Michele Cirillo

PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOMAKER - LECTURER



PROFILE

Passionate and detail-oriented photographer and videomaker with a focus on storytelling. Dedicated to creating impactful visual strategies across photography, video, graphics, and mixed media.

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I TRAVEL A LOT

Albania, Austria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Kurdistan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, North Macedonia, Palestine, Russia, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Sweden, South Korea, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, UK.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Since 2020 — **Courses Coordinator and Lecturer in Photography and Filmaking**
Accademia Italiana · Rome
Shaping the educational journey for Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Photography, I am dedicated to teaching and providing guidance to students.

Since 2021 — **Lecturer in Photography**
Sapienza Università di Roma · Rome
Teaching Photography for the Master's in Lighting Design, Faculty of Architecture.

2020 - 2023 — **Consultant for Video Production**
Camera dei deputati · Rome and abroad
Curating, crafting, and delivering captivating visual narratives for the digital platforms of the Italian Parliament, including active involvement in official trips.

Since 2017 — **Photographer / Videomaker**
UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency · Italy
Creating photographic and video reports focused on migration in Italy, as well as covering events such as World Refugee Day. Developing awareness campaigns and producing assets for both online and offline communication.

2019 - 2020 — **Art Director**
Wannabe Agency · Rome
Managing the Artistic Direction of the Agency. Consulting on Digital Media and Communication strategy.

Since 2010 — **Photographer / Videomaker**
Freelance · Italy and abroad
Producing documentary reportage centered around human rights, minority issues, and societal transformations
Published in: El Pais, Swiss Radio Television, Internazionale, La Repubblica, Il Messaggero, Vanity Fair, Lifegate. Photographic exhibitions curated in Italy and abroad.

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EDUCATION

2017 - 2018 **Master in Photoreportage**

Centro Sperimentale di Fotografia - CSF Adams

How to conceive, plan, develop and publicize a photographic reportage project.

2016 **Master in Geopolitics and International Relations**

Centro Studi Geopolitica.info · Rome

How to master the intricate dynamics of global politics, strategic interactions, and diplomatic affairs.

2010 - 2013 **Bachelor's degree, Educational Sciences and Training**

Università degli Studi "Guglielmo Marconi"

Exploring digital learning, educational leadership, and professional knowledge management in public and private organizations.

CERTIFICATIONS

2017 **Cybersecurity**

CISINT - Centro Italiano di Strategia e Intelligence

Basic defense and attack, how to build a secure IT space for managing files and exchanging confidential information.

2017 **M1x – Global Muckraking: Investigative Journalism and Global Media**

Columbia University - Graduate School of Journalism

Investigative journalism and global media course.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Creativity
Leadership
Responsibility
Teamwork
Decisiveness
Problem solving

Photoshop
Lightroom
PremierePro
After Effect
InDesign
Illustrator

Public Speaker
Visual journalism
Cybersecurity

English and Italian languages spoken

OTHER COOL THINGS

Photo and Video Reporter

AVSI Foundation · 2022/2024

Reportage production in Mozambique and Sierra Leone.

Video Reporter

MEDU · 2024

Producing a video reportage addressing the mental health challenges faced by migrants in Italy.

Public Speaker

OGR Torino · 2022

Key note speaker on the experience of being a war photojournalist in Ukraine. With Silvia Boccardi of Will Media and Kateryna Pishchikova (INSPI).

Lecturer

USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism · 2022

Facilitating a workshop on photographic reportage as part of the Media and Migration course.

Photo exhibition

London Art Fair · 2021

Exhibiting at the Art Fair, represented by the "Arte Globale" Gallery in London.

Photo exhibition

Hermitage of St. Petersburg · *2019*

First prize winner for the exhibition "dialogue between cultures", organized by the Hermitage of St. Petersburg in Russia.

Best 20 creatives of Lazio

Regione Lazio · 2019

Nominated as one of the 20 creatives from Lazio region in the Visual Arts section of 2019.

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