



Curriculum vitae

Maria Teresa Scherillo

I'm 67 years old, my husband, Giuseppe Pitotti, has been also my best friend for 37 years, my unique son Lorenzo lives in London where he works and continues studying in the field of financial Mathematics.

Born in Genova during the first ww2 naval bombings, I live in Milan after spending my teenager and University years in Florence where, following a good high school classical education, I got a Political and Social Sciences academic degree. During University, I spent my junior year abroad at Mount Holyoke College – Mass, in the USA (the traveling back and forth was a 9 to 11 day boat trip) studying Economics and Sociology thanks to a Fullbright scholarship (forerunner of the Erasmus program of today). I'm a psychologist and a member of Ariele, the Italian association of psychosocioanalysis founded by Gino Pagliarani in 1982.

After a 30 year experience in different staff functions in IBM and, more recently, in Assolombarda (the largest district employer association in Italy, with over 6.000 corporate associates) – a time when I could also experience in some depth psychology, psychoanalysis and sociology of organisations – I promoted and founded in 1995 **Sodalitas**, Association for the Development of Entrepreneurship in Social Economy. A brand new organization at that time, which involved senior retired executives and managers to help the organizational development of the Third Sector, by enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, internal human resources programs and quality of services. Sodalitas played also a key role in introducing and developing the Corporate Social Responsibility movement in Italy. Its annual Sodalitas Social Award - at its sixth edition - gathers around 300 projects from over 200 corporations every year.

Managing Director of the Association from 1995 to 2001, today I'm member of the Strategic Board of **Sodalitas Foundation** (www.sodalitas.it), established as the ideal and natural continuation of Sodalitas Association in 2007. Sodalitas Foundation is supported by Assolombarda and by 64 corporate members, and relies on 81 volunteer consultants, donating more than 30.000 hours of *pro bono* professional activity to the Foundation, and on 7 professional employees.

In 2004 I substantially contributed to the foundation and structuring of **Istituto Italiano della Donazione - IID**, the Italian Institute for Donation (www.istitutoitalianodonazione.it) engaged in promoting and fostering excellence, transparency, integrity, fair management practices and ethical conduct in non profit organizations. IID is an independent monitoring body, releasing a Seal of Approval to charities which have to yearly undergo a thorough verification process by independent and professional accredited auditors.

I go on painstakingly dedicating enthusiasm, care and energies to both organisations. Organized solidarity, carried out with open mind and heart in continuous dialogue with people and events is the full time volunteer job I have chosen for this time in life.



I love travelling and walking (I had trekking experiences in many parts of the world), hate conventional wisdom, and, notwithstanding a depressive and introverted inclination, I am fond of life and try to appreciate it as it goes by.

I read novels less than I'd like to, while trying to compensate my interest for good stories going to the movies and to theatres. I am interested in figurative arts (painting, sculpture and architecture). I like people. I enjoy taking care of young people (when they allow you to do that), and, now, also of the very youngest. (Nonetheless I did appreciate: *young people will be saved by young people* a sentence from yesterday – June 12, 2008 Cariplo Conference in Milan on EXPO 2015 Thrd Sector perspectives.)

Philosophy is a passion I try to pursue in everything I do. I practice raja yoga. Recently I have composed two brief Haiku collections..... What else?.....

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