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## *Personal information*

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## *Main fields of research*

Global legal studies and international public law, comparative law, democracy promotion, human rights, non-state actors, international organizations (with a particular focus on Council of Europe and European Union).

## *Work experiences*

- 2017 – present      *Associate Professor (Maître de conférences) of Public International Law, tenure.*
- Co-Director of the Advanced LL.M. in International and European organizations /Human Rights, Security & Development (with Dean Ioannis Panoussis), Faculty of Law, Université Catholique de Lille, France.*
- 2017 - present      *Senior Research Affiliate, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL), Heidelberg, Germany.*
- 2020 - present      *Research Affiliate, Centre de Recherche sur les Droits de l'Homme et le Droit Humanitaire (CRDH), Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Paris, France.*
- 2022 - present      *Visiting Professor, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal.*
- 2019 - present      *Visiting Professor, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.*
- 2019 - present      *Adjunct Professor, Sciences Po, Paris, France.*
- 2016 - present      *Adjunct Professor, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy.*
- 2019 - 2020          *Expert Evaluator of the European Commission/REA (Research Executive Agency) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships.*
- 2014 - 2018          *Visiting Professor*
- UN-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) San José, Costa Rica (2016 – 2017)
  - China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing, China (2015)
  - Université Catholique de Lille, Paris campus, France (2015 – 2017)
  - University of Mannheim, Germany (2014 – 2016)
- 2014 - 2017          *Senior Research Fellow, post-doc, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL), Heidelberg, Germany (Professor Anne Peters' Team).*
- 2013 - 2014          *Project Manager, human rights area, @uxilia NGO, Udine, Italy.*

- 2008 - 2012 *Ph.D. Candidate in Law and Legal Theory*, Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM), Naples (today Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa), Italy.
- 2008 - 2010 *Assistant Lecturer of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Department of Political Science, University of Trieste, Italy.
- 2007 *Project Officer*, intern, Italian Embassy of Beijing, China (September – December).
- 2006 *Parliamentary Assistant*, intern, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (January – June).

### **Education**

- 2008 - 2012 Ph.D. *summa cum laude* in *Law and Legal Theory* at the Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM) Naples (today Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa) with a doctoral dissertation on Global Administrative Law/International Law (defense: 14 February 2013): *Global Dimensions of Democracy* (supervisor Professor Sabino Cassese).
- 2005 - 2007 LL.M. (Laurea Specialistica) 110/110 *summa cum laude* in *European, International and Comparative Legal Studies* at the University of Trieste with a dissertation on Comparative Constitutional Law: *The Role of the Venice Commission in the Eastern Europe's Constitutional Transition* (supervisor Professor Sergio Bartole).
- 2002 - 2005 J.D. (Laurea di Primo Livello) 110/110 *summa cum laude* in *Legal Science* at the University of Trieste, with a dissertation on Comparative Private Law: *The European Models of Civil Unions* (supervisor Professor Mauro Bussani).
- 2005 *Erasmus exchange student*, Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion, Robert Schuman, University of Strasbourg, France (Spring term).

### **Visiting research positions and stays**

- 2018 - 2020 Visiting Researcher at the *Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL)*, Heidelberg, Germany, (April – May 2018; February 2019; January; February 2020).
- 2010 - 2011 Visiting Researcher at *Yale Law School*, New Haven, CT, USA.  
*Courses: Constitution. Philosophy, History, Law* (Professor Bruce Ackerman); *Human Rights & Difference* (Professor Ratna Kapur); *Law and Globalization* (Professors Seyla Benhabib & Alec Stone Sweet); *International Dimensions of Democratization* (Professor Nikolay Marinov) (August – June).
- 2010 Study Visitor at the *European University Institute (EUI) Library*, San Domenico di Fiesole, Florence, Italy (February – July).
- 2009 Study Visitor at the *Italian Constitutional Court*, Rome, Italy (July).
- 2007 Visiting Researcher at the *European Commission for Democracy through Law - Venice Commission*, (supervisor Ms. Simona Granata-Menghini), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France (August-September).

## *Teaching experiences*

### *University courses – Université Catholique de Lille*

- *Non-State Actors and International Law*, LL.M. in International & European Law, Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, France, (Fall term), 24h.
- *International Protection of Minorities*, LL.M. in Human Rights, Security & Development, Université Catholique de Lille, (Fall term), 24h.
- *European Comparative Law*, European LL.B., Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, Paris and Lille campuses, (Spring term), 24h.
- *(Critical) Human Rights*, (with Ioannis Panoussis) LL.M. in International & European Law, Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, (Spring term), 36h.
- *How to organize an international conference*, seminar, LL.M. in International & European Law, Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, (Spring term), 24h
- *Human Rights and Business*, European Summer Program, Université Catholique de Lille, 2016/2017 (with Tara Van Ho) (Summer School), 18h.
- *Public International Law II*, (with Alejandra Torres Camprubi) European LL.B., Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, 2017/2018, (Fall term), 24h.

### *University courses – Visiting positions*

- *Global Law and Democracy*, LL.B., Católica Global School of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal (2021/2022) (Spring term), 10h.
- *Comparative Law in a Global Perspective*, Sciences Po, Paris, (2019 – present) (Fall term), 24h.
- *Comparative Law in a Global Perspective*, International Summer School (Escuela Internacional de Verano), Law School, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (2019 – present), 40h.
- *Law and Global Governance*, LL.M. in Management e Politiche delle Pubbliche Amministrazioni (M.A.M.A.), LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy, 2019/2020, 2017/2018, 2016/2017 and 2015/2016 (Spring term), 10h.
- *Global Law and Human Rights*, LL.M. in International Law and Human Rights, United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE), San José, Costa Rica, 2016/2017 (Fall term), 15h.
- *European Comparative Law*, European LL.B., Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, Paris campus, (2014 - 2017) (Spring term), 24h.
- *EU Fundamental Rights*, LL.M. in Comparative Business Law (M.C.B.L.), University of Mannheim, Germany, (2014 – 2016) (Fall term), 28h.
- *Comparative Law in a Global Perspective*, International Law Summer School, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing, China (2015), 36h.

### *University lectures (on invitation)*

- *The Islamic Legal Tradition: Comparative Reflections beyond the State*, lecture, Comparative Law (Professor Sabrina Ragone), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna, Forli campus, Italy (October 2019).
- *Global Constitutionalism and its Critics*, doctoral lecture, Ph.D. in Law and Business/*Diritto e Impresa*, (Professor Raffaele Bifulco), LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy (October 2018).
- *Promoting Peace through Democracy? The Role of the UN*, lecture, Masterclass “Global Actors for Peace”, Université Catholique de Lille, Lille, France (September 2017).
- *Becoming or Remaining Italians? The Paradoxes of the Italian Citizenship*, lecture, Comparative Constitutional Law, (Dr. Antonio Merlino), Law School, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria (December 2016).
- *Human Rights and the External Dimension of the EU*, lecture, EU Fundamental Rights, (Dr. Davide Paris), Master of Comparative Business Law (M.C.B.L.), University of Mannheim, Germany (December 2016).
- *European Illiberal Democracies? How to Face Rule of Law and Human Rights Backlashes in the EU*, lecture, European Economic Law, (Dr. Emmanuel Gardounis), Sciences Po, Paris, France (November 2016).
- *Global Dimensions of Democracy*, lecture, International and European Human Rights Law, (Professor Iris Canor), Summer course, School of Law, College of Management - Israel, Heidelberg, Germany (September 2015).
- *Democracy as a Universal Value? The evolutionary meaning of democracy within the UN framework*, Colloquium. Current Developments in International Law, MPIL and University of Heidelberg, Germany (January 2015).
- *Socialist Legal Systems and the Problem of Democratic Transition*, lecture, Comparative Legal Traditions (Professor Mauro Bussani), Law School, University of Trieste, Italy (April 2013).
- *Raising Standards of Freedom of Expression: The Role of the Council of Europe*, lecture, Freedom of New Ideas (FONI), European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (October 2011).
- *The Dawn of the Italian Republic: From Liberation to Constitution*, seminar, Comparative Constitutional Law (Professor Roberto Scarciglia), Department of Political Science, University of Trieste, Italy (May 2009).

### **Publications**

#### *Edited Books*

- V. Volpe – A. Peters – S. Battini (eds.)  
*Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling International and Domestic Law after the Italian Constitutional Court’s Sentenza 238/2014*, Springer/MPIL series, Heidelberg-Berlin, open-access, 2021, (pp. 426)  
<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-662-62304-6>

- V. Volpe  
*With a Little Help from My Friends': Facing Rule of Law and Human Rights Backlashes Within the EU*, Villa Vigoni Publisher, forthcoming 2022.
- V. Volpe  
*The Venice Commission's Brave New World: Triangulating Constitutional Assistance, Global Membership and European Standards*, forthcoming 2022.
- V. Volpe  
*Venice Commission*, entry in *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law*, forthcoming 2022.
- A. Peters – V. Volpe  
*Reconciling State Immunity with Remedies for War Victims in a Legal Pluriverse*, in V. Volpe – A. Peters – S. Battini (eds.), *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling International and Domestic Law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, Springer/MPIL series, open-access, 2021, pp. 3 – 35.
- S. Ragone – V. Volpe  
*Le droit à une vie familiale « gay » en Europe. Le rôle de la CEDH et des cours nationales dans la reconnaissance des unions de même sexe*, in B. Schramm (ed.), *Queer(s) et Droit International, Études du Réseau OLYMPE*, Droit comparé et européen, Vol. 36, Société de législation comparée, Paris, 2021, pp. 375 – 426.
- V. Volpe  
*The Importance of Being Earnest. The United Nations and Democracy-Promotion*, in F. Fiorentini – M. Infantino (eds.), *Mentoring Comparative Lawyers: Methods, Times, and Places. Liber Discipulorum Mauro Bussani*, Springer, Heidelberg-Berlin, 2019, pp. 219 – 235.
- G. Ruggie – V. Volpe  
*The Italian Court Through the Looking-Glass - A Dialogue between Constitutional Justices with Sabino Cassese and Daria de Pretis*, “Heidelberg Journal of International Law”, Vol. 77, No. 3, 2017, pp. 561 - 577.
- V. Volpe  
*Realizing European Identity. The Role of the Enlargement Process*, in “Why Europe? German-Italian Reflections on a Common Topic”, I. Amodéo – C. Liermann - E. Pichler – M. Scotto (eds.), *Impulse - Villa Vigoni im Gespräch*, Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart, Vol. 11, 2017, pp. 71 – 79.
- V. Volpe  
*Commissione Europea per la Democrazia attraverso il Diritto (Commissione di Venezia)*, entry in *Digesto delle Discipline Pubblicistiche*, R. Bifulco – A. Celotto – M. Olivetti (eds.), UTET, Turin, 2017, pp. 182 – 191.
- V. Volpe  
*Drafting Counter-majoritarian Democracy. The Venice Commission's Constitutional Assistance*, in “Heidelberg Journal of International Law”, Vol. 76, No. 4, 2016, pp. 811 – 843.
- S. Ragone – V. Volpe  
*An Emerging Right to a “Gay” Family Life? The Case Oliari v. Italy in a Comparative Perspective*, in “German Law Journal”, Vol. 17, No. 3, 2016, pp. 451 – 486.
- V. Volpe  
*La Corte Europea dei Diritti dell'Uomo e l'Indipendenza del Potere Giudiziario*, in “Giornale di Diritto Amministrativo”, No. 1, 2015, pp. 43–51.

- V. Volpe  
*Italia*, in M. Savino (ed.), *Oltre lo Ius Soli: la Cittadinanza Italiana in Prospettiva Comparata*, IRPA, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2014, pp. 35-65.
- V. Volpe  
*The EU's Enlargement Policy and the Promotion of Democracy. The Case of Turkey*, in *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook*, S. Cassese - B. Carotti - L. Casini - E. Cavalieri - E. MacDonald, with the collaboration of M. Macchia - M. Savino (eds.), Institute for Research on Public Administration (IRPA) - Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), Rome - New York, 2012, pp. 22-32.
- V. Volpe  
*Guaranteeing Electoral Democratic Standards. The Venice Commission and the "Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters"*, in *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook*, S. Cassese - B. Carotti - L. Casini - E. Cavalieri - E. MacDonald, with the collaboration of M. Macchia - M. Savino (eds.), Institute for Research on Public Administration (IRPA) - Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), Rome - New York, 2012, pp. 57-67.
- V. Volpe  
*Does Civil Society Promote Democracy? The Arab Spring and the EU's "New Response to a Changing Neighborhood"*, in *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook*, S. Cassese - B. Carotti - L. Casini - E. Cavalieri - E. MacDonald, with the collaboration of M. Macchia - M. Savino (eds.), Institute for Research on Public Administration (IRPA) - Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), Rome - New York, 2012, pp. 149-157.
- V. Volpe  
*Stanchi di Essere Vento: la Comunità Sinta a Trieste*, in R. Scarciglia (ed.), *Trieste multicultural. Comunità e linguaggi di integrazione*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2011, pp. 109-124.

#### *Miscellanea*

- V. Volpe  
*Crises and Resilience of Liberalism in the Global Legal Order: A Dialogue with Michael W. Doyle*, forthcoming.
- A. Peters – V. Volpe  
*In search for conciliation - conference Remedies against Immunity?*, VerfassungsBlog, 11 May 2017, <http://verfassungsblog.de/introduction-in-search-for-conciliation/>
- G. Rugge – V. Volpe  
*La Corte oltre lo Specchio: un Dialogo tra Giudici Costituzionali, con Sabino Cassese e Daria de Pretis*, in MPIL Research Paper Series, No. 6, 2016.
- V. Volpe  
Editorial coordination, *Manuale di Diritto Costituzionale e Pubblico*, Authors: L. Pegoraro - A. Reposo - A. Rinella - R. Scarciglia - M. Volpi, Third edition, G. Giappichelli, 2009, pp. XXIV – 496.

#### **Conferences organized**

- 2021                      Masterclass *Global Actors for Peace: beyond 'the West and 'the Rest'*, V edition, with Ratna Kapur (Queen Mary, London/Harvard Law School), Emeritus Justice Bruno Simma, (ICJ), Amitav Acharya (American University, Washington), (among others), co-organizer with Ioannis Panoussis and Sonia Le Gouriellec, Université Catholique de Lille (September).

- 2021 Masterclass *Global Actors for Peace: beyond ‘the West and ‘the Rest’*”, IV edition, with *Anne Peters* (MPIL, Heidelberg), *Mauro Bussani*, (Universities of Trieste and Macao), *Bertrand Badie* (Sciences Po), *Olivier de Frouville* (Paris II – Assas), (among others), co-organizer with *Ioannis Panoussis* and *Sonia Le Gouriellec*, Université Catholique de Lille (January).
- 2019 Masterclass *Global Actors for Peace: The Role of the Individual*, III edition, with *Michael W. Doyle* and *Séverine Ausseterre* (Columbia University, NYC), *Lamiya Basbar*, (Yazidi human rights activist, Sakharov Price 2016), (among others), co-organizer with *Ioannis Panoussis* and *Sonia Le Gouriellec*, Université Catholique de Lille (September).
- 2018 Masterclass *Global Actors for Peace*, II edition, with former Justice *Sabino Cassese* (Italian Constitutional Court), *Simona Granata*, (Venice Commission), former Justice *Alphons Orié* (ICTY), *Rony Brauman*, (founder Médecins Sans Frontières), (among others), co-organizer with *Ioannis Panoussis* and *Sonia Le Gouriellec*, Université Catholique de Lille (September).
- 2018 *Droits humains, gouvernance mondiale, interdépendance*, with *Mireille Delmas-Marty* (College de France), *Pascal Lamy*, (Former Director WTO), *Jacques Toubon* (French Ombudsman), *Michael W. Doyle* (Columbia University) (among others), co-organizer with *Ioannis Panoussis* and *Sasha Goldmann*, Université Catholique de Lille, in partnership with Collegium International (February).
- 2017 Masterclass *Global Actors for Peace*, I edition, with Judges *Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska* and *Dmitry Dedov* (ECtHR), *Charles-Philippe David* (Université du Québec) and *Francesco Francioni* (EUI), (among others), co-organizer with *Ioannis Panoussis*, Université Catholique de Lille, in partnership with FIUC and Rotary International (September).
- 2017 *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court’s Sentenza 238/2014*, co-organizer with *Anne Peters* and *Stefano Battini*, Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (May).  
Website: <http://www.mpil.de/en/pub/news/conferences-workshops/remedies-against-immunity.cfm>
- 2014 *Europe 2014 - 1914: The Legacy of the Great Empires*, with *Lucio Caracciolo* and *Mauro Bussani*, Trieste (May).
- 2013 *Lawyers, Professors and Judges: The US experience*, with *Guido Calabresi*, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Law - Yale Law School, Trieste (March).
- 2012 *Antonio Cassese: The Dream of Human Rights*, memorial conference honouring *Antonio Cassese* with, among others, *Sabino Cassese*, *Paola Gaeta* and *Mauro Bussani*, Trieste (March).

### ***Conferences and presentations***

- 2021 *The Venice Commission’s Brave New World: Triangulating Constitutional Assistance, Global Membership and European Standards*, e-Conference *Unpacking Global Governance Dimensions of Law and Politics in Context*, Department of Global Governance, University of Graz, Austria (December).
- 2021 Co-chair (with *Anne Peters* and *Stefano Battini*) *Remedies against Immunity*, Book launch, Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Rome, online (December).

- 2019 Discussant, *L'Unione Europea e la Tutela dei Diritti Fondamentali*, Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Annual Conference 5-6 November, Sutri, Rome (November).
- 2021 *Le droit à une vie familiale « gay » en Europe. Le rôle de la CEDH et des cours nationales dans la reconnaissance des unions de même sexe*, Book launch, *Queer(s) et Droit International*, *Études du Réseau OLYMPE* (September).
- 2021 *The Venice Commission's Brave New World: Triangulating Constitutional Assistance, Global Membership and European Standards*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual e-Conference *The Future of Public Law*, ICON-S Mundo (July).
- 2021 Co-chair (with Anne Peters) *The Future of Remedies against Immunity: The Italian–German Stalemate and Possible Ways Out*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual e-Conference *The Future of Public Law*, ICONS Mundo (July).
- 2021 *European Illiberal Democracies: between Value Resilience and Legal Reaction*, Law School, University of Cordoba, Argentina, online (June)
- 2020 *Experiments in Curriculum Designing for Online Classes - Reimagining & Transforming the Future of Law Schools and Legal Education: Confluence of Ideas During & Beyond COVID-19*, Global Virtual Conference, Jindal Global Law School of O.P. Jindal Global University, New Delhi (November).
- 2020 *La legge d'Europa: diritti umani, rule of law e indipendenza del potere giudiziario*, Annual German-Italian Forum, *Che cosa ci lega? Alla ricerca dell'Europa tra geografia, comunità, diritto*, 7-10 September, Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (September).
- 2019 Discussant, *Tecnologia e diritto pubblico – Lo Stato digitale* (Speaker *Andrea Simoncini*), Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Annual Conference 18-19 October, Sutri, Rome (October).
- 2019 *The United Nations and Democracy Promotion. The Importance of Being Earnest*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual Conference *Public Law in Times of Change?*, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (July).
- 2019 *From Facts to Feelings: Dignity and LGBT Identities Before European Courts*, Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference *Dignity*, 30 May – 2 June, Washington DC, USA (May-June).
- 2019 *Les unions de même sexe devant la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme*, International Conference on Law, European Studies and International Relations, 7th Edition, Law School, Titu Maiorescu, Bucharest, Romania (May).
- 2019 *The Right to Be Forgotten before the ECtHR: The Case M.L. and W.W. vs. Germany - balancing Freedom of Expression and the Right to Privacy*, conference *Risques droit à la diffusion des données personnelles*, Law School, Université Catholique de Lille (January).
- 2018 Chair, Panel *Quelle éthique pour quel pacifisme?* Colloque annuel de l'Association pour les Études sur la Guerre et la Stratégie (AEGES) - *Gagner la Guerre ou Gagner la Paix?* Lille, 5-6 December 2018 (December).
- 2018 *The United Nations and Democracy Promotion: The Importance of Being Earnest*, ICON·S Italian Chapter, Inaugural Conference - *Unità e frammentazione dentro e oltre lo Stato*, Roma, 23-24 November 2018 (November).



- 2018 *From Facts to Feelings. LGBT identities before European courts*, co-organizer (with Benedetta Barbisan) of the panel *Judging Identities. LGBT Rights before European Courts*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual Conference *Identity, Security, Democracy: Challenges for Public Law*, University of Hong Kong, 25–27 June, Hong Kong (June).
- 2018 *The United Nations and Democracy Promotion: The Importance of Being Earnest*, Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference *Law at the Crossroads*, 7–10 June, Toronto, Canada (June).
- 2018 Chair and discussant, *Realizzando l'Utopia. Un ricordo di Nino Cassese*, with Paola Gaeta, Dialoghi Italiani, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (May).
- 2017 Chair and discussant, *Venetia caput mundi? Il potere di raccomandare e l'obbligo di conformarsi*, with Simona Granata-Menghini, deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission, Dialoghi Italiani, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (November).
- 2017 Chair and discussant, *Presentation of the Rome Manifesto at the European Parliament*, with Giuliano Amato, Constitutional Justice and former Italian Prime Minister, Mercedes Bresso, MEP, and Matteo Scotti (among others), European Parliament, Brussels (November).
- 2017 Introductory remarks to “*Trump and the art of the Deal*” (with Stefano Battini), Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Annual Conference 20-21 October, Sutri, Rome (October).
- 2017 *Judging Democracy. The Role of European Courts in Protecting the Independence of the Hungarian Judiciary*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual Conference *Courts, Power, and Public Law*, University of Copenhagen, 5–7 July, Copenhagen, Denmark (July).
- 2017 *From Human Rights to the Rule of Law? The European Court of Human Rights and the Independence of the Judiciary*, Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference *Walls, Borders, and Bridges: Law and Society in an Inter-Connected World*, 20–23 June, Mexico City, Mexico (June).
- 2017 Introductory remarks, *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, conference's co-organizer with Anne Peters (MPIL) and Stefano Battini (IRPA). Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (May).
- 2017 *Narratives of European Integration. Why the Rome Manifesto?*, Ca' Foscari University, Venice (May).
- 2017 *European Illiberal Democracies? Facing Political Risk within the EU*, Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, Paris (February).
- 2016 *From Ends to Means. How to Protect the Rule of Law in the European Union*, Global Legal Network (GLN) Annual Meeting *Impacts of Legal Risks on Effectiveness of EU Law*, Tallinn, Estonia (October).
- 2016 *From Human Rights to the Rule of Law: The ECtHR Grand Chamber Judgment Baka v. Hungary*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (September).

- 2016 *International Actors in Constitution Building Processes: The Venice Commission in Africa*, Summer course on Constitution Building in Africa, Central European University, Budapest (July).
- 2016 *A Second Silent Brexit? Britain, Strasbourg, and Human Rights*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (July).
- 2016 *The Right to a “Gay” Family Life: The Role of Supranational and Constitutional Courts in Endorsing Social Change in Europe* (with Sabrina Ragone), Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference: *At the Delta: Belonging, Place and Visions of Law and Social Change*, 2–5 June, New Orleans, U.S. (June).
- 2016 *Yes, we can! The Role of Global Actors in Human Rights Promotion*, Law School, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (May).
- 2016 *Legal (Trans)gender Recognition. The Italian Constitutional Court Facing Transsexual Rights: A Comment to Sentenza 221/2015*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (April).
- 2016 *Non-State Actors and Democracy Promotion*, Law School, Université Catholique de Lille, Paris (March).
- 2016 *Democracy and Human Rights: A European Identity?*, Workshop, *From Ideas on Europe to the European Citizen: Why Europe?*, Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (January).
- 2015 Chair and interviewer of the Italian Justices Professors *Sabino Cassese* and *Daria de Pretis* (with *Giacomo Ruggè*) in *La Corte oltre lo specchio: un dialogo tra giudici costituzionali*, Dialoghi Italiani, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (November).
- 2015 *Global Dimensions of Democracy. Global Actors Raising Domestic Legal Standards*, poster presentation, project selected for the MPIL Academic Advisory Board (*Fachbeirat*) and Board of Trustees (*Kuratorium*) presentations, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (October - November).
- 2015 *If Mayors Ruled the World. An Alternative Path for Global Governance*, book presentation [Benjamin R. Barber, *If Mayors Ruled the World: Dysfunctional Nations, Rising Cities*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 2013], Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (November).
- 2015 *‘The Hard Impact of Soft Law’. How international organizations may promote democracy and human rights globally*, University for Peace (UPEACE), San José, Costa Rica (September).
- 2015 *The European Union’s Political Conditionality in the EU Enlargement Process as an Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights Promotion*, Diplomado Internacional Derechos Humanos, *El nuevo Derecho Público del Siglo XXI y la protección multinivel de los derechos humanos*, University for Peace, Heidelberg University, and Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Colegio de Abogados, San José, Costa Rica (September).
- 2015 *The European Court of Human Rights and Same-Sex Unions. Supporting the “European Consensus” or the right to a “Gay” Family Life? A Comment on the Case Oliari and Others v. Italy*, (with Sabrina Ragone), Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (September).

- 2015 *The Venice Commission Constitutional Assistance. Strengths and Limits of an Instrument for Democracy through Law*, Workshop *Parliaments, Constitutional Transitions and the Venice Commission*, Summer School - Jean Monnet Module on 'Parliamentary Democracy in Europe', *Parliaments of Europe: foreign policy and democracy promotion*, School of Government LUISS Guido Carli University, 14-24 July, Rome (July).
- 2015 *Rewarding, Drafting and Funding Democracy. The Role of International Organizations in Raising National Democratic and Human Rights Standards*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual Conference *Public Law in an Uncertain World*, New York University School of Law, 1–3 July, N.Y.C., U.S. (July).
- 2015 *Lessons Learned. The Arab Spring and the Eastern European Democratic Transitions*, Invited commentator, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on *Comparative Arab Constitutional Law, Panel Comparative Survey of Constitutional Reform in the Arab Region since 2011*, 16–17 May, Cairo, Egypt (May).
- 2015 Chair and discussant, 4<sup>th</sup> *Max Planck Masterclass in International Law with Emmanuelle Tourme-Jouannet on Apprendre à repenser le droit international*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (May).
- 2015 *Drafting Democracy: il Ruolo della Commissione di Venezia nella Promozione della Democrazia attraverso il Diritto*, Law School, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (March).
- 2015 *Costruire la Democrazia: la Commissione di Venezia e il Mondo Nuovo del Diritto*, Law School, Università di Salerno, Fisciano, Italy (March).
- 2015 *The European Court of Human Rights and the Independence of the Judiciary. Ensuring Individual Rights or a Systemic Rule of Law? A Comment on the Case Baka v. Hungary*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (February).
- 2014 *No taxation without representation? La disciplina italiana in tema di acquisto della cittadinanza e i suoi paradossi*, Dialoghi Italiani, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (December).
- 2014 *Unveiling the Truth: the ECHR Judgment S.A.S. v. France*, seminar *ECHR case SAS v France on Banning of Burkas and Niqab*, Centro de Estudios Políticos and Constitucionales, Madrid (November).
- 2014 *Guido Calabresi: Un dialogo tra l'uomo e il diritto*, book presentation [Guido Calabresi, "Il mestiere di giudice", Il Mulino, Bologna, 2013], Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Annual Conference 24-25 October, Sutri, Rome (October).
- 2014 *Is Islam an ECtHR (and European) taboo? The Case of S.A.S. v. France*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (July).
- 2014 Chair and discussant, 3<sup>rd</sup> *Masterclass in International Law with Martti Koskenniemi on Critical Studies of International Law*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (April-May).
- 2014 *'Half He Pulled and Half She Sank'. The Transformative Power of International Organizations in Raising National Democratic Standards*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (February).

- 2010 *Exporting Democracy. How the Global Legal Order Promotes Democracy*, IRPA Lunch, Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Rome (April).
- 2010 *La Promozione della Democrazia e il Nuovo Ordine Globale*, Doctoral School in Comparative Public Law and EU Law of the University of Udine, Trieste (May).

### ***Grants and awards***

- 2016 *Fritz Thyssen Foundation Grant*, Promotion of science and research events, *State, Economy and Society*, for the conference *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, (co-organized with Anne Peters and Stefano Battini) at Villa Vigoni, Lake Como, May 2017. Grant 25.000 euro.
- 2008 - 2011 *Doctoral fellowship grant* (three years) Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM), Naples.
- Since 2008 *Cultore della Materia* (honorary title) in Italian and Comparative Constitutional Law, Political Science Department, University of Trieste.
- 2005 *Erasmus exchange grant*, Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion, Robert Schuman, University of Strasbourg, France (Spring term).

### ***Participation in training courses at home and abroad (selection)***

- 2018 Comprehensive OSCE/ODIHR e-learning course for election observers (December).
- 2013 Antonio Cassese Summer School *Post-Conflict Justice and State Building*, Antonio Cassese Initiative – Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (July).
- 2009 - 2008 - 2004 International *Summer Schools of Philosophy and Politics*, ItalianiEuropei Foundation, Rome (July).
- 2005 Training course *Women, Politics, and Institutions* (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of more than 150 participants), Ministry of Equal Opportunity, Superior School of Public Administration, University of Trieste (September - December).

### ***Other professional activities***

- Since 2021 Expert at GLG (international consultancy firm), New York, US.
- Since 2019 Expert at C-lever.org (consultancy firm on inclusive development), Brussels, Belgium.
- 2015 - 2017 Founder and coordinator of the *MPIL Internship Programme*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg.
- 2014 - 2017 Founder (with Giacomo Ruge) and co-organizer of the MPIL monthly discussion forum *Dialoghi Italiani*, about the Italian legal and political world (in Italian). Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg.
- 2008 - 2010 Participation in the two-year research project *The “difficult” communities: multiculturalism and immigration in the territory of Trieste. Criticalities and legal models’ circulation in the Euro-regional area*, director Professor Roberto Scarciglia, Political Science Department, University of Trieste.

## ***Memberships***

- *Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA)* (since 2014).
- *International Society of Public Law (ICON-S)* (since 2015).
- *Global Legal Network* (since 2015).
- *Centre de Recherche sur les Relations entre le Risque et le Droit (C3RD)* (since 2017).
- *Law and Society Association (LSA)*, (since 2019).
- *Centre de Recherche sur les Droits de l'Homme et le Droit Humanitaire (CRDH)*, (since 2020).
- Executive board, Ph.D. Programme in *Global Studies. Justice, Rights, Politics*, University of Macerata (since 2017).
- Academic International Advisory Committee of the Academic Journal *Giustizia*, (since 2020).
- Academic Advisory Board of the *Heidelberg Journal of International Law/Zeitschrift für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht (ZaöRV)*, MPIL, (2015-2017).
- Local editorial board of the Review *Diritto Pubblico Comparato ed Europeo (DPCE)* office of Trieste, Association of Comparative and European Public Law, (2009 - 2013).
- Executive team of the *Antonio Cassese Initiative for Justice, Peace and Humanity*, Geneva Academy of International and Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (2013-2016).

## ***International cooperation***

2013	Sri Lanka – Project officer, Project for the rehabilitation of former child soldiers and war widows of the Tamil minority, @uxilia NGO (March).
2008 - 2010	Italy – Educational support for children of the Roma and Sinti communities living in the “camps”, Trieste.
2004	India – Community building and preschool education in rural area, Kerala (September-October).

## ***Language proficiency***

Italian (mother tongue)  
English (fluent)  
French (fluent)  
Spanish (working knowledge)