

Curriculum Vitae: Emma Gisondi

Nationality	Italian
Education	<p>MPhil Philosophy, Politics and Economics (2023 – current) Specialising in economic development, energy policy, and small-scale embedded generation University of Cape Town</p> <p>BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics (2017 – 2020) Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</p> <p>Exchange Program, Political Science and Economics (2019) Waseda University, Tokyo</p>
Languages	English (fluent), Italian (fluent), French (fair), Dutch (basic), Spanish (basic)
Membership of professional bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) (current) UCT Philosophy Society (current) Member of Amnesty International Student group Amsterdam (AISA) (2018 – 2019)

Employment record

March current	2024 – Research Intern One World Sustainable Investments, Cape Town, South Africa
July – Dec	2023 Academic Tutor (Business Ethics) University of Cape Town, Department of Philosophy, South Africa
Sep 2020 – Dec 2022	Production Coordinator Mike Teevee, Amsterdam, the Netherlands; New Amsterdam Film Company, the Netherlands; Moonlighting Commercials, Cape Town, South Africa
Jul 2020– Aug 2020	Fieldwork Research Assistant (contract) Tilburg University, Department of Criminal Law, Tilburg, the Netherlands; Palermo, Italy

Relevant professional experience

Jan 2024 – Sep 2025	<p>Master's Dissertation Research: Dynamics driving rapid increase in small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) and the role of the private sector and municipalities in the City of Cape Town</p> <p>University of Cape Town</p> <p>Author</p> <p>This thesis analyses the dynamics driving the recent upsurge of solar renewable energy in South Africa through a mixed-method approach. It investigates the political economic events that led to this upsurge and explores what role the private sector and municipalities play in it. It also tries to quantify the amount of GW installed by different private sectors in the City of Cape Town by conducting interviews with multiple stakeholders. Finally, it explores what impacts this trend may have on the municipal fiscus and what necessary conditions must be in place to ensure that the City's financial pressure is alleviated.</p>
Oct 2023 - present	<p>Just Energy Transition and South African energy crisis</p> <p>Researcher</p>



Engaged in various research projects related to the just energy transition and the South African energy crisis, which culminated in the writing of several policy briefs.

Sep 2020 – Dec 2022 **Film Production**

New Amsterdam Film Company (Netherlands), Mike Teevee (Netherlands), Moonlighting Commercials (Cape Town), others.

Production Coordinator

This work entailed the production of film, photography, advertisement campaigns, digital and print design, music videos, radio spots, and events.

Tasks included: coordinating communication internally and with subcontractors; supervising subcontractors; preparing client presentations; sourcing and hiring crew; scouting locations; organizing international travel; coordinating movement orders; renting crew vehicles and gear; preparing production documents; updating budgets.

Jul – Aug 2020

PhD research on the persistence in risk-taking among West Africans migrating to the EU
University of Tilburg

Fieldwork Research Assistant

This project involved assisting a PhD candidate in her ethnographic research on the persistence of risky migration patterns among West Africans (specifically Nigerians) migrating to the EU.

The role included assisting a PhD researcher to build a network with the Nigerian community in Palermo, Sicily, cooperating with a local NGO to organize events with our respondents and apply for relevant funds, engaging with Nigerian immigrants in their daily life, writing field notes and analysing the data, researching and writing funding applications for local NGO.

Publications and Conference Papers

Gisoni E. (forthcoming, 2025). Dynamics driving rapid increase in small-scale embedded generation and the role of private sector and municipalities – a case study of the City of Cape Town. Master's dissertation. University of Cape Town.

Petrie, B., Gisoni, E., Borain, L. (2024). The Global Just Energy Transition: A Successful Transition is A Humanised Transition. Policy Brief, April 2024. OneWorld Sustainable Investments: Cape Town, South Africa. Available at: <https://oneworldgroup.co.za/publications/policy-brief-the-global-just-energy-transition/>