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PROFILE

Strategic adviser with 25+ years of international experience supporting organisations operating in complex humanitarian, public health, climate and international development environments. Trusted counsellor to senior leadership on communications strategy, narrative, reputation and stakeholder engagement in politically sensitive, high-stakes contexts where institutional credibility and public trust are critical to impact.

Deep experience across multilateral institutions, international NGOs, philanthropic foundations, governments and global communications firms including **Amref Health Africa**, UN agencies (**Stop TB Partnership**, **UNAIDS**), the **World Resources Institute**, **Médecins Sans Frontières**, **Oxford Policy Management**, the **Gates Foundation** and the **International Committee of the Red Cross**, **Edelman**, as well as broadcasting and media companies, from **Al Gore's Current TV** to **Sky**.

Combines policy fluency, operational understanding and strong storytelling instincts, with a proven ability to translate complexity into clear, credible narratives that drive alignment and action. Academically grounded in development studies and media and cultural analysis, and fluent in multiple languages, he brings a perspective shaped by both critical inquiry and extensive first-hand experience across Europe, North America, Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Latin America — with a distinctive instinct for translating lived global realities into work that is both informative and compelling.

SELECTED IMPACT

- Built and led Edelman's first global public health practice, generating \$5M+ in new business
- Senior adviser to WHO, the Global Fund, the ICRC, the Mastercard Foundation, Amref Health Africa and Gavi
- Led communications in frontline humanitarian and public health emergencies with Médecins Sans Frontières in the DRC
- Advised Heads of State through the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
- Cannes Lion (2025) — Africa Health Agenda International Conference brand identity
- Launched and ran Vice President Al Gore's independent information network in multiple regions

CAREER

Edelman

Head of Global Public Health

05/22 – 12/25, London, UK

Built and led Edelman's award-winning Global Public Health practice, advising organisations at the intersection of health, climate, development and public policy.

- Pioneered Edelman's first global public health business strategy, generating \$5M+ in new business
- Served as senior adviser on major health and climate initiatives shaping global narratives and executive positioning
- Led work for WHO, Amref Health Africa, the Stop TB Partnership, the Mastercard Foundation and the ICRC
- Built and managed a globally distributed, multidisciplinary team across all continents

World Resources Institute
Head of Communications & Engagement, Ocean Program

08/21 – 05/22, London, UK

Led communications for the Ocean Program within a leading global research organisation advancing sustainable development..

- Designed international communications strategies elevating ocean sustainability
- Advised Heads of State through the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy and Friends of Ocean Action.

International COVID-19 Data Alliance
Communications and Engagement Manager

10/20 – 07/21, London, UK

Led communications for a Wellcome-supported global initiative enabling large-scale data sharing to accelerate pandemic response.

- Developed comprehensive communications and engagement strategy
- Oversaw media relations, public affairs, campaigns, brand and visual identity
- Supported launch of a global digital research platform.

Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
Field Communications Manager

08/2019 – 07/2020, Bukavu, DRC

Led communications in a frontline humanitarian and public health emergency.

- Directed crisis communications strengthening acceptance and international visibility
- Produced high-impact storytelling linking community realities with global audiences

Oxford Policy Management
Communications Manager

10/2017 – 06/2019, London, UK

Led communications strategy for flagship multi-country policy and health programmes.

Key clients:

- o **UNAIDS:** led strategic communications development and implementation for the UNAIDS fast-response technical assistance mechanism aimed at governments and local and international organizations in 55 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia Pacific implementing HIV programs.
- o **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation:** designed and implemented the communication strategy for one of the Foundation's key programmes; led the creation and dissemination of all original content (animation, audio-visual, photographic, editorial).
- o **Nigerian Ministry of Health:** launched a fellowship to support the Nigerian National Primary Health Care Development Agency in expanding its Results-Based Financing (RBF) programme, accelerating Nigeria's progress towards universal health coverage.

Discovery Communications
Media and Communications Manager, Executive Producer

08/2012 – 09/2015, Milan, Italy

In charge of development, production and distribution of several multi-platform and multi-stakeholder initiatives on environmental and humanitarian affairs for prime-time television, online, radio, cinema and live-exhibit distribution:

- *The Earth Defenders:* on sustainability of food production and the impact of Lavazza's (one of the world's largest coffee distributors) ESG programme.
- *Casa do Menor:* developed and executed a communication plan aiming to raise the profile of Casa do Menor, a Brazilian NGO working with street children in Europe and Latin America.
- *Stories of Domestic Violence:* a documentary created for International Women's day.
- Led teams in HQ and on location in Morocco, Senegal, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Brazil, Italy.

RAI – Radio Televisione Italiana

09/2011 – 12/2011 Rome, Italy

Journalist, Producer

Researched, wrote and presented programs covering a variety of topics (social justice, healthcare, immigration policy) *Mi Manda Rai 3*, the live primetime weekly current affairs show for national public broadcaster Rai 3.

Current TV

03/2007 – 08/2011 London, UK and Milan, Italy

Chief International Correspondent & Director, International Programming

Current TV was the independent TV news and information network launched by former US Vice-President Al Gore in 2005, before the release of its award-winning documentary on climate change, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

- Managed in-house production and press team, acquisition and commissioning of international content, and the coordination of operations with the network's San Francisco and London offices.
- Researched, reported and wrote for the network's flagship show *Vanguard*, which featured 50-minute original reports from around the world. Covered a range of substantive topics, including environmental issues (one-hour exclusive interview with Al Gore), human trafficking in India's rural districts, political extremism across the West, global health, criminal gangs, prison conditions in Latin America.
- Launched the UK and Italian branches of the network.
- Ran the Election Night 6-hr coverage of the 2008 US Presidential elections, in partnership with Twitter.

In the early phase of my career, I held senior production roles across major international broadcasters. As Executive Producer at **Sony Pictures Television International**, I served as CEO of Chunky Punch Productions, creating and delivering *Snaparazzi*, a 12 x 60' primetime observational series for AXN (Sky Italia). I previously produced *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* for **Living TV/NBC**, worked across flagship **MTV International** programmes including *The Osbournes* and the MTV Europe Music Awards, and began at **CNN** in London, supporting end-to-end production of international travel features.

EDUCATION

University	SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies M.Sc. Development Studies	2016-2017, London, UK
	London College of Communication , University of the Arts B.A. (Hons) Media & Cultural Studies	2000-2003, London, UK

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Cannes Lion (2025)
- Premio Ilaria Alpi — Best International Reportage
- Promax World Gold
- Hot Bird Award — Best News Channel (Current TV)
- Emmy Award — Best Interactive Channel
- New York International Reality Award

LANGUAGES & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Languages:

English & Italian (native/bilingual) • French (fluent) • Portuguese & Spanish (conversational)

Country experience includes:

DRC, Malawi, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Nigeria, Angola, Morocco, South Africa, EU, United States, India, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil