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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

University of Milan-Bicocca
Departmental Centre for Law and Pluralism

VISITING PROFESSOR

Université Catholique de Lille, Law Faculty

PROFILE

As a human rights researcher and practitioner with a broad international experience in gender issues, I started my career with studies and jobs in the field of law. I later integrated it with an interdisciplinary understanding of social phenomena. I combine legal, sociological, philosophical, and psychoanalytical perspectives to look at the individuals' diversity, and their relationship with the community, its institutions, rules and practices. I enjoy writing, in many different forms, and I am at ease speaking in public. My career aim is to assume a role which enables me to further my expertise, learning new skills and taking on increased responsibility.

LANGUAGES

Italian mother tongue **English** fluent (C2)
French fluent (C2) **Spanish** fluent (C1)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

08/2017 – 04/2021

Florence, Italy

European University Institute (EUI)

PhD in International Human Rights Law

- **Thesis title:** *Gendered Subjectivities inside and outside International Human Rights Law*
- **Supervisor:** Prof. Martin Scheinin.
- **Grant** from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
- **Defence jury:** Prof. Dianne Otto (University of Melbourne), Dr. Michael O'Flaherty (EU Fundamental Rights Agency), Prof. Neha Jain (EUI), Prof. Martin Scheinin (EUI/University of Oxford).
- **Research activities:** Co-founder and coordinator: Engaged Academics (2017-present); Queer and Feminist Studies Interdisciplinary Working Group (2017-2019) Coordinator: Human and Fundamental Rights Working Group, Gender and Sexual Diversity Caucus (2017-2019).

11/03/2019

European University Institute (EUI)

Teaching in higher education: training and certificate

08/2017 – 08/2018

Florence, Italy

European University Institute (EUI)

LLM in Comparative, European and International Laws (ungraded)

09/2015 – 09/2016

London, United Kingdom

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

LLM in Human Rights, Conflict and Justice: Distinction

- Sarah Spells Prize for Best Overall LLM Dissertation in 2016
 - **Title:** *How Are You Actually Doing, Ladies? The Possibilities and Limits of Measuring Gender Equality: Investigating the Practice of Indicators through the Lens of CEDAW.*
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. Fareda Banda.
- SOAS School of Law International Human Rights Clinic: wrote a report for Amnesty International's International Secretariat (Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Unit) which provided useful findings for Esther Major, 'Pregnancy and Virginity Testing in Educational Settings and the Torture and Other Ill-Treatment Framework' in Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, *Gender Perspectives on Torture: Law and Practice* (American University Washington College of Law 2018) 123-138.

09/2009 – 02/2015

Trieste, Italy

University of Trieste

Combined LLB + LLM (5-year single-cycle law degree): 110/110 cum laude

- Graduation thesis in International and Comparative Law
 - **Title:** *Human Rights and Indicators: Monitoring Housing Rights*
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. Mauro Bussani; with the **intellectual contribution** of Prof. Martti Koskeniemi (University of Helsinki).

08/2014 – 10/2014

Helsinki, Finland

University of Helsinki

Visiting Researcher

- Research for Master's dissertation at the 'Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights' and at the Helsinki University Library.

01/2014 – 06/2014

Helsinki, Finland

University of Helsinki

International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP) – Winner of ISEP Scholarship

09/2004 – 06/2009

Trieste, Italy

Liceo Ginnasio Dante Alighieri

School-leaving certificate in classical - linguistic studies (2009): 100/100 cum laude

- Selected for: **Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Pisa, Italy)** Summer University Orientation School (23-28 June 2008); **Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa, Italy)** Pre-University Summer Course (29 June - 5 July 2008).

EXPERIENCE

01/2023-present

Paris, France

Université Catholique de Lille**Law Faculty**

Visiting Professor

11/2021-present

Milan, Italy

University of Milan-Bicocca**Departmental Centre for Law and Pluralism**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in International Law

- Responsible for the research cluster 'Pluralism and Democracy.'
- Carry out research on religious, ethnic, political, cultural and linguistic pluralism in the areas of gender, disability, ill-treatment, hate speech and hate crimes. The output of the research including case notes, case-related data sheets and detailed case analysis is collected in the [Observatory of Law and Pluralism](#), an online platform for general and specialist audience.
- Knowledge creation and content review of virtual reconstruction of the Milošević trial, part of the immersive teaching technology 'Bicocca Immersive Trial', allowing students to interact with the original documents, the historical context, the key figures and the international legal system.
- Teach the full course 'Milošević Immersive Trial: Moot Court.'

06/2021

Rome, Italy

Nuovi Paesaggi Urbani S.r.l.

Gender Advisor and Editor

- Edited the gender components and content of the English subtitles of a documentary film on the experiences of four trans people, with award-winning Hollywood actor Elliot Page as executive producer. World premiere at Berlinale 2022.

11/2020-04/2021

Florence, Italy

European University Institute (EUI)**Communications Service**

Researcher – Alumni Survey Project

- Researched on the past and current job positions of EUI alumni who completed their PhD between 1979-2020.
- Updated the database on the career advancements of 1979-2018 EUI graduates and created new profiles for 2019-2020 cohorts.

02/2020

Florence, Italy

European University Institute (EUI)**Admissions Office**

Pre-Selection Evaluator

- Pre-evaluated the LLM and PhD candidates' academic records: assisted faculty members to proceed with the evaluation of postgraduate applications 2020-2021.

09/2016-04/2017

Rome, Italy

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division**

Gender and Land Rights Intern

- Supported process for rolling-out the initiative at country level to collect information relevant for the monitoring and the methodological guide of SDG Target 5.a, indicator 5.a.2, measuring the percentage of countries where the legal framework (including customary law) guarantees women's equal rights to land ownership and/or control.
- Organised, presented and facilitated group discussions on the Methodology for SDG Indicator 5.a.2 in the Expert Legal Workshop '*Women's Land Rights in the SDGs: Monitoring Indicator 5.a.2*' (see 'Conference and workshop organisation').

04-07/2015

Trieste, Italy

University of Trieste – Faculty of Law

Research Fellow

- Project: 'Global Indicators: Legal Infrastructures, Democracies, and Human Rights';
- Director: Prof. Mauro Bussani; Supervisor: Prof. Marta Infantino.
- Carried out research and wrote a report on the main global and macro-regional initiatives on gender indicators in areas as diverse as violence against women, women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurship, family rights, education, political participation, social protection, property rights and access to land ownership.

02-03/2012

Strasbourg, France

European Court of Human Rights

Trainee at the Registry

- Prepared draft reports and draft decisions on the admissibility of cases brought before the Court; carried out research work on the jurisprudence of the Court; attended several seminars on human rights issues.

11/2012-08/2016
Trieste, Italy

Gerin Law Firm
Legal Assistant (part time)

- Translated legal instruments (Italian, English, French) in the legal areas of civil and family law.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

2023 *Sex, Gender and International Human Rights Law: Contesting Binaries* (Routledge, 2023 forthcoming).

Articles and book chapters

- 2024 'Human Rights' Harmful and Harmless Gendered Outlaws' in Tamsin Phillipa Paige and Claerwen O'Hara (eds), *(Re)Queering International Law: Lives, Communities and Subjectivities* (Routledge 2024).
- 2023 'Sodomasochism in Strasbourg: A Pleasurable Danger' (2023) 41(1) *Berkeley Journal of International Law* 39-89 (forthcoming).
- 2023 'Human Rights Discourses and Subject Formations: Tainting Queer Theory with Psychoanalysis' (2023) 49(1) *Australian Feminist Law Journal*. DOI: 10.1080/13200968.2023.2188695.
- under consideration 'L'orientamento sessuale in X c. Polonia: l'eteronormatività tra discriminazione e stereotipi di genere' 1 *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*.
- under consideration 'Women, and All of Us: Article 5(a) CEDAW as a Protection for All Gendered Individuals' *European Journal of Legal Studies*.
- 2022 'Abandoning Gender "Identity"' (2022) 116 *American Journal of International Law – Unbound* 27-31. DOI: 10.1017/aju.2021.68.
- 2021 (with Matteo Winkler), 'Of Athletes, Bodies and Rules: Making Sense of Caster Semenya' (2021) 49(4) *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics* 644-660. DOI: 10.1017/jme.2021.89.
- 2021 'Compensation at the Intersection of Tort Law and International Human Rights Law' in Mauro Bussani and Anthony J. Sebok (eds), *Comparative Tort Law: Global Perspectives* (2nd edn, Edward Elgar 2021) 63-83.
- 2020 'Gender as a Hyperconstruct in (Rare) Regional Human Rights Case-Law' (2020) 12(2) *European Journal of Legal Studies* 25-42.
- 2020 'How Are You Actually Doing, Ladies? The Norms and Practices of Measurement: Indicators of Gender Equality through the Lens of CEDAW' (2020) 24(8) *International Journal of Human Rights* 1-29. DOI: 10.1080/13642987.2020.1717474.
- 2020 'How Do You Perform Human Rights? Measurement, Audit and Power through Global Indicators' in Francesca Fiorentini and Marta Infantino (eds), *Mentoring Comparative Lawyers: Methods, Times, and Places. Liber Discipulorum Mauro Bussani*, Ius Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice Series (Springer 2020) 175-196.
- 2019 'Gendered Human Rights and Medical Sexing Interventions upon Intersex Children: A Preliminary Enquiry' in Javid Rehman and Ayesha Shahid (eds) 3 *Asian Yearbook of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law* (Brill 2019) 79-116. DOI: 10.1163/9789004401716_006.

Book reviews

- 2021 (with Aurelia Yueyi Guo), 'Book Review: Fareda Banda (2020), African Migration, Human Rights and Literature. Hart, Oxford, UK and New York, USA' (2021) 23(3) *European Journal of Migration and Law* 371-375. DOI: 10.1163/15718166-12340109.
- 2019 'L'essenziale è visibile a certi occhi. Book review of Rosario Aitala, "Il metodo della paura: terrorismi e terroristi" (Laterza 2018)' *Annuario di diritto comparato e studi legislativi* (Aprile 2019) 1093-1104.

Reports, studies, blog posts

- 2022 'Un nuovo racconto di una vecchia storia: Il genere nei diritti umani' (*Italian Society of International Law Blog*, 2022).
- 2022 'Institutional Ill-Treatment: Disabilities in Prison and in Social Care Facilities' (*Observatory of Law and Pluralism*, 2022).
- 2022 (with Giordana Pepè), 'Forced Sterilisation of Roma Women: ECHR Violations and Criminal Implications' (*Observatory of Law and Pluralism*, 2022).
- 2021 'What's Wrong with Sex and Gender Identity in the 2021 Census for England and Wales' (*Opinio Juris*, 10 March 2021).
- 2018 (with Martha Osorio, Renée Chartres and Anastasia Giadrossi) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 'Realizing Women's Rights to Land in the Law: A Guide for Reporting on SDG Indicator 5.a.2' (FAO 2018).

Case notes

2023	<i>Ochigava v. Georgia</i> , No. 14142/15, ECtHR (16 February 2023) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2023	<i>Valaitis v. Lithuania</i> , No. 39375/19, ECtHR (17 January 2023) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2022	<i>G.M. et al. v. Republic of Moldova</i> , No. 44394/15, ECtHR (22 November 2022) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2022	<i>Oqanezova v. Armenia</i> , Nos. 71367/12 and 72961/12, ECtHR (17 May 2022) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2022	<i>Laniauskas v. Lithuania</i> , No. 48309/19, ECtHR (29 March 2022) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2022	<i>Sy v. Italy</i> , No. 11791/20, ECtHR (24 January 2022) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2022	<i>Karuyev v. Russia</i> , No. 4161/13, ECtHR (18 January 2022) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2021	<i>León Madrid v. Spain</i> , No. 30306/13, ECtHR (26 October 2021) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2021	<i>Kilin v. Russia</i> , No. 10271/12, ECtHR (11 May 2021) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .
2021	<i>Beizaras and Levickas v. Lithuania</i> , No. 41288/15, ECtHR (14 January 2020) <i>Observatory of Law and Pluralism</i> .

TEACHING

05-07/2023

University Milan-Bicocca,
School of Law, Milan

Milošević Immersive Trial: Moot Court

Full course. Moot court based on the immersive and virtual teaching methodology developed at the University of Milan-Bicocca reconstructing interactively the Milošević trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

03/2023

Université Catholique de Lille,
Law Faculty, Paris

European Comparative Law

Full course.

18-19/05/2022

ISIS Florence Nightingale,
Castelfranco Veneto (Treviso, Italy)

The Human Rights Protections against Gender-Based Stereotypes and Discrimination

Seminar with four high-school classes.

05/04/2022

École des hautes études
commerciales de Paris (HEC), Paris

Gender(s) and International Human Rights Law

Seminar within the course 'Diversity and Inclusiveness.'

01/06/2021

Florence Academy of Fine Arts, ^{Florence}

Bodies, Gender, Sexuality

Seminar within the course 'Artistic Anatomy.'

18/03/2021

Scuola Superiore Meridionale and
University of Naples Federico II,
Naples

Critical Approaches to International Law

Seminar within the 'PhD in Global History and Governance.'

15/04/2015

School of Modern Languages for
Interpreters and Translators, Trieste

Monitoring Human Rights through Indicators

Seminar within the course 'Comparative Human Rights.'

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

26/02, 04/03, 17/04/2020

European University Institute,
Florence

'Outreach Café'

Organiser of a series of three sessions addressed to researchers on different aspects of research outreach: (1) 'communicating (your) research to a generalist audience', (2) 'communicating (your) research to policy makers' and (3) 'social media and other online platforms: how to use them.'

08/11/2019

European University Institute,
Florence

'Gender in Law and Courts: Uneasy Encounters?'

Co-organiser with PluriCourts Oslo of an international conference with leading academics of the field.

02/05/2019

Le Murate, Florence

'Quale genere di democrazia? Un dialogo sulle diversità' ('What Gender of Democracy? A Dialogue on Diversity')

Organiser and moderator of a debate between lawyers, high-school professors and representatives of grass-roots organisations working on gender-based discrimination, stereotypes and violence; a side-event to the EUI's State of the Union high-level conference.

02-03/03/2017

FAO Headquarters, Rome

'Women's Land Rights in the SDGs: Monitoring Indicator 5.a.2'

Co-organiser of an expert legal workshop bringing together a select group of twenty international and regional experts on women's land rights and the law, with the purpose of receiving feedback on the draft methodological guide.

PRESENTATIONS

10-11/11/2022

Deakin University, Melbourne

Selected speaker: **‘Human Rights’ Harmful and Harmless Gendered Outlaws’**

Conference: ‘Queering International Law 2.0’, Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law Gender and Sexuality in International Law Workshop.

15/06/2022

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan

Selected speaker: **‘A Look at International Human Rights Law through Feminist Queer Theory’**

Conference: ‘11th European Feminist Research Conference - Social Change in a Feminist Perspective: Situating Gender Research in Times of Political Contention’

17/05/2022

School of Modern Languages for Interpreters and Translators, Trieste

Invited speaker: **‘Masculinities and Femininities under International Human Rights Law: Exclusionary Interpretations and Alternative Narratives’**

Conference: ‘Media, Justice and Sexuality: Gender Identity and Narratives.’

05/04/2022

École des hautes études commerciales de Paris (HEC), Paris

Invited speaker: **‘Of Athletes, Bodies and Rules: Making Sense of Caster Semenya’**

See above, ‘Publications.’

25/03/2022

Fordham Law School, New York

Invited speaker: **‘The History of SOGI and Human Rights Systems: Exploring the Ways in Which the HRC and the Regional Human Rights Systems Have Emphasized SOGI/LGBTQIA+ Issues’**

Conference: ‘The Fordham OUTLaws Symposium: LGBTQIA+ Rights: Bridging Activism from Grassroots to Global Organizations.’

24-25/03/2022

Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna

Selected speaker: **‘Of Athletes, Bodies and Rules: Making Sense of Caster Semenya’**

Conference: ‘Gender and Diversity Conference.’

27/09-1/10/2021

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Selected speaker: **‘Human Rights Discourses and Subject Formations: Tainting Queer Theory with Psychoanalysis’**

Conference: ‘International Law Dis/Oriented: Queer Legacies and Queer Futures.’

14-18/06/2021

Sciences Po and Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense University, Paris

Invited speaker: **“‘African Migration, Human Rights and Literature”: Aurelia Guo and Giovanna Gilleri in conversation with the author Fareda Banda’**

Context: ‘Intensive Doctoral Week.’

10/12/2019

European University Institute, Florence

Speaker with discussant (Pierre Thielbörger): **‘Sexed and Gendered Subjectivities Inside and Outside International Human Rights Law: Methodological Premises’**

Context: ‘EUI Department of Law’s PhD School on Methodologies of Academic Research in Human Rights Law.’

10/12/2019

European University Institute, Florence

Invited speaker: **‘Academics and Human Rights Careers’**

Context: ‘Human Rights Day Event: a talk with Giovanna Gilleri, Elena Pribytkova and Martin Scheinin.’

06/06/2019

SOAS University of London, London

Selected speaker: **‘Preventing Redundancy: Gender ‘Identity’ in International Human Rights Law’**

Conference: ‘2019 School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) School of Law’s Postgraduate Colloquium: More Laws, Less Justice!’

09/05/2019

Performing Arts Research Centre, Florence

Invited speaker: **‘That Intriguing Couple: Gender and Human Rights’**

Context: a [talk](#) within the Fabbrica Europa festival.

05/12/2018

European University Institute, Florence

Invited speaker: **‘Unspeakable Gender? The Story International Human Rights Law Is (Not) Telling about Medical Sexing Interventions upon Intersex Children’**

Context: EUI LGBTIQ Interdisciplinary Working Group

26/10/2018

British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London

Selected speaker: **‘Gendered Human Rights and Medical Sexing Interventions upon Intersex Children: A Preliminary Enquiry’**

Conference: ‘International Conference: Law, Gender and Sexuality,’ 2nd Annual Conference of the Asian Yearbook of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

02-03/03/2017

FAO Headquarters, Rome

(Organiser, chair and) speaker: **‘FAO’s Methodological Guide of SDG Indicator 5.a.2, Proxy C: Does the legal and policy framework provide that sons and daughters have equal inheritance rights?’**

Context: ‘Women’s Land Rights in the SDGs: Monitoring Indicator 5.a.2,’ expert legal workshop.

AWARDS, HONOURS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2022-present

American Society of International Law

2022-present

European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation

2016

School of Oriental and African Studies School of Law (London, UK)

Sarah Spells Prize for Best Overall LLM Dissertation in 2016.

2012	University of Trieste, Faculty of Law (Trieste, Italy) Winner of the 2012 Moot Court Competition in Comparative Legal Traditions.
2011	Italian Society for the International Organization (S.I.O.I.) Winner of the 2011 Italian Moot Court Competition on the European Court of Human Rights.
2011	University of Trieste, Faculty of Law (Trieste, Italy) Best first-year student of academic year 2009/2010.
2010-present	National Excellences Register, Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research

OTHER SKILLS

COMPUTER SKILLS	Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, Outlook (European Computer Driving Licence); Mac OSX .
SAFETY AND SECURITY	United Nations Department of Safety and Security Basic Security in the Field II (5/07/2016).
DRIVING LICENCE	A, B.

Giovanna Gilleri

7 July 2023