# Research Center on International Cooperation - CCI University of Bergamo, Italy Finance and Development Group







## CCI - RESEARCH CENTER ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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#### **OUR SEATS IN BERGAMO**







#### CCI: Ph.D. Program

## Doctoral Program in International Co-Operation

- √3 years
- ✓ Topics: Co-operation, human rights, development, microfinance





#### **FINDEV**





- FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT:
  - Rural Finance
  - Microfinance
  - Development
  - International Cooperation





#### **FINDEV**



- Research
- Education
- Publications
- Conferences





### FinDev: RECENT RESEARCH TOPICS

- ✓ Disaster Risk Management in MFIs
- ✓ Possible use of remittances in the migrants' home countries (IReR Lombardia)

Current research project ✓ MicroRiMI: Microfinance, Risk Management, Innovation



RegioneLombardia







### MicroRiMI: Microfinance, Risk Management, Innovation

- 2011 2013: three years research
- Ethiopia: 3 villages in the Wolayta region
- 360 households interviewed with a questionnaire
- Dataset with about 1800 variables







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#### **HIGH LEVEL EDUCATION:**

#### **MASTER IN MICROFINANCE**

(4 editions from 2002 to 2010)

**Faculty of Economics and Business Administration** 









#### **MASTER IN MICROFINANCE**

#### **PAST EDITIONS:**

- Organizers: University of Bergamo, CIPSI
- Vacancies: 25 with scholarship Min. of Foreign Affairs + 5 external participants (some with private scholarships)
- Duration: 12 months
- Countries of participants: Africa, Asia, America Latina, Europe







#### **EDUCATION: SHORT COURSES**

#### **Bank Literacy for Migrants**

- ✓ 2010 60 participants
- √ 6 classes with professors and experts













#### CONFERENCES

- 2008: <u>Boulder Bergamo Forum</u>, an International Conference on "Access to Financial Services: Expanding the Rural Frontier"
- 2010: <u>4° University meets Microfinance</u>, an International workshop organized with PlanetFinance
- 2012: With FAO: <u>Seminar on Rural Development</u>







#### **PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL**



#### **Savings and Development**









#### Origin:

Strong belief in the role of savings for sound local financial systems

#### **Evolution:**

- From FGDA to Bergamo University
- Diversified topics but always on finance and development
- Peer review
- Accepted by EconLit, JStor











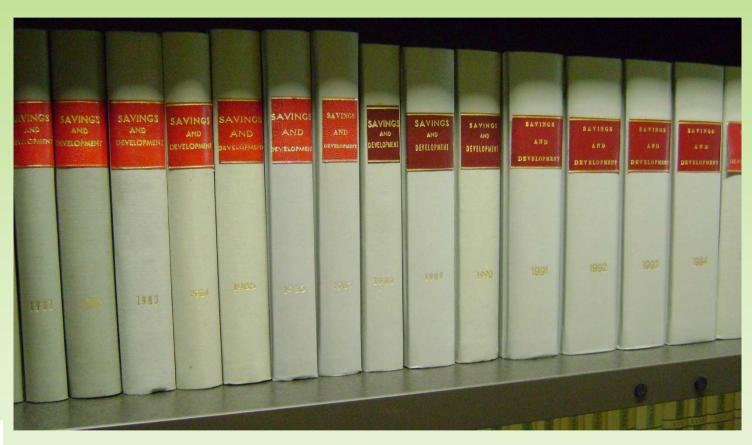








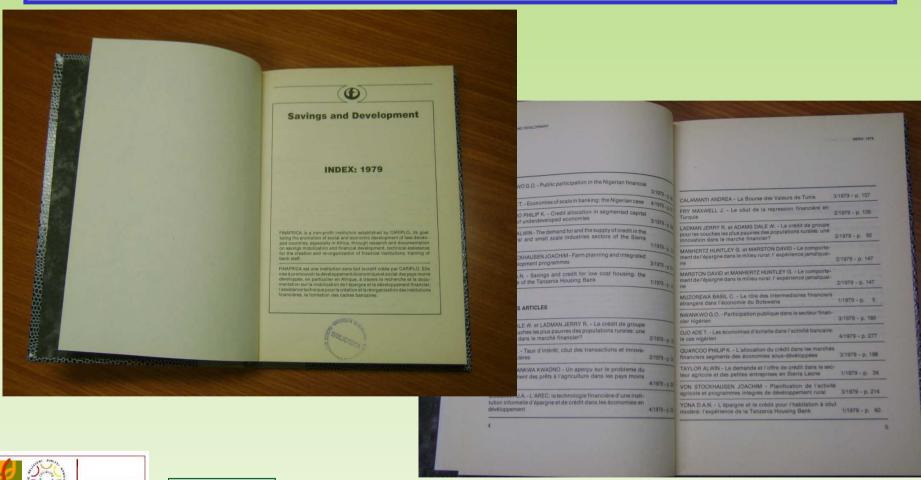
35 years

















#### **PUBLICATIONS: RESEARCH REPORTS**

- •Castellani D., S. Chiodi, L. Viganò, *La gestione dei rischi di disastro negli intermediari di microfinanza*, Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Quaderni di Dipartimento di Economia Aziendale, n. 9, 2009. Shortened English version submitted to international editor.
- Aa.Vv., Le rimesse degli immigrati come veicolo di sviluppo, IReR Lombardia, Milano, 2009.

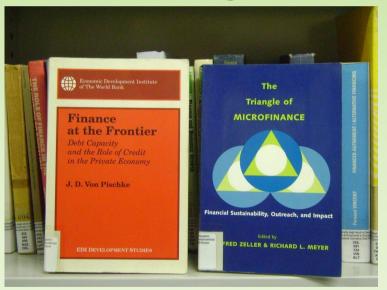






#### **PUBLICATIONS: LIBRARY**

- Giordano Dell'Amore Collection
- Specialized library on microfinance









### GIORDANO DELL'AMORE LIBRARY COLLECTION

- √2000 books
- √ Journals and reviews
- ✓ Papers
- √ Historical Papers
- ✓ Savings and Development









#### **Books**









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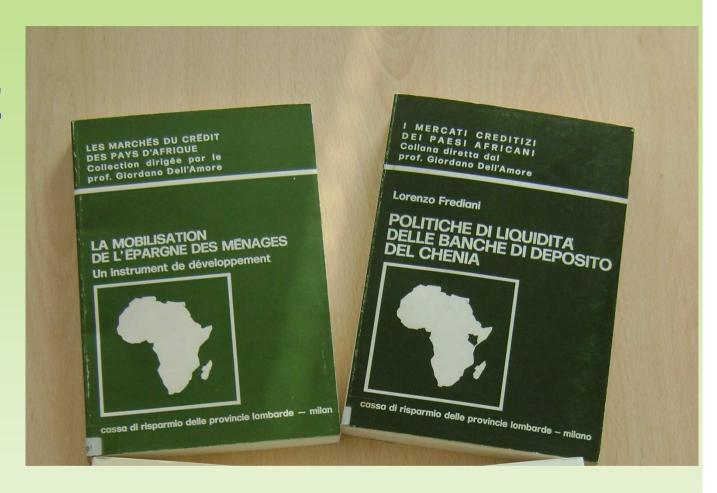








**Books** 

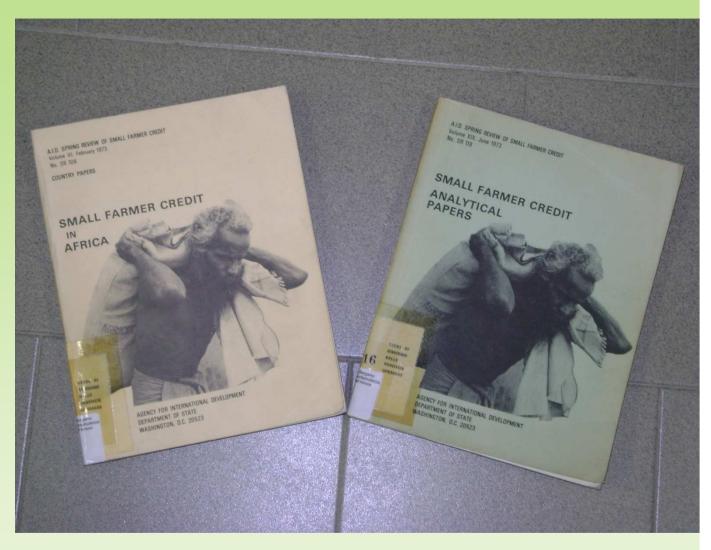








Historical
Documents:
"Spring
Review"

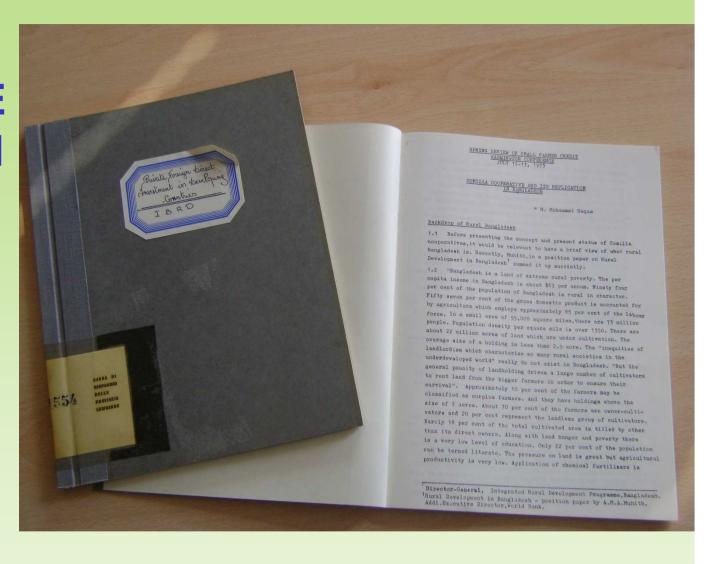








### **Historical Documents**









#### **OUR APPROACH TO MICROFINANCE**

- Sustainability and good governance as pre-conditions for a good impact
- Focus on clients vs. focus on target beneficiaries
- Role of savings vs. only credit







#### **OUR APPROACH TO MICROFINANCE**

- Local microfinance (also informal)
   vs. "imported" microfinance
- Right to "get credit" vs. right "to be evaluated"?
- What else besides/before credit?





