

Alessandro Allegra

WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent Science Policy Consultant, London

Sep 2016 - current

Recent projects include:

- *Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development* – Advising and report writing for the Global Science Forum project on Scientific Advice in Emergencies
- *UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office* – Facilitating and reporting a 3-days international workshop on scientific cooperation and data sharing in crisis response
- *International Network for Government Science Advice* – Facilitating and reporting a 2-days science advice capacity-building workshop for South-East Asia
- *UCL Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy* – Researching the use of scientific evidence by UK civil servants

Senior Science Policy Adviser, Royal Society of Biology, London

Nov 2015 – Sep 2016

- Developing a strategic roadmap document for the UK plant sciences sector
- Managing the Society's activities on research policy and funding
- Advising on the social, economic and ethical implications of the life sciences
- Representing the Society in national and international science policy fora
- Managing people and budgets to attain the Society's objectives

Science Policy Adviser, The Royal Society, London

Oct 2013 – Nov 2015

- Researching, writing, and disseminating science and innovation policy documents
- Analysing UK and EU research funding policies and regulations, and their impact
- Engaging in public consultation exercises on research funding and technology governance
- Advocating support for public and private investment in research
- Managing policy projects in coordination with national and international partners
- Engaging stakeholders within the public, private and academic sectors in the UK and EU

Project Manager, Natural Science Sector, UNESCO, Paris

Apr – Aug 2013

- Developing the awareness-raising strategy for UNESCO's genetic data sharing project
- Promoting the UN commitment to the principles of open data and open sciences
- Organizing, researching, and curating the exhibition "60 years of DNA"
- Managing budgets, staff and external contractors to deliver the project
- Writing and commissioning communication materials

Intern, Ethics of Science and Technology office, UNESCO, Paris

Sep – Dec 2012

- Supporting the work of the UN International Bioethics Committees
- Researching, drafting, and editing bioethics policy documents and guidelines
- Coordinating with other departments, UN agencies, governmental and private stakeholders
- Developing communication material for awareness raising and fundraising

Research Assistant, SQW Consultants, London

Jul-Aug 2012

- Carrying out qualitative research on the socioeconomic impact of academic research
- Cooperating with the LSE Public Policy Group

Research Assistant (part-time), Fondazione Rosselli, Italy

Apr-Jun 2012

- Researching and comparing science education policies in EU countries
- Collaborating in the development of science education policy proposals in Italy

EDUCATION

University College London, London, UK

2016 - Ongoing

PhD in Science and Technology Studies (STS)

- Researching the nexus between scientific expertise and public decision-making, focusing on the role of cultural differences in scientific advice to policy across Europe.
- Teaching on science policy, public engagement, and science communication.

London School of Economics, London, UK

2011-2012

MSc in Philosophy of Science (Distinction)

- Subjects: Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Sciences; History of Science

Humboldt Universitaet, Berlin, Germany

2010-2011

ERASMUS Exchange Programme

- Subjects: History of Science, Philosophy of Mind, German language

Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milano, Italy

2008-2011

Laura Triennale in Filosofia (110 e lode)

- Main subjects: Philosophy of Science, History of Science, History of Philosophy, Ethics, Political Philosophy, Classical Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy, Logics, Theology, Neurosciences, Genetics.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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| • Secretary and Board Member, Association of Italian Scientists in UK | 2016- ongoing |
| • Peer reviewer, Palgrave Communications journal (Nature group) | 2017 |
| • Member, UK Responsible Research and Innovation hub Advisory Group | 2015-2016 |
| • Member, Italian Embassy in London working group on research funding | 2015-2017 |

PUBLICATIONS

- OECD (forthcoming), *Report on scientific advice in transnational emergencies*
- UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2017), [Science advice: international co-operation and exchange of data and information during trans-national crises – Wilton Park report](#)
- INGSA (2017), [South East Asia Government Science Advice workshop report](#)
- Royal Society (2015), [UK research and the European Union - the role of the EU in funding UK research](#)
- Royal Society (2015), [Building a stronger future: Research, innovation and growth](#)

HONORS AND AWARDS

UK Social and Economic Research Council doctoral scholarship

2016-2019

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), **English** (full professional proficiency), **German** (upper intermediate, B2), **Spanish** (upper intermediate, B2), **French** (intermediate, B1)