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KEY EXPERIENCE

- Leads and manages capacity building projects and policy influence assessments/evaluations involving demand side counterparts.
- Expert on measuring impact and evaluating policy influence research, and on decentralisation and participatory local governance reforms.
- Significant experience developing strong relationships and working collaboratively with national level counterparts.
- Experience supporting the planning of activities to strengthen national capacity in evidence-based policy advocacy.
- Intermediary experience designing a project to build the capacity of researchers on the supply side, assess the needs from the demand side, communicate research more effectively, and strengthen the collaboration with government institutions.
- Leadership and management skills working with multi-cultural teams.
- Experience partnering with local research institutes and researchers throughout Asia, including the SMERU Research Institute in Indonesia and the CAF research institute in Ha Noi, Vietnam.
- Significant experience working with M&E teams on the designs of M&E systems for K2P projects, conducting policy influence assessments and writing evaluation studies and writing reports according to donor requirements.
- Regularly publishes in peer review journals as a contributor to K2P literature and thinking in English.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2007** **PhD Education and Development**
University of Tampere, Finland
Faculty of education
Thesis: *Decentralisation Policy in Cambodia Exploring Community Participation in the Education Sector*
- 1997** **MPhil Economic Development**
University of Glasgow, UK
Centre of Development Studies, Faculty of Economics
Dissertation: *Population growth and food supply: a complex relationship*
- 1993** **Ba Economics**
University of Parma, Italy
Faculty of Economics
Dissertation: *Privatization reforms: theory and results the English experience of the eighties.*
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CAREER

5/2013 – to date

Overseas Development Institute (UK)
Research Fellow / Lead - Knowledge to Policy Learning

Knowledge Sector Initiative in Indonesia.

Lead the learning and research work of the programme. Build strong relationships within the KSI teams to plan and manage learning, knowledge production, and knowledge sharing as core activities of KSI. Identify lessons and experiential learning through active engagement with the KSI teams and with the programme partners. Where useful, bring external knowledge to bear in the development of frameworks, tools and theories on evidence informed policy making and knowledge to policy processes that the KSI teams can test with the programme partners.

Manage a team comprising the KSI Communications function and the KSI Knowledge Management function to ensure strategic and dynamic knowledge production and communication to KSI stakeholders as well as audiences in Indonesia and overseas.

Manage a portfolio of work and play an integral role in the management and leadership of the KSI program.

4/2011 – 4/2013

Overseas Development Institute (UK)

Research Associate

Support assessments, planning and implementation of advisory and capacity development projects on evidence based policy change with policy makers and researchers:

- **Team leader** for a political economy analysis to inform the design of AusAID Indonesia's new Disaster Risk Management Program, Indonesia (08/2012 – 02/2013).
- **M&E of policy influence specialist** assisting and reviewing the policy influence of impact evaluation research project funded by 3ie – International Impact Evaluation Initiative (6/2012 – 3/2013).
- **M&E of policy influence specialist** assisting the development and use of policy influence M&E frameworks of four Australian universities involved in the Health Knowledge Hubs initiative funded by AusAID (6 – 11/2012).
- **International local governance specialist** to the Climate Public Expenditures and Institutional Review (CPEIR) in Samoa funded by UNDP (4 – 5/2012)
- **International local governance specialist** to the Climate Public Expenditures and Institutional Review (CPEIR) in Cambodia funded by UNDP (2 – 5/2012)
- **International local governance specialist** to the Climate Public Expenditures and Institutional Review (CPEIR) Thailand funded by UNDP (2 – 5/2012)
- **Team leader:** a study on the political economy of the use of knowledge in urban resilience and natural disaster risk management in the Philippines funded by AusAID (1 – 5/2012)
- **Team leader:** management and coordination of ODI RAPID input to the Research for Policy Change Project funded by AusAID to strengthen and expand knowledge on evidence-based policy development, monitoring of the influence of knowledge and research on policy making, and the political economy of the use of knowledge in Southeast Asia and the Pacific (06/2011 – 12/2012).
- **International expert** to conduct an analysis of the decentralization reforms and use of evidence for policy formulation in the basic education sector in Cambodia as part of a ADB Project Preparation Technical Assistance (05/2011

– 07/2011)

- **Lecturer:** seminar series at Silliman University (Philippines) on evidence-based policy influencing (12/2010 – 2/2011).
- **Team leader:** support to policy communication for policy influencing of 3ie (Impact Evaluation Development Effectiveness Initiative) New Delhi, India (12/2010 – 05/2013).
- **Team leader:** advisory service for the development of the Monitoring and Evaluation and Learning Framework of the Accountability for Tanzania project implement by KPMG for DFID (05/2009 – 05/2012).

6/2008– 4/2011

**Overseas Development Institute (UK)
Research Fellow**

Support the assessment, planning and implementation of advisory and capacity development activities on the link between research evidence and policy development for researchers, civil servants, NGOs, bilateral and multilateral agencies. Projects:

- **Team leader:** impact assessment of Vietnam Development Report 2010. World Bank, Ha Noi (02 – 03/2011).
- **Lecturer:** seminar series at Silliman University (Philippines) on evidence-based policy influencing (12/2010).
- **Team leader:** knowledge management taxonomy study at the Asia Development Bank, Manila, Philippines (10/2010 – 01/2011)
- **Team leader:** support to policy communication for policy influencing of 3ie (Impact Evaluation Development Effectiveness Initiative) New Delhi, India (12/2010 – 05/2013).
- **Team leader:** advisory service for the development of the Monitoring and Evaluation and Learning Framework of the Accountability for Tanzania project implement by KPMG for DFID (05/2009 – 05/2012).
- **Team leader:** strengthening policy research communication capacity for researchers of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences funded by UNDP, Ha Noi, Vietnam (02/2009 – 04/2011).
- Research paper on Bringing Governance Evidence into Policy three post conflict countries, UNDP Oslo Governance Center (01/2009 – 03/2009).
- Capacity building on policy research communication for researchers in economics at University of Dar es Salaam, IDRC (09/2008 – 03/2009).
- Capacity building on knowledge translation and planning of policy briefs for researchers in economics in Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Jordan, IDRC (09/2008 – 03/2009).
- Facilitation of the Evidence Based and Policy in Development Network in South Asia and South East Asia, DFID (06/2008 – 03/2011).

01/2007 - 05/2008 **UNDP (VIETNAM)**

Advisor in Research Management and Policy Advocacy at the “Assistance to the 20 Years Review of *Doi Moi* in Vietnam” Project, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) Ha Noi.

07/2001 - 03/2005 **GTZ / DED (CAMBODIA)**

Advisor for Civil Society and Local Governance, GTZ Rural Development Programme, Kampong Thom.

Technical assistance, on-the-job training, and coordination of capacity building activities for line department staff and community based organizations to enhance

civil society participation in local governance.
09/1998 - 05/2001 Uniservices Ltd. - The University of Jyväskylä (FINLAND)

Project coordinator: project acquisition and project proposals preparation in basic and primary education, vocational education, and socio-economic development for various donors

Short Term Assignments

- 2008 Cambodia - PACT/ USAID**
Consultant
Mid-Term Review of the Local Administration and Reform (LAAR) Program with specific role in assessing community engagement with local government.
- 2005 Cambodia - GTZ Rural Development Programme and GTZ Administrative Reform and Decentralisation Project**
Consultant
Research, analysis, and documentation of different approaches of community mobilisation and civil society interaction with Commune Councils.
- Cambodia - DANIDA Natural Resources and Environment Programme**
Consultant
Plan content and format of a CD-Rom on Commune NRM and Livelihoods.
- 2000 Nepal - GTZ Food for Work Programme**
Intern
Provide assistance during field assessments, food security profiling, and target group oriented planning of Food-for-Work activities in selected districts of Nepal.
- 1998 Spain - University of the Basque Country - Institute of Studies on Development and International Economics (Bilbao)**
Intern
Tutoring in the training course on project planning and project cycle with Logical Framework Analysis. Research and collection of material for a thematic dictionary on development and co-operation.

Teaching and Training

- 2008 Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM), University of Manchester (UK).** Visiting Lecturer on decentralisation in Cambodia.
- 2006 University of Jyväskylä (Finland) – Dept. of Social Sciences and Philosophy.** Visiting Lecturer on social capital and development
- 2000 University of Jyväskylä (Finland) – Faculty of Economics.** Lecturing on Economic Systems of Developing Countries
- University of Jyväskylä (Finland) – Continuing Education Centre.** Lecturing on development cooperation.
- University of Jyväskylä (Finland) – Multicultural Centre.** Lecturing on Project Cycle Management and Project Planning
- Polytechnic of Jyväskylä (Finland).** Project Planning with Logical Framework Analysis
- KEPA-Service Centre for Development Cooperation (Finland Finland).** Project Planning with Logical Framework Approach

PUBLICATIONS

Regularly posts and manages: <http://www.demand4evidence.org>

Pellini, A. (2015). The elusive search for a knowledge to policy framework, Reserach2Action, November, <http://goo.gl/X9vK5L>

Pellini, A. (2015). Data innovation as a new source of evidence for policy making: an interview with Miriam Lips on the experience of the New Zealand Data Futures Forum, KSI blog, November, <http://goo.gl/l29GdU>

Pellini, A. (2015). Do Think Tanks Underinvest in Management? A Conversation with Raymond Struyk, published at ksi-indonesia.org ([here](#))

Pellini, A. (2015). A new era for development – the future or already reality?, Guest Blog published on the DDD Manifesto Community blog ([here](#)).

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Mackenzie, J., Pellini, A., and Sutiyo, W. (2015). Establishing Government Think Tanks: An Overview of Comparative Models, Working Paper 4, Jakarta: Knowledge Sector Initiative.

Pellini, A., Angelina, M., and Purnawati, E. (2014). Improving health services through knowledge sharing and communication. A Story of Change from the Regency of Lombok Barat, Jakarta: Knowledge Sector Initiative.

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Pellini, A. (2013). Monitoring policy influence like measuring smoke?, Opinion published @ www.betterevaluation.org

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Pellini, A., Contreras, A., Jabar, J., de Guzman M.T., Era, M., Erasga, D. and Javier Jr. R. (2013). Towards Policy-Relevant Science and Scientifically Informed Policy. Political economy of the use of knowledge and research evidence in urban resilience interventions in the Philippines. Final Report: ODI, Social Development Research Center, De La Salle University Manila, AusAID Manila.

Pellini, A. (2013) What does the difference between driving a bus in Stockholm and Delhi have to do with evidence-based policymaking?, Opinion published @ www.localfirst.org.uk

Pellini, A. (2013). Indonesia is growing fast, so is the demand for social welfare: but is evidence keeping pace? Opinion published @ www.researchtoaction.org

ODI (2012). Thailand Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review. Final Report, Bangkok: UNDP and London: ODI.

ODI (2012). Cambodia Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review. Final Report, Bangkok: UNDP and London: ODI.

Pellini, A., Anderson, J. H., Tran Thi Lan Huong, Irvine, R. (2012). Assessing the policy influence of research: A case study of governance research in Viet Nam, ODI Background Note, London: Overseas Development Institute. Link: <http://bit.ly/LNLHEO>

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