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PhD student in International and European law at Bocconi University, former Consultant at The World Bank Group (IFC and World Bank), former researcher at Fondazione Astrid. Member of the Board of Advisors, Member of the board of advisors of the Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality Law at the University of California, Berkeley. PhD student with international studying and working experiences. Exposed to international settings having lived in 7 countries and 3 continents. **Policy Researcher at Harvard Policy and Institutional Research Program** and DPI London. Trainee at **Presidenza del Consiglio (Italian Government) – DAGL**. Consultant at Eni Foundation. Excellent Academic Record (All degrees with first class honours), student of **Collegi di Merito Honours Program** by the Italian Ministry of Education. Awards and scholarships winner. **Multilingual fluent in four European languages and two African languages.** Leadership roles as a **World Economic Forum Global Shapers, fellow at the Center for American Studies, Canova Giovani** and **Founder of the Social Sustainability NGO In-Formazione** winner of the first **Paul Rawlinson global award** by Baker Mckenzie. <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/research/berkeley-center-on-comparative-equality-anti-discrimination-law/our-working-groups/informazione/> Co-authored 4 published books. Commented political, economics and geopolitical affairs on national television and national press outlets (RAI, Sole24Ore, Agenda Digitale, Corriere della Sera)

WORK

PhD student in International and European law - Bocconi University

Milano, Italy October 2023-ongoing

International and European law governing economic relations between states and the transnational business activity of private actors. Although predominantly legal in focus, the curriculum also deals with the economic and geopolitical issues that are at the root of the legal disciplines, hence a markedly interdisciplinary character and aggregation of multiple fields.

Developing a research project on trade and technology regulation, mainly semiconductors and AI and its impact on economics and legal aspects.

3-years full merit-based Ph.D Fellowship (awarded to top 10 applicants), Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research and Bocconi University (2023 – 2025)

Research interest: International Economic Law, EU Economic Law, Trade and Technology Law, Economic Statecraft and Law

Coursework: Economics: Markets and Policies, Law and Economics, Topics in International and EU Law, PhD Seminars in International and EU Law

Research Project: The European Union in the current competition on frontier technologies. The EU's use of unilateral trade tools (Export-control laws, industrial policy, FDI screening mechanisms, easing of State Aid rules and Anti-Coercion Instrument) and the balancing between economic security, competitiveness, and the overarching framework of the single market principles.

IFC, PPP Transactional Advisory Water Services

(Remote) **Washington DC, USA** October 2022-2023

Project Management Officer Consultant

Working on two major Transaction Advisory projects to implement water infrastructure for the value of 1Bln dollars designed to impact access to water services for +5mln people. Worked on project definition and preparation, scoping and feasibility. Funding application, client, and stakeholder management.

Support to the water sector Transaction advisory lead in coordination with IFC upstream, Investment team and WB Water GP.

Support business development efforts of the core team under the guidance of IFC Global Water Lead. This involves defining a set of short and mid-term objectives and crafting an action plan to reach them. At the core of this task to lead, under supervision, all coordination efforts with staff from IFC's PPP (C3P), Infrastructure (INR) Upstream, and Mainstream teams, when necessary, in different regions to support BD efforts. I also assisted the overall coordination of business development efforts with World Bank colleagues. Client facing business development. After implementation of the above activities, I coordinated, with the support of IFC staff, follow up discussions and help turn early projects leads into concrete project opportunities.

Target regions include Asia and Africa. Indicative countries to be considered are South Africa, Senegal, Egypt, Namibia, Kenya, Vietnam, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

World Bank Group, Water Global Practice

(Remote) **Washington DC, USA** June 2021-2023

Knowledge and Learning Consultant

Handling all aspects of learning event deliveries (requirements gathering, logistics and promotion); Providing on-demand assistance to virtual meetings; Evaluating and reporting learning delivery quality and impact by applying standard evaluation methodologies. Managed two global World Water Weeks. Managed 150+ learning events with an attendance rate of 70+ people each. Providing technical assistance for event delivery (i.e., content preparation, PowerPoint review, videos and reports). Assisted high-level speakers from IOs, Governments and Academia. Instrumental in working with teams from different regions and time zones.

Fondazione ASTRID – Researcher at the Digital Ecosystem's Lab

Rome, Italy May 2021-2023

Working on quantitative research projects on the economic ecosystems of **digital markets** and their **impact on policy and geopolitics**. With a **focus on Submarine cables, Semiconductors, AI and Labour, Quantum computing, Payment systems and Cybersecurity**. **Focus on EU's digital transition and EU-USA cooperation**. Published Policy papers and **co-authored 2 published books written with former ministers (Franco Bassanini my supervisor), Professors and CEOs**.

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley Equality Law Center –*Member of the Board of Advisors*. **Berkeley, California(Remote)** Sept 2022-Ongoing

Member of the Board of Advisors, directing a project on DE&I connecting EU and USA students and businesses. Researched on the comparative impacts of DE&I in education and in the corporate world.

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri(Italian Government) **Rome, Italy** Sept 2020-March 2021

Trainee **at the Regulatory impact assessment unit of the Juridical and Legislative department(DAGL)**

Supported the unit in addressing regulatory impact assessment, Regulation of new business models, Regulatory framework for AI and technology (Foresight, Sandboxes, Agile Regulation, Regulatory oversight). Drafted documents and reports mainly on Regulation and AI, and G20. Participated in International conferences with OECD's Regulatory Policy Committee, Better Regulation Network, Council of the EU and EU Commission.

ENI Fondazione Enrico Mattei – *Consultant in the Sustainability team*. **Milano, Italy** June-Sept 2019

Worked on a quantitative research project aimed at defining the impact of regional investments on the achievement of SDGs in Italy.

Harvard Policy and Institutional Research Program **Cambridge, MA, USA**

Junior Researcher (4 months remote, 2 in presence in the USA).

Sept 2017-April 2018

Conducted an extensive Research on: Implementation of the European Union Policies and its reforms in Italy.

Supervisor: Prof Richard B. Freeman, Ascherman Professor of Economics, Harvard University

DGITEC Secretariat-European Parliament *Visiting Research student* **Bruxelles, Belgium** Sept - Oct 2018

Tasks: Research activities, Attendance to committee meetings and working groups, Reporting to the Director General

DPI London-Summer Operations and Programmes Intern **London, United Kingdom** June-Oct 2017

Tasks: Analytical research work, redaction of background documents for high level meetings, Support in the organization of several key events on negotiation and conflict resolution.

Italian Parliament - Chamber of Deputies *Parliamentary assistant at MP's Local Office* **Rome-Parma,Italy** Feb – May 2017

Tasks: Legal Drafting, analysis of acts, writing of acts and amendments, Organization of the MP's agenda, Communication with press and local-regional institutional bodies

EDUCATION

Post-graduate: Master in Law and Economics of Antitrust, Regulation and Innovation (LEARI) **Rome, Italy**

LUMSA University

Graduation: September 2023 110 e Lode

Selective specialized course on the topics of competition, regulation, industrial policy and better regulation, with a focus on "public utilities" and innovative industries. interdisciplinary methodological tools-economics, law and public policy analysis-which enable the evaluation and analysis of regulatory, competition and industrial policies. The Master's program also develops knowledge and use of better regulation tools, extended to the behavioral approach and experimental methods for evidence-based regulation, in the regulatory cycle.

Awarded the Dean's best applicant Scholarship full waiver. Working as a research assistant to the Dean of the Master program

Post-graduate: European Master in Law and Economics **Rotterdam, Hamburg, Barcelona**

Triple degree: Double LLM-MSc

Graduation: September 2020

Extremely selective Advanced postgraduate course attended at three different European universities. Acceptance rate below 10%

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Law and Economics; **Universität Hamburg**, Law and Economics of EU and Int. Law;

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Law and Economics of Innovation and Intellectual Property.

GPA: 7/10. **One of the 8 high performing applicants awarded the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Scholarship.**

Harvard Law School Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society: CopyrightX admitted to the HLS. 2020

Online course on Copyright and IP Law in the Tech Industry, policy, competition and society impact.

Master: Università degli Studi di Milano-La Statale **Milano, Italy**

LLM in Sustainable Development - Curriculum: DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS, TRADE, FINANCE, INVESTMENT, COMPETITION. 2017-2019

Thesis: The European External Investment Plan and Development Financing impact on SDGs in Sub Saharan Africa

Countries. Subject: International Investment Law and Sustainable Development. Developed with EC, DevCo, EEAS, CDP

Coursework: Investment Law, Adv. Int.l Law, Int. Financial Law, WTO Law, Economic Policy, Project Management, SDGs

Honors Programme: Italian Ministry of Education's Honours program at Collegio Castelbarco (Business and Leadership degree)
IESE Business School: MBA Summer School in Management, July 2018

Erasmus Exchange: Université de Paris Sorbonne V-Descartes Faculty of Law, Economics and Management
Courses: Business Law I (Bank and Finance), Business Law II (Law of Trust), EU Law Jan-Jul 2019 **Paris, France**

Bachelors: BSc. in Political Science and International Relations, Università degli Studi di Parma. Parma, Italy
First class Honours (110/110 Cum Laude) GPA 29.6/30 2014-2017

Thesis: Land Investments and Land Grabbing in Sub-Saharan Africa. Subject: International Law
Coursework Political Economy, Economic Policy, Private Law, Public Law, Int. Law, Politics, Industrial Policy, IR
Associations: One of the 3 students **elected** as **Academic Senator** (University Governing body); Founder of ASSP
King's College London-Alma Mater Bologna-Université de Strasbourg: Summer school EU fundamental rights Protection

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Junior Fellow at the Centre For American Studies **Rome, 2022**

Commented political, economics and geopolitical affairs on national television and national news outlets. **RAI, Sole24Ore, Agenda Digitale, Corriere della Sera**

President and Co-Founder of In-Formazione: Social sustainability hub with the aim of reducing the opportunity gap for students of foreign origin in Italy. Launched a series of mentoring and coaching projects. 2019

Working with Google, BNL-BNP Paribas, Baker McKenzie, BCG, Iliad, The Fork, AirBnb, Linklaters, Uber, Hogan Lovells and others to deliver online and offline mentoring and career guidance course. Designed and managed the entire association and courses. <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/research/berkeley-center-on-comparative-equality-anti-discrimination-law/our-working-groups/informazione/>

Scuola di Politiche course on policymaking for 100 high talented Italian students. **Roma, 2019-2020**
Curriculum Regolare: study of the State and the market in contemporary Italian economic institutions, the management of services, the instruments of regulation and protection of competition. Lectures by Ministers and high-level civil servants.

Global Shapers of the World Economic Forum, Milan HUB: Jul 2018-ongoing
Organization of activities and workshops on AI, Future of Work, Climate Change, Lecturing in high schools, Project design and management

Emilia Romagna Regional Board Member at Unesco Youth Italy Jul 2017-ongoing
Institutional relations with regional and local administrations and associations, Event organization, Teamwork and capacity building with the colleagues of the board and National Representatives, Organization of Unesco Youth Italian Forum-Parma 2020

Delegate to UN annual forum on Business and Human Rights. Palais des Nations, Geneve **Geneva, Oct 2017**

One of the 3 students **elected as Academic Senator** (Governing body of the University) Representing the ten thousand students of Humanities Faculties 2017

One of the 100 youths selected for "Young Europe You" the annual event of the National Youth Agency of Italy. **Rome, 2016**

National Staff Member of European Association of International Studies **Sep 2016-Jan 2018**

Group Leader at European Youth Event in Strasbourg, organized by EU Parliament and EU Commission **May 2016**

Participation to: **Forum by AESI and UN Office of Geneva** "The vision of Youth on the Roots of International Crises" Presented a research on South Sudan Crisis **Geneva, 2016**

PUBLICATIONS

Publications:	Publisher:
Il calcolo ad alte prestazioni Italia ed Europa nella competizione mondiale. (01/12/2022)	Passigli Editori, 2022
Midterm elections Trump sfida Biden. Le elezioni USA di metà mandato, tra funzionamento e scenari (26/10/2022). Fortune Italia	
Intelligenza artificiale e diritto: una rivoluzione? - Vol. I II III – Diritti fondamentali, dati personali e regolazione a cura di A. Pajno, F. Donati e A. Perrucci (05/09/2022) – Il Mulino, 2022	
Industria dei microchip. La strategia dell'Europa nella competizione internazionale (04/04/2022)	Passigli Editori, 2022
Industria dei cavi sottomarini. Tendenze di mercato e geopolitica (06/12/2021)	Passigli Editori, 2021
Le professioni del futuro: Perché il 65% dei giovani di oggi faranno domani un lavoro che non esiste ancora (25/11/2019)	TalentsVenture

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participant at the Global Entrepreneurship Summer School. Entrepreneurial solutions for Climate Change Munich, 2019

Uni-Diploma in China Business and Law, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore-Confucius Institute Milano, 2018-2019

Participation to The Geneva Challenge: Advancing Development Goals International contest by The Graduate Institute Geneva to encourage problem solving analysis among master students. Aug 2018-Oct 2018
Ranked top 3 team in Europe and top 15 in the World. Project published by The Graduate Institute Geneva.

Lecturer on “Cultural Heritage and the role of Civil Society” at EU Waladu Project to a class of Iraqi students Feb 2018
Alma Mater University of Bologna and UNESCO Youth Italy.

Diploma in Business and Legal English at EFLIT, Parma - Grade 100/100
University of Parma course on Human Rights and Environmental Law. Final research: Right to Food Feb 2017

Policy Game (event awarded with State medal by the President of the Republic of Italy) Roma, Apr 2016
Parliamentary simulation, President of committee that wrote a Parliamentarian act supported by Italian Parliament

Diploma in Diplomacy and International Affairs at European Association of International Studies, Rome Roma 2015-2016
Final Dissertation: EU and Russia Sanctions, way out to solve the diplomatic crisis

AWARDS

BOCCONI UNIVERSITY Ph.D Fellowship 3-years full merit-based awarded to top 10 PhD law students by Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research and Bocconi University (2023 – 2025)

LUMSA UNIVERSITY LEARI MASTERS: Awarded the Dean’s best applicant Scholarship full waiver. Working as a research assistant to the Dean of the Master LEARI program 2023

The Nova111 list of 111 professionals with the highest potential in Italy, and one of the 10 emerging leaders in the category of Public Service, Research & Education

ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER’S DEGREE Scholarship (Awarded to the top 8 applicants to the EMLE).
2019-2020

Winner of “Youth in Action for SDGs” Italian national contest on SDGs. Contest organized by Accenture, Unicredit, Fondazione Feltrinelli and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei. 2018

Merit Award by **Italian Ministry of Education** and Italy-USA Foundation as **one of the best graduates in the field of Political Science in Italy** 2018

Honours College Merit Award for the College of Excellence Castelbarco (Tuition Waiver) The only winner for all the 14 colleges in Italy

Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research National University Merit Scholarship From 2014 to 2019

Camst University Graduate Merit Award (One of the three winners in the whole Italy) 2017-2018

Italian: Mother tongue, **English** Mother tongue, **French B2, Spanish B2, Dutch A1, German A1, Twi and Fante Proficient**
IT Skills: Microsoft Office Excellent command: ECDL 7 | STATA