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MBA Columbia University (1972)

Ph.D. Program @ Dept. of Economics, Wharton School of Finance, Philadelphia

Economist and later Director in the Economic Research Dept. of Banca d'Italia (Italy's central bank)
(participated in the works of EEC Monetary Committee and EEC Economic Policy Committee)

Executive Director of the IMF (1984-89)

Assistant Secretary General of the OECD

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Professor of International Economic Policy @ University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (since 1997)

Director of Public Investments Evaluation Agency (1997-1998)

Economic Advisor of the Treasury Minister (1997-2000) (worked on financial issues)

Economic Advisor of the Ministers for Industry, Trade and Energy (2001-2010) (worked on Lisbon Agenda program, aid policy for SMEs, investment subsidies to less developed regions, enterprise internationalisation, energy policy, external trade policy)

Chairman of ICE (External Trade Institute) Advisory Committee (2002-2005)

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Chairman of Europex (European association of power exchanges) (2009)

Chairman of IPI Institute for Industrial Promotion (2008-2009)

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Consultant on SME, entrepreneurship and finance in several economic sectors and in foreign countries, such as Arab gulf states and South Korea.

Author of numerous studies, articles, and two books over the 1975-2012 period.