

GIULIA SOFIA SARNO

- M.A. graduate in International Development at **Sciences Po Paris**
- Master's specialisation in **Environmental Policy**
- Research focus on the interplay between social and environmental issues

EDUCATION

SCIENCES PO PARIS (PSIA), Paris

2017 – 2020 / [M.A. in International Development, specialisation in Environmental Policy and MENA region](#)

- M.A. final project "Cities leading energy transition: a bottom-up approach towards climate goals"

UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE, Milan

2013 - 2017 / [B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, focus on Development Cooperation](#)

- B.A. thesis "The social and environmental impacts of biofuels: between climate change and food security"
- Final grade: 110 *cum laude* /110

ITALIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES (ISPI), Milan

2017 – 2018 / [Intensive courses on "Project Cycle Management" and Corporate Social Responsibility"](#)

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Missouri (USA)

Jan 2015 – May 2015 / [Exchange semester, department of Political Science](#)

- GPA: 4.0; President's List

LICEO CLASSICO GIUSEPPE PARINI, Milan

2008 – 2013 / [Classical Studies High School](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ISAI – Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Oct 2020 – Present / [Junior Researcher](#)

- Research focus on sustainable development, climate change and energy transition in developing economies, in particular on the African continent.
- Latest research work:
 - papers: "Powering Change. Italian and EU Energy Transition in Times of War", "Africa's Energy Future" (analysis of the energy leapfrogging potential in four focus countries), "Climate Finance: the African stakes at COP26", AMBITUS "Fighting Environmental Crime in Europe"
- Hold lectures on energy transition and climate change in several Italian Universities.

GIZ – Global Energy Transition Programme (Covenant of Mayors Sub-Saharan Africa), Brussels

Jun 2019 – Dec 2020 / [Project assistant](#)

- Extensive research on climate projects in Sub-Saharan Africa urban areas, focus on waste management and public lighting.
- Research to support the gender mainstreaming process of energy/climate projects within GIZ.
- Support to the coordination with DG ENER, DG DEVCO, and the Joint Research Center (JRC).
- Carried out various management tasks, including logistics, communications and organization of large events.

EUROCITIES - the network of major European Cities, Brussels

Aug 2018 – Feb 2019 / [Internship at the Environment Department](#)

- Research on environmental policies at the EU and local level (mainly on energy, air quality, water and waste management, green areas and biodiversity). Preparation of briefing notes, articles and policy statements to support member cities in following EU policy developments and represent cities at the EU level.

SKILLS

Strong analytical and research skills

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Keen attention to detail

Experience working in international teams

Languages

English - Fluent (IELTS 7.5)
French - Upper Intermediate
Italian - Native Speaker

Technical Skills

Microsoft Office (Advanced)
STATA (Intermediate)
InDesign (Intermediate)

VOLUNTEERING

[2020 Youth & Leadership Summit](#)
"Prospering in a Climate Impacted Society", **Sciences Po Paris**
• Member of the organizing team