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Top Skills

International Law
International Humanitarian Law
Operations Management

Languages

Italian (Native or Bilingual)
French (Full Professional)
Spanish (Full Professional)
English (Full Professional)
Russian (Elementary)

Honors-Awards

Summa Cum Laude

Publications

Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies in the humanitarian sector

Aid across Borders: The role of consent in cross-border humanitarian activities

Giulio Coppi

Senior Expert, Digital Risk in Emergency and Humanitarian Crisis
Clamart, Île-de-France, France

Summary

Over 15 years of experience managing humanitarian operations in conflict settings, designing digital transformation programmes, researching on emerging technologies, teaching about ethical frameworks for innovation, and publishing on digital and risk in volatile environments

Experience

Access Now

Senior Humanitarian Officer
April 2023 - Present (1 year 3 months)
Greater Paris Metropolitan Region

Monitoring and advising on digital rights in the context of conflict and disaster;
Advancing protection from digital harm through international humanitarian law norms, customs, and principles;
Promoting ethical approaches to the design and delivery of technological systems by private companies.

IARAN

IARAN Fellow
June 2018 - Present (6 years 1 month)

The IARAN Fellowship program is an initiative through which analysts and futurist colleagues working on, or interested in, humanitarian affairs can share learning and experiences, participate in trainings and publish articles on humanitarian analysis, foresight and strategy.

Independent Consultant

Consultant, Innovation and Aid
June 2013 - Present (11 years 1 month)
Coimbra, Nairobi, New York, Paris, Rome, Trento, Oslo

- Developing policies on technological innovation for humanitarian action and new models for public - non profit - private cooperation;

- Protection and Innovation Consultant for L' Osservatorio, a Rome-based think tank focused on policies and strategies for the protection of civilians in armed conflicts.
- Supporting the OECD Secretariat in providing the Autonomous Province of Trento (Italy) with international evidence concerning new and innovative approaches towards financing of international cooperation, in the framework of the redrafting of the local policy guidelines;
- Supporting field teams in situation of emergency, focusing on security management, team building, project/RH management and M&E;
- Drafting and delivering workshops on humanitarian action, access, engagement with non-state actors, negotiation and policy for a variety of audiences;
- Authoring a chapter on "Humanitarian Technology and Innovation: Opportunities and Challenges in Urban Disaster Settings", to be published in 2016 by Fordham University Press

Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs

Fellow, Humanitarian Innovation

April 2015 - May 2023 (8 years 2 months)

Greater New York City Area

- Creating the Humanitarian Technology and Innovation program of the Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA)
- Researching on Humanitarian Technology and Innovation, with a special focus on open source technology and community empowerment, and impact assessment practices;
- Facilitated the expansion of the international network, leading negotiation for joint initiatives with Leiden University, Center for Innovation, Northampton University, the Center for Citizenship, Entrepreneurship and Governance, among others;
- Created and supervised the Blockchain for Humanity initiative, consisting in a series of technical meeting and workshops aimed at scaling humanitarian projects pioneering the use of blockchain technology; Currently planning a Blockchain for Humanity Conference, to be held in Fall 2016 in NYC;
- Creator and director of the first university course on Data and innovation Management in humanitarian action, to be held in NYC in July 2017 as part of the MIHA;
- Contributing to the development of a strategy to mainstream IIHA's academic programs in a eLearning system;

- Developing broad partnerships with private and public sector actors to stimulate the development of an open culture in humanitarian innovation, and improve solutions available for expanding IIHA's capabilities.
- Steering the access process to the most important networks related to innovation in humanitarian, development and social fields, such as the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation, of which IIHA is founding member.

Norwegian Refugee Council

Global Digital Specialist for Programmes

June 2018 - April 2023 (4 years 11 months)

Oslo Area, Norway

NRC operates in over 30 countries to provide services in protection, camp management, food assistance, clean water, shelter, legal aid, and education to populations affected by the consequences of armed conflict. I advise all levels of field programmes across hierarchical and geographical lines, on the best way to harness data, digital and technology to improve their way of working. Proven experience in digital strategy design, building partnerships for rapid digitalization of emergency response, portfolio based digital innovation, and technology deployment in hard to reach areas.

Highlights:

- Support the response to Covid-19 crises by kickstarting the tech transformation and digitization of around 20 country programs in weeks.
- Develop the roadmap for digital development in programmes, in line with NRCs overall digital transformation strategy and in close collaboration with the ICT Team.
- Supporting the definition of digital success, gaps in competency and capacity, resource implications, policy areas to explore for advocacy and possible strategic partners.
- Ensure sustainability of the roadmap through global proposals worth over 2 million dollars, focusing on innovative funding strategies and corporate partnerships.
- Leading and/or supporting digital transformation processes for strategic programmatic areas such as Multi-country Smart Rapid Response Mechanism, Digital Community Hubs (with Telerivet and Twilio), ML-supported educational chatbot, Distributed technologies for Dignified ID, Anticipatory agent based models for access planning in hard to reach areas.

Shift Project

Reporting Program Advisor

September 2017 - June 2018 (10 months)

Greater New York City Area

Advising and supporting the mapping, analysis, and policy making for the Reporting Program targeting reporting on human rights in public disclosure of FT500 companies. Liaise with Fordham Law School in a partnership program with the CSR Law Clinic. Contributing to the research, design and strategic support of AI/Machine learning options for innovating the organization's approach to corporate reporting and human rights analysis.

Fordham University

Adjunct Professor

January 2017 - May 2018 (1 year 5 months)

Greater New York City Area

Adjunct professor, Humanitarian Studies. The Humanitarian Studies major is a multidisciplinary program that draws upon a variety of academic and policy frameworks to examine and critique the international community's response to complex emergencies.

Open Focus, Inc

CEO & CoFounder

January 2016 - May 2018 (2 years 5 months)

Greater New York City Area

CEO of Open Focus, a humanitarian organization committed to empowering communities through the use of open-source technology solutions. CoFounder at High Tech Humanitarians (HTH), the free platform for open source humanitarian technology. HTH is the place to be engaged for a fairer world, where everyone has access to life-saving technology. HTH is supported by The Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA) at Fordham University, and I2M Factory Digital Agency. As CEO I developed the start up phase, including the tech development, outreach, business and sustainability strategy resulting in a quick affirmation of HTH as partner in the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation, and main actor in most important HumTech events including WHS in Istanbul, and HumTech in Boston.

International Peace Institute (IPI)

6 months

Consultant, Yemen Crisis and Regional Impact Analysis

January 2017 - May 2017 (5 months)

Greater New York City Area

Doing field and desk research for the drafting of Humanitarian Emergency Response Briefing paper (focus on humanitarian situation and response with

health and innovation perspective) on Yemen and Yemeni refugees in Djibouti, Oman, and Saudi Arabia, based on the Project Concept note and Terms of Reference.

Consultant, Humanitarian Research Development

December 2016 - January 2017 (2 months)

Greater New York City Area

Developing a complete policy toolbox for country research on Humanitarian Emergency Response Briefings comprehensive of detailed Terms of Reference for Research, Review of baseline Research Data and Literature, Research Record Files, and Research Working documents.

International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC

Office Manager (cover), Humanitarian Operations

July 2015 - October 2015 (4 months)

Manono, Democratic Republic of Congo

Manage and oversee HR, Logistic, Security, Health, Humanitarian Protection and Assistance activities, and Communication in the Katanga region in South East Congo.

United Nations OCHA

Adviser, Humanitarian Affairs, Peacekeeping and Protection of Civilians

May 2015 - June 2015 (2 months)

Greater New York City Area

To conduct research work on Protection of Civilians (PoC) and prepare synthesis notes for informal Expert Group of the UN Security Council on PoC, with a special focus on peacekeeping operations such as Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan, Sudan, and Mali. To prepare bilateral and multilateral negotiations with all relevant UN and non-UN stakeholders involved in PoC, to maximize impact of recommendations presented.

International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC

Office Manager, Humanitarian Operations

January 2014 - May 2014 (5 months)

Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan

- Supervising an orthopedic workshop designing, producing and implanting 100 prosthesis per months, managing a project of medical evacuation for war wounded by local taxi drivers ;
- Managing human resources (90 coworkers, 2 expats), logistics and administration;

- Managing personnel and premises' security in a highly volatile area ;
- In charge of drafting, implementing and reporting on a number of projects at the time in various areas : protection, access to health services, capacity building, rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, agronomical projects, income generating projects;
- Available for rapid and effective reaction 24/7 in emergencies, such as security issues, medical evacuations or massive internal displacements ;
- Ensuring assistance and protection to civilian population, prisoners and soldiers out-of-combat during massive internal conflicts, and leading humanitarian convoys in war-torn areas ;
- Representing ICRC in humanitarian fora and media ;
- In charge of negotiating with a variety of interlocutors from the civil and military society ;

ICRC

Regional Office Manager a.i., Humanitarian Operations

August 2013 - October 2013 (3 months)

Florencia, Colombia,

- Managing human resources (24 coworkers, 4 expats), logistics and administration;
- Managing personnel and premises' security in a highly volatile area ;
- In charge of drafting, implementing and reporting on a number of projects at the time in various areas : protection, access to health services, capacity building, rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, agronomical projects, income generating projects;
- Available for rapid and effective reaction 24/7 in emergencies, such as security issues, medical evacuations or massive internal displacements ;
- Ensuring assistance and protection to civilian population, prisoners and soldiers out-of-combat during massive internal conflicts, and leading humanitarian convoys in war-torn areas ;
- Representing ICRC in humanitarian fora and media ;
- In charge of negotiating with a variety of interlocutors from the civil and military society ;
- Supervising support activities for war wounded, and especially victims of IEDs/UXOs ;

Achievements: Successful management of a project for 170 families on agro pastoral support ; Managing an income generating pilot project for 250 internally displaced families ;

ICRC

2 years 8 months

Office Manager, Humanitarian Operations

December 2011 - June 2013 (1 year 7 months)

Puerto Asis, Putumayo, Colombia

- Leading an office coordinating 16 professionals organized in 6 departments (administration, logistics, economic security, health, water and habitat, protection) ;
- Negotiating with civil and military personnel in a humanitarian crisis context ;
- Bring assistance and provide protection to civilian population ;
- Managing contacts with local authorities, internally displaced people, diplomatic personnel, United Nation professionals, NGO experts ;
- Visiting detainees and prisoners in temporary and permanent detention places ;
- Representing the institution with local medias ;
- Managing human and financial resources ;
- Overseeing office's finance and logistics (3 vehicles, 1 boat) ;

Achievements : Managing a big working team in complex tasks ; Elaborating and implementing projects

Delegate, Protection of Civilians

November 2010 - November 2011 (1 year 1 month)

Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

- Bringing assistance and protection to civilian population, prisoners and soldiers out-of-combat during a massive internal armed conflict ;
- Elaborating and successfully implementing a nutritional program in the country's biggest prison (more than 5655 detainees) ;
- Security situation analysis and creation of a network to facilitate ambulances and morgue service even in wartime ;
- Leading humanitarian convoys in war-torn areas ;

Achievements : Building and managing a wide network to elaborate security analysis and strategies; Executing complex projects in a difficult environment;

OCASA

Legal adviser pro bono, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs

June 2010 - September 2010 (4 months)

Bogotá, Colombia

- In charge of a series of seminars on Human Rights and IHL for NGO professionals ;
- Providing a legal analysis on the draft law on youth, and on the draft law on access to information according to international legal standards on these subjects ;

Achievements : Drafting complex legal documents under heavy time constraints ; Deep knowledge of South American legal framework ;

Social Opportunities Generating Network (RGOS)

Project Manager, Programs Development

June 2010 - September 2010 (4 months)

Bogotá, Colombia

Supporting RGOS in redrafting their projects portfolio, and presenting two submissions for funding from international donors such as the European Commission.

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

UNV Project Assistant in the Regional Office for Central Asia

February 2009 - February 2010 (1 year 1 month)

- Contributing to the organization of seminars, workshops and conferences on the implementation of main international Human Rights instruments;
- Assist in the plan, design and implementation of capacity building projects and activities in the region on specific priorities: HR and Counter-terrorism, Torture, and Violence against Women;
- Support the Office's daily effort to provide Governments in the Region with technical advice and guidance on domestic implementation of International Human Rights Treaties;
- Conduct research and analysis of human rights issues and address their impact on human rights situation in the region;
- Process Assist in the writing of a variety of reports, communications, briefings and statements;
- Support efforts to mainstream human rights into the programs of the UNCT in the Central Asia region;

PRG Dinamica

Founder, Secretary General, Treasurer

June 2008 - February 2010 (1 year 9 months)

PRG Dinamica is an active, youth-oriented association which aims to fill the gap between the ideal exercise of culture and arts and the practical needs of the society. PRG goal is a long term, wisely planned and sustainable growth and development of civil society and economic

- Coaching young leaders in start up development and project management;
- Fundraising for young start up at local, national and international level;

Università degli Studi Roma Tre

Assistant Lecturer

September 2007 - February 2009 (1 year 6 months)

Rome Area, Italy

- Supporting the Professor in administrative and academic duties;
- Lecturing on issues related to History of Common Law Institutes and Institutions;
- Research and studying Common Law Institutes and Institutions, with a special focus on the instruments for protecting English Liberties;

The Glocal Forum

Project Facilitator and Assistant to the Director, Partnerships

January 2008 - December 2008 (1 year)

Rome Area, Italy

- Accredited as main representative to UN HQ in Geneva, representative in Vienna and New York;
- Liaising with The World Bank, the United Nations and European Commission;
- Drafting projects and concept notes for new initiatives and programs;
- Writing applications and applying to call for proposals issued by The World Bank, United Nations and European Commission;
- Representative in the Steering Committee of the World Bank Essay Competition 2009 and to ABCDE World Bank Conference held in Cape Town, South Africa;

Associazione Studenti della Link Campus University

Founder, President

May 2006 - December 2007 (1 year 8 months)

Rome Area, Italy

- Set up the first University Students' League in the Campus;
 - Fundraise for scholarships and social activities for students;
 - Manage relationships with Campus authorities and other corporations;
- Achievements: During my chairmanship we organized a series of high profile events and opportunities for students, i.e. a live conference between Italian and Maltese plenipotentiaries to the Rome Treaty conference, the Notte Bianca delle Università and a football trophy between representative from Roman Universities, the Stagiaires at the European Commission and the Erasmus Team.

UNODC

Intern

April 2007 - September 2007 (6 months)

Vienna, Austria

- Drafting national legal reports on case law and legislation related to terrorism ;
- Liaison with National Permanent Representatives and United Nations agencies in Vienna ;
- Preparing workshops, meetings and international conferences (such as the « Symposium on Advancing the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy ») ;

Link Campus - University of Malta

Senior Scolder Student

2005 - 2007 (2 years)

Rome Area, Italy

Working in the University Library and in the Students' Welfare Office

Education

Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict, International Law and Legal Studies · (2013 - 2015)

PHAP - Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection

Certificate, Core training on Humanitarian law and policy - Workshop on Islamic law and protection of civilians · (2014 - 2014)

Instituto de Estudios sobre Conflictos y Acción Humanitaria

Certificate, Evaluation and management of Humanitarian projects, Evaluation and management of Humanitarian projects · (2010 - 2010)

International Committee of the Red Cross

Professional training, Human Resources Management/Personnel

Administration, General, Human Resources Management/Personnel

Administration, General · (2012 - 2012)

Universidad Sergio Arboleda

Certificate, Inter American Legal System, Inter American Legal System · (2010 - 2010)