



MARIO GIRO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In February 2016 to May 2018 he became **Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**, with responsibility for Development Cooperation and Africa (Renzi and Gentiloni Governments).

In May 2013 he was appointed as **Under Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs**. Within his portfolio of responsibilities: Latin and Central America; Cultural Promotion and Italians living abroad. (Letta Government)

In 2012 (to present) he was named **Vice-president of Italian-Latin-American Institute** in Rome.

In November 2011 to April 2013 he was appointed **Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation and Integration** and **Director of the International Cooperation Department to the Prime Minister Offices**, leading the development cooperation task force. (Monti Government).

From 2005 to 2011 he was **Deputy Director of the International Department** National CISL Trade Union. In this role he coordinated the development cooperation programs of CISL in Africa.

From 1995 to 2000 he was appointed also with the direction of **Africa Desk** to the same organization.

From 1992 to 1995 he was **Head of the Mediterranean Desk** in the Department of International Policies at the National CISL Trade Union.

From 1990 to 1991 he was **responsible of the Department for the Social and EU policies** of the National CISL Trade Union

From 1984 to 1990 he was **Head of the Lazio (Rome region) regional Research and Social Studies Department** of the Regional Trade Union CISL.

EDUCATION

1984 BA in History from **Sapienza University** in Rome.

Graduate at the **European School in Brussels**.

ORGANIZATIONAL and CIVIL SOCIETY EXPERIENCE

Since the early 90's he volunteers in Africa for the Community of Sant'Egidio – especially in Ivory Coast and Cameroon programs. In this role he oversees several humanitarian and development cooperation initiatives including mediation and ecumenical dialogue in the Maghreb, Sub Saharan Africa and the Balkans.

Since the early 80's he started his commitment to inter-religious dialogue, in particular regarding the Muslim world, and he took an active part in the organization of the Annual Prayer Meeting for Peace (since the first Prayer Day held in Assisi in 1986) and mediations activity in Africa, under the auspices of the Community of Sant'Egidio.

Mediations activities performed in: Algeria (1994-1995 Comprehensive Platform for reconciliation); Albania (1997 “Agreement for the future”); Kosovo (1996-1998 educational Agreement); Bosnia (2001 Religious Leaders common declaration); Liberia (2003-2004 facilitation in Accra Peace Talks, agreement on the Talks); Cote d'Ivoire (2000-2010 observer in Marcoussis and Accra talks, from 2008 Mediators in Ouagadougou peace Agreement); Togo (2004-2005 facilitation to the peace process and reconciliation); Darfur (2005 workshop with the rebellion movements, 2006 observer to Abuja Peace Talks; 2009 observer to Doha Talks); North Uganda (2006-2010 mediation in Juba Peace Talks); Guinea Conakry (2010 Global Political Agreement and Rome's Appeal); Niger (2010, Rome's Appeal).

LECTURES:

(only main events)

1998 Lecture on “Algeria Crisis” at the Columbia University, New York City

2000 Lecture on “Mediations and faith based communities” at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend , IN, USA

2005 Cycle of Lectures on International Cooperation at the University Roma III, Italy

2010 lecture on “Mediation” for the Mediation Master of the University La Sorbonne, Paris

2017 (ongoing) member of Italian language board of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Miami, CA, USA

2017-2018: Lectures in 25 Italian Universities on International Cooperation and Migration national programs.

PUBLICATIONS

- Algeria in ostaggio. Tra esercito e fondamentalismo: storia di una pace difficile (Co-Author) Gennaio 1997 – Guerini e Associati (translated in: German and Catalan)
- Gli occhi di un bambino ebreo. Storia di Merzoug, terrorista pentito; Gennaio 2005 - Guerini e Associati
- Noi terroristi. Storie vere dal Nordafrica a Charlie Hebdo; Giugno 2015 - Guerini e Associati
- La globalizzazione difficile. Ridisegnare la convivenza al tempo delle emozioni; Febbraio 2018 – Mondadori

Author of several international politics articles in journals like *Politica Exterior*, *International Spectator*, *Afers*, *Il Mulino*, *Limes*, *Africa e Affari* and *Huffington Post*.

AWARDS

In 2010 he was awarded with the Prize for Preemptive Peace by the **Chirac Foundation**.

