

CV of FRANCESCO SINCICH

Personal data:

Italian nationality

Born at Altamura (BA), on 11.17.1951, residing in Italy, Genova 16137, corso Montegrappa 35-9.

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Educational qualifications:

Master degree in Biology (medical trend)

Master degree in Geography with thesis in Ethnology

Medical Anthropology experimental course (University of Genoa, November 1998)

Skills:

Good knowledge of the main software programs for computer (Office, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere); photography; filmmaking and video-editing.

Foreign languages:

English, French, basic Croatian, and rudiments of Arabic (Italian mother tongue).

Anthropologist, with the following fields of research and activity:

Medical anthropology

Migrants, IDPs, asylum seekers and refugees issues

Women circumcision (FGM)

Women trafficking and sex workers issues

Nomadic breeders societies (field missions in Syria, Jordan, Somalia, Djibouti, Afar and Somali Regions of Ethiopia, Niger).

Independent filmmaker since 2009 to present, with eight documentary films:

Halima et Absatou (23', 2009, filmed in Niger), for MSF-Belgium mission in Niger.

Waynaabe (17', 2011, Niger) for Vétérinaires Sans Frontières - Belgium.

Banganà (63', 2012, Niger) produced by Vétérinaires Sans Frontières - Belgium and MSF - Italy.

Lokkol (52', 2013, Niger) self-produced.

Fatuma and Asya (59', 2014, Afar Region of Ethiopia) crowdfunded, for Association Karera. Femmes de la Corne d'Afrique.

Dahra (63', 2016, Afar Region of Ethiopia) crowdfunded, for Association Karera. Femmes de la Corne d'Afrique.

Galaha (7', 2016, Afar Region of Ethiopia) produced by MSF-France/État d'urgence production.

Lokkol 2 (63, 2017, Niger) crowdfunded.

Memberships and ongoing activities.

Member of Doctors Without Borders (MSF) France and Italy since 2003 to present. Humanitarian worker as anthropologist with 13 field missions in eight African countries (Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia) and Malta.

Four of the missions concerned migrants, IDPs and refugees issues:

Mission to Malta to teach at the three days seminar "Migration process within health and social care: an anthropological overview", organized by Médecins Sans Frontières – Belgium/Italy for the staff of the institutions and organizations involved in the care of the migrants. The training had the purpose of preparing them to replace MSF after its departure (Malta, September 14th -18th 2010).

Anthropological mission to Djibouti, for Médecins Sans Frontières – Switzerland. Purpose of the mission, which took place since December 12th 2009 to January 23rd 2010, was to check the access to healthcare for the different sectors of the population of the most vulnerable quarters of Djibouti town (residents of different groups and immigrants from different countries)

Field mission to Nakuru (Kenya) for the Communication Dept. of MSF - Spain - Kenya. The mission, which took place since February 1st to February 4th 2008, had the aim to interview the victims of the post-elections clashes in the Rift Valley among the internally displaced persons gathered in the British Red Cross camp in the town.

Participation to “Mezzogiorno in punto”, a talk-show broadcasted by TSI (Italian Switzerland Television) for MSF-Switzerland about the refugees (February 22nd 2007).

Guide at the MSF refugee camp at Lugano for MSF-Switzerland (January 11th – 27th 2007).

Anthropological mission to Somalia for Médecins Sans Frontières – Holland. The mission had the aim to check the health care seeking behavior of Somali people in two different areas: Marere, in the Middle Juba District, and Galkayo, in Mudug District (Puntland), since September 17th to December 29th 2003. Specific priorities were the evaluation of the healthcare access of the vulnerable groups, in particular the Internally Displaced Persons, and the women circumcision.

With MSF - Missione Italia:

Organization of the conference “*Sono una donna anch’io*” on the African sex workers held in Genoa (January 29th 2009) focusing on the point of view and the needs of the African migrant girls/sex workers.

Member of the Associazione Ambulatorio Internazionale ‘Città Aperta’ (AAICA) since 1997 to present.

AAICA is an association that provides free primary health care to undocumented migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Genoa. In charge of the international cooperation activity for the Association, with projects aiming to rehabilitate and improve health care facilities and hospitals in Senegal, Lebanon, Palestine and Afar Region of Ethiopia.

Member of the Associazione Culturale Ghazala since the founding (2002) to present.

Ghazala is involved in cultural and international cooperation activities concerning health care and education in Somalia, Palestine, Afar Region of Ethiopia, Niger, with several founded projects.

Member of the CeDRiTT - Centro di Documentazione e Ricerca sui Trasferimenti di Tecnologia since 2000 to present.

In charge of the activities of the Center concerning health issues. Participation to several socio-anthropological researches in urban environment on the social changes produced by the presence of immigrant people. Teaching in training courses for medical staff of hospitals and public health structures to improve the medical services for immigrant people.

Activities as independent speaker:

About women circumcision (FGM)

Ausl (public health) of Piacenza. “Mutilazioni genitali femminili tra “qui” e “altrove”, February 6th 2017.

ASL-3, “Le mutilazioni genitali femminili. Conoscere per accogliere e prevenire”. Genova, October 23rd 2009.

ULSS-9 (public health dept.), Treviso, May 28th 2008.

Amnesty International "Mai più violenza sulle donne". Milan, September 15th 2007.

"Luigi Sacco" hospital, Milan, March 30th 2007.

(ASL3) "Parents and children in multicultural environment", two sessions: October 26th 2004 and October 27th 2005 at Genoa.

SIMG – Società Italiana di Medicina Generale, "Female Sexuality in a Cross-cultural Perspective" (Genoa, March 2nd 2004).

Relevant past activities:

Medicinal plants consultant for the FAO project GCP/SYR/009/ITA (Range Rehabilitation and Establishment of a Wildlife Reserve, Palmyra – Syria), with three field missions (13/12/1999 – 23/12/1999; 03/04/2000 – 02/05/2000; 01/05/2001 – 15/06/2001); in charge of a project aiming to create an income generating activity for the Bedouin women.

Chercheur associé at the IFPO – Institut Français du Proche Orient of Damascus.

Publications:

Books:

Sincich, Francesco (2002). *Bedouin Traditional Medicine in the Syrian Steppe*. Rome, FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization.

Sincich, Francesco, Fatma Daas and Aitham Khaddour (2002). *Field manual on the medicinal plants of central Syria*. Damascus, FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Articles:

Sincich, Francesco (1998). *La trehala*. Una manna dimenticata. *Soma*, 1/98, pp 32-45.

Sincich, Francesco (2001). I materiali della Heva. In *La Heva fiorentina di James Cook. Abito da lutto di Tahiti*. Quaderni di antropologia e etnologia, Università di Firenze, vol. CXXX, pp. 156-161.

Sincich, Francesco (2003). Bedouin Traditional Healers in the Syrian *Bādiya*. *Bulletin d'Études Orientales*. Vol LV (supplément), pp. 287-298.

Sincich, Francesco (2008). Gli Afar, una popolazione di pastoralisti nomadi del Corno d'Africa. *Miscellanea di storia delle esplorazioni*, 33, pp. 95-120.

Sincich, Francesco (2009). Motivazioni, sogni e delusioni di una fascia particolarmente vulnerabile dell'immigrazione femminile. Dossier of the seminar "Sono una donna anch'io", Genoa, pp 2-11.

Sincich, Francesco (2010). Introduction e Nowhere to go in Ethical Sugar. *Sugar Cane and Indigenous People*. November 2010.

Sincich, Francesco (2017). La differenza non è una malattia. In Gilda Della Ragione e Rossella Ridella (a cura di). *Gli altri del ghetto. Frammenti di vita e culture nei Servizi di vico Croce Bianca 24 rosso a Genova*. Genoa, Gigrafica.