

CURRICULUM VITAE

CRISTINA VON SCHWEINICHEN

Family Name: von Schweinichen

First name: Cristina

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Date, place of birth

30 June 1951, Varese, Italy

Country of nationality at birth and present nationality: German

Second nationality: Italian

Gender: female

Marital status: married

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Secondary education

European School, Varese (Italy) from 1961 to 1970 (final exam) "Baccalaureat" recognized in all EU countries.

University education:

Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia (Italy). Final degree (Laurea) in Architecture 110/110 (Venice, 1970-1975)

University of Edinburgh: post-graduate course at the Department of Urban Design and Regional Planning. Certificate of attendance (Edinburgh, 1975-1976)

College d'Europe: scholarship for the post-graduate course, Centre for Urban Conservation and Renewal, College d'Europe. Certificate of Advanced European Studies (Bruges, 1977-1978)

Professional certificate

National certificate as architect (Milan, 1978).

Languages:

- English, fluent (working language)
- French, fluent (UN proficiency)
- Italian mother tongue
- German, good
- Dutch good
- Spanish (UN proficiency)
- Portuguese, fair

Professional Training

- Short post graduate course on Urban and Regional Planning in the Developing Countries, University of Venice (Venice,1984)
- Training course on Engagement and Solidarity for Development, MAE/DGCS/SISCOS (Rome, 1989)
- Seminar on Project Evaluation , ILO (Turin 1991)
- UN training
- Attended the following training courses: effective meetings, managing the writing of others, people management training programme, career development programme, on structured interviews and other courses and seminars such as lunchtime learning etc. Followed several computer courses. Participated in the works of the Focus Group for Core Competency Project. French and Spanish language courses (UN Proficiency).

Present Position

UN Economic Commission for Europe, senior economic affairs officer (P5)

In 1998, was promoted to P5 in the UNECE Environment and Human Settlements Division in charge as Team leader of the human settlements programme and of three (out of five) ECE environmental conventions, namely the Aarhus , the two Espoo Conventions, of the activities on Environment, Transport and Health and became secretary to the Committee on Environmental Policy.

Was also appointed Deputy Director to the Division, to support and assist the Chief in the management of the Division and Officer in Charge whenever required, to carry out the normal functions of the Chief of Division, directing and supervising the work of the Division; to advise and consult with the Executive Secretary or the Deputy Executive Secretary on matters that are being undertaken or proposed by the Division and to attend Senior Management meetings and act on decisions taken

As Team-leader provides guidance coordinates and monitors staff in the team in preparing meetings and in the implementation of the activities within the programmes of work . In addition provides for strategic directions of the Committees' policy objectives in Environment and in Human Settlements and prepares reports, official statements and clears, reviews and correspondence.

Establishes and maintains contacts with high-level officials in the capitals, with the permanent representatives in Geneva as well as with representatives of the private sector including non governmental organizations, local authorities and research institutions in the effort to encourage and improve exchange of ideas for better. cooperation.

Among the managerial tasks:

- encourages the implementation of effective team-work while assuring that team meetings are held on a regular basis in order that all members are sharing their knowledge to improve input in their respective work.
- Provides motivation for staff as feasible.
- Assures that matters concerning the team both on substance and management are tackled in a timely manner and whenever necessary discussed within the Division Management to seek better solutions and options. Coaches new staff members to facilitate their entry into the Organization and in their new work.

- Undertakes overall management and administration of human resources and the work programmes, including consultants and researchers and related financial matters (trust funds, fundraising, preparations of the budget etc).

Previous Posts

UN Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Affairs Officer (P4)

Since 1992, was appointed with the ECE Environment and Human Settlements Division, in the Human Settlements team. Assisted the Team Leader in organizing and service meetings, drafted policy papers and recommendations based on the proposed expert documentation and discussions, guided and coordinated interdisciplinary group of experts and consultants. Established and maintained contacts with national delegations and representatives of local authorities, research institutions to establish and improve the exchange of ideas and better cooperation.

Field of work: developing countries

Consultant with MLAL (NGO) responsible for management of development projects in Latin America (Argentina, Chile and Uruguay). Projects' elaboration and evaluation, including budget forecasts and spending. Overseeing work in progress and supervising visiting experts. (Rome, Buenos Aires, Santiago and Montevideo 1989-1991). With COCIS (coordination of NGOs) evaluation, including budget forecasts and spending of micro projects in the developing countries submitted by eligible Italian NGOs. (Rome, 1989-1991)

Architect planner, technical assistance with Africa '70 (NGO) to the Government of Cabo Verde (West Africa) and Municipal Authorities on a project related to redesigning, planning and implementation of low cost housing, social services and infrastructure. Restructuring of decentralized health centres with P&S (NGO). Implementation of an urban and regional development scheme in view of the islands' tourists development. (Cape Verde Islands 1986-1988).

Junior expert on a team working in Addis Ababa Master Plan Project as a bilateral cooperation project between the Italian and Ethiopian Governments (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1983-1985 six months altogether).

Field of work: research

Researcher with UNESCO: study of the development of the urban structure of Venice from 16th to 19th century with emphasis on the functional aspects of buildings. Information was obtained mostly through an analysis of archive records (Venice, 1979-1986)

With the Veneto Region, participated in a multidisciplinary team for the feasibility study for a possible candidacy of Venice to hold the World Trade Fair Expo2000 (Venice, 1989)

Field of work: Consultancies in planning and building

Consultant for the Soprintendenza per i Beni Ambientali e Arhitettonici di Venezia. Research on Venetian historic buildings for their subsequent restoration. (Venice, 1982-1986)

Member of a multidisciplinary team working on a feasibility study for a possible candidacy of Venice, to hold the World Fair EXPO 2000 (Venice, two months 1989)

Member of a team working on a comparative analysis concerning industrial production of building elements C.E.R./Interconsorzi IACP (Padova, 1981-1983).

Organization of the International Conference for the Council of Europe (Treviso/Italy, Spring 1982)

Coordinator of two exhibitions on urban planning with the University of Venice and Santa Barbara (California) (Venice, 1981-1983)

Research assistant with the Lothian Region (Scotland) to analyse existing leisure facilities in the Region and proposals for future use (Edinburgh, 1976-1977)

Field of work: teaching assistant

Assistant to Ethiopian scholarship holders in their training programmes at Venice University (Venice 1983-1985)

Teaching assistant in Urban Planning in Venice to foreign students in residence of Virginia and Miami Universities (Venice, 1979-1982) and organized several exhibitions on urban planning with the University of Venice and California (Venice, 1981 and 1983).

Publications

- Country studies: Cape Verde. *In* Kosta Mathey (ed.). Housing Policies in the Socialist Third World. Verlag London; New York: Mansell; Muenchen: Profil, 1990. pp. 121- 129
- Part IV Recourse and Coastal Management. An integrated approach to sustainable coastal management. *In* Manfred Vollmer-Henning Grann (eds.). Large-scale constructions in coastal environments. Conflict resolution strategies. Springer Verlag, Berlin 1999. pp. 151 to 156
- Wrote some articles on Housing and Planning both for magazines and publications.