis on analytical and quantitative skills through “Elements of Economics Analysis I: Honors” and “Element of Economics Analysis IV”;
❖ Winner of 1 out of 2 Overseas scholarships granted by the University of Bologna.
- Sep 2016 – Dec 2016** **University College of Cork, Ireland**
❖ Erasmus+ scholarship;
❖ Focused on macroeconomics courses: “Government and Macroeconomics”, “Money, Credit and Banking”, “Public Finance”.
- Jan 2016 – Jun 2016** **Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Escuela de Comercio Internacional, Barcelona, Spain**
❖ Erasmus+ scholarship;
❖ Courses in International Economics with prof. Lluís Mosella from Harvard University.
- Sep 2014 – Jul 2017** **Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, Italy**
Bachelor in Economics, Markets and Institutions
❖ Thesis: “A roadmap for the future: the role of the EU in the electric car adoption”;
❖ Academic scholarship: 1 out of 15 best Economics students of the University of Bologna;
❖ Awarded with a full graduation grade (110/110) magna cum Laude;
- Sep 2009 – Jun 2014** **“A. Volta” Scientific Secondary School, Caltanissetta, Italy**
❖ Representative of students from 2010 to 2013;
❖ Awarded with full grade (100/100).
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Work Experience

- Mar 2018 – Jun 2018** **Research assistant at the University of Chicago, prof. A. Voena**
❖ Literature review on Health Economics in Zambia;
❖ Responsible for data elaboration.
- Jan 2018 – Jun 2018** **Research Assistant at the University of Chicago, CHECC project**
❖ Worked on Economics of education and educational incentives for parents;
❖ Responsible for collecting and elaborating data.
- Mar 2017 – now** **Founder/CEO of “EATslow”**
❖ Online platform (beta stage) that aims to connect travellers and local people to share a meal together;
❖ Awarded as one of the best 30 ideas at the StartUPday organised by the University of Bologna.

May 2017 – Jul 2017

Volunteer at the “No Hate Speech Movement”, Infinite Opportunities association, Sofia, Bulgaria

- ❖ Responsible for the organization of awareness activities in schools;
 - ❖ Management of the financial side of the organization.
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Skills

Language Skills Italian (native), English (C2, fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (basic)

IT skills Ms Office (advanced), STATA (advanced), Matlab (advanced), Adobe Photoshop (Advanced), R (basic)

Managerial skills

- ❖ *LEADERSHIP SKILLS* gained through the mandate as President of Sicily Students' Council;
- ❖ *ENTERPRISING SPIRIT* thanks to the experience as founder of the association “Madiba-AUT” in Caltanissetta, today with more than 500 associated;
- ❖ *ORGANIZATION SKILLS* proved through the involvement as promoter of the “Art Day” in the 2012 and 2013 editions in Caltanissetta;
- ❖ *COMMUNICATION SKILLS* as demonstrated during the participation as a guest to TV programs “Anno zero” (Channel 2, National Italian TV) and “Anno uno” (Channel 7).

Honours and awards

2017

- ❖ Winner of 1 out of 15 of the “Study-Abroad Exchange programme” grants by Unicredit foundation;
- ❖ Selected as young delegate for the School of Democracy, organised by the European Social Democratic Party in Reggio Emilia, Italy.
- ❖ Winner of a merit scholarship granted by the University of Bologna, to the best 30 students of each department.

2016

- ❖ Selected as Mentee in the mentoring program Mentor4u;
- ❖ Selected as young delegate for the World Forum for Democracy 2016, held in Strasbourg and organized by the European Commission.

2015

- ❖ Selected as participants (20 students all over European Union in total) for the project Europe-Mobile held in Berlin, Germany.

2014

- ❖ National Moderator of “Right to Study Commission” in Rome during the national meeting of the Students' Council Presidents;
- ❖ Founder and vice-president for “Madiba-AUT” cultural and social association.

from 2012 to 2014

- ❖ President of Sicily Student's Council;
- ❖ Organisational Responsible for “Rete degli Studenti Medi Caltanissetta” (students' association).

Academic References

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