

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Maddalena Avon



Sex | Date of birth | Nationality

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Maddalena Avon, graduated in Sociology and International Studies. Experiences in student associations, work in NGOs for and with asylum seekers, developed writing skills both for online information platforms and for academic purposes, master thesis written on Border Management and Frontex.

WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2017 – ongoing

Program member of Non-governmental organization – Asylum, Integration and Human Security program

Center for Peace Studies (Centar za Mirovne Studije) – Selska cesta 112a, Zagreb, Croatia

- Refugees and asylum seekers integration in local community
- Human security research and public reports
- Initiative Welcome! Coordination of volunteers – trainings, education, activities
- Field work and monitoring of asylum procedures
- Organization of public events

29-30/11/2016

Speaker at Department of Sociology and Research studies for the conference “Crossing borders, staying. The EU faces migration”

University of Trento – Via Calepina 14, Trento, Italy

- Speaker at Panel 1 of the Conference regarding European Borders and the role of Frontex with a speech about Schengen and migration crises
- Active participation in other panels with personal contributions about experiences on the field

[Lecturer, Academy](#)

15/03/2016 – 15/06/2016

Trainee for research on Frontex and border management

Center for Peace Studies (Centar za Mirovne Studije) – Selska cesta 112a, Zagreb, Croatia

- Research and investigation about the role of European Actors and Institutions in managing the refugee crisis, also with research on the fields (Idomeni Camp, Slovenian-Austrian border, Croatian-Slovenian border)
- Definition and analysis of European management of the crisis through articles and conferences
- Focus on European Council meetings, activities of European Parliament and engagement of Frontex

[Journalism, Research, Training](#)

3/03/2014 – 09/08/2014

Rector’s Office Secretary

University of Trento – Via Calepina 14, Trento, Italy

- Reception
- Logistic preparation of meetings
- Welcoming service for guests

[Secretary, Public Relation](#)

16/07/2012 – 30/07/2012
13/07/2015 – 31/07/2015
5/09/2016 – 9/09/2016

Social Worker with children at the UISP Camping (Forni di Sopra, UD) and Sport Summer camps (Campo Cologna, TS)

UISP Trieste – Via Beccaria 7, Trieste, Italy

- Animator for children
- Organization of group games
- Teaching the values of nature and social relations
- Teaching the respect of differences along with its embrace

Education, Social Services, Sport and Society

09/2009 – 09/2010

Civil Service (Friuli-Venezia Giulia Project)

UISP Trieste – Via Beccaria 7, Trieste, Italy; ARCI Trieste – Via Manzoni 9, Trieste, Italy

- Graphic production of newsletters
- Articles about UISP initiatives
- Collaboration during UISP events and projects (Vivicit , Bicincitt )
- Children Entertainment during summer camps and events

Journalism, Social Services, Education, Public Relations

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

September 2014 – September 2016

Master's Degree in International Relations – International Master Programme in Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES)

Final Mark: 110 cum laude / 110

University of Bologna – School of Political Sciences, Forl  Campus – Via Giacomo della Torre 1, 47121, Forl  (FC), Italy

- Economics of Transition; State Building, Nationalism and Development in Eastern Europe; Quantitative methods for social research; Balkan Contemporary studies; Political Economy of Welfare System; Globalization and Identities; Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian Language
- Optional seminars attended, as: Activism in the (Post-)Yugoslav Spaces: Anti-War and LGBT Activism; Albanian Ethnographies: what anthropology and its methods can contribute to the study of politics and intervention; Post-Yugoslav Romani minorities in Europe

September 2015 – February 2016

Compulsory Mobility Programme during Master's studies

University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Sciences, Croatia

Fakultet politickih znanosti, Sveučilište u Zagreb, Hrvatska

- Contemporary Geopolitical issues; Croatia in the European Security System; Politics and Society in South-East Europe; Croatian Language

September 2011 – September 2014

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology – International Studies

Final Mark: 107 / 110

University of Trento, Via Calepina 12, Trento, Italy

- Sociology, Political Sciences, Methodology and Econometrics, Political Economy, Contemporary History, International relations
- Methodological laboratories: qualitative research and ethnology; Advanced English for Sociology; Social capital: trust and reputation in media

September 2013 – February 2014

Erasmus period during Bachelor's studies

University of P cs, P cs, Hungary

- Central and Eastern European Countries in the Process of Transition; European Human Rights Law; Intercultural Communication; Hungarian language

September 2006 – July 2011

High School Scientific Diploma

Final mark: 82 / 100

Liceo Scientifico Guglielmo Oberdan, Via Veronese 1, Trieste, Italy

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Italian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Certificate by IELTS – 7.5					
Croatian	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Certificate by Croaticum, Centar za Hrvatski kao Drugi I Strani Jezik					
Hungarian	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
Certificate by University of Pécs					
Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Certificate by University of Bologna					
Spanish	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Certificate by University of Trento					

Communication skills

- good communication skills gained through my experience as Representative of students
- excellent contact skills with children gained through my experience as animator in UISP
- developed intercultural and interpersonal communication skills gained through my study experience abroad and my voluntary work with refugees and asylum seekers

Organisational / managerial skills

- excellent organisational skills gained as secretary at Rector's Office and during my experience in the Students association UDS (Unione Degli Studenti) and events promoted by the Croatian NGO Centar za Mirovne Studije (Mediterranean forum, Migrent, Press conferences)
- strategic and creative thinking gained during my past experiences in UISP association

Job-related skills

- problem solving skills gained during my voluntary experiences in tough situations in green fields at the border during the so-called "migration crisis"
- decision making skills gained as responsible for the UDS association
- Excellent team work skills, gained mainly through the team work, essential in CPS and in CSOs
- Excellent writing skills, for project writing, for online information platforms and for academic purposes, gained as Trainee at Center for Peace Studies and Collaborator for Meltingpot Europa online platform

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient User	Proficient User	Proficient User	Independent User	Independent User

- excellent command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software)
- good command of photo editing software like Adobe Photoshop, PhotoFilter, gained as an amateur photographer
- developed skills in graphic elaboration like depliants and flyers during my experience as responsible for newsletters and public relations of UISP Trieste.

- Other skills
- Artistic and creative skills
 - Circus and acrobatic skills, both on ground and on air
 - Excellent skills on aerial silks as acrobat at Circus School of Trieste and then as component of the company Nasoallinsù (Trento, Italy).
 - Photography skills, gained as an amateur photographer
 - Teaching and shows preparation for aerial skills in Croatia, with the association Traumatic Arts and the artistic organization Ekscena

Driving licence B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Publications
- Osnivanje Europske granične i obalne straže: Još jače betoniranje Tvrdave Europe, 3/07/2016 - <http://www.cms.hr/hr/azil-i-integracijske-politike/osnivanje-europske-granicne-i-obalne-straze-jos-jace-betoniranje-tvrdave-europe>
 - European Border and Coast Guard Authority: Another brick in Fortress Europe, 3/07/2016 - <http://www.cms.hr/en/azil-i-integracijske-politike/osnivanje-europske-granicne-i-obalne-straze-jos-jace-betoniranje-tvrdave-europe>
 - Smiles and mud: 300 activists among Idomeni tents, 14/04/2016 - <http://welcome.cms.hr/index.php/en/2016/04/14/smiles-and-mud-300-activists-among-idomeni-tents/>
 - La situazione ai confini sloveno-croati: militarizzazione ed accoglienza inesistente, with #overthefortress project, 27/10/2015 - http://www.meltingpot.org/La-situazione-ai-confini-sloveno-croati-militarizzazione-ed.html#.WGKtX_nhDIU
 - La rotta balcanica non si arresta. March of hope, parte terza. 16/11/2016 - <http://www.meltingpot.org/La-rotta-balcanica-non-si-arresta-March-of-Hope-parte-terza.html#.WGKtDvnhDIU>
 - Violenze sistematiche al confine serbo-croato, 25/01/2017 - <http://www.meltingpot.org/Violenze-sistematiche-al-confine-serbo-croato-l-inchiesta.html#.WTFs22iLTIU>
 - Belgrado, sgomberati i migranti delle barracks, demoliti i capannoni, 11/05/2017 - <http://www.meltingpot.org/Belgrado-Sgomberati-i-migranti-delle-barracks-demoliti-i.html#.WTFs02iLTIU>
 - Nuova ondata di violenze al confine serbo-croato, 01/06/2017 - <http://www.meltingpot.org/Nuova-ondata-di-violenze-al-confine-serbo-croato.html#.WTFsz2iLTIU>
- Seminars
- Overthefortress: la militarizzazione dei confini e le destre xenofobe in Europa, with Tullia Catalan, professor of Contemporary History at University of Trieste; 28/05/2016, Caffè San Marco, Trieste
 - Frontex: border management and securitization of migration; 20/05/2016, CMS, Zagreb, Croatia