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(Since September 2016) *Roma Tre University, Rome*. Associate Professor of international law, Department of Law

(2008 - 2016) *Roma Tre University, Rome*. Assistant Professor of international law, Department of Law

(2006 – 2008) *LUISS Guido Carli, Rome*. Research fellow at the Chair of International Law (Prof. Natalino Ronzitti), Faculty of Law

Education

(2001 – 2004) *University of Siena*. PhD in International and European Law. Joint doctoral programme coordinated by the University of Siena with the participation of the Universities of Florence and Pisa.

(1996 – 2001) *University of Padua*. Degree with distinction (110/110 *cum laude*) in International Political Science.

Research activity

(since 2015) Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Conflict and Security Law* (Oxford UP)

(2013 - 2016) *Roma Tre University*. Member of the Research Unit of the International Disaster Law Project.

(2008 - 2011) Member of the Management Team of 'PRIV-WAR' (Regulating privatisation of "war": the role of the EU in assuring the compliance with international humanitarian law and human rights), supported within the 7th Framework Research Programme by the European Commission DG Research (EU contribution: €1 138 682 www.priv-war.eu).

(2007 - 2008) *Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome*. Research tasks on disarmament and counterterrorism issues

(2006 - 2007) *LUISS Guido Carli, Rome*. Member of the Research Unit coordinated by Prof. Natalino Ronzitti on the topic "Access to justice and compensation for violations of the law of war" (National research programme financed by the Ministry of Education)

(2006) *Hague Academy of International Law*. Participant at the Centre for Studies and Research in International Law (topic: Terrorism and International Law). Report on 'EU Counter-Terrorism Action and Due Process Guarantees'.

(2003 – 04) *Max Planck Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht, Heidelberg*. Research stay: January-April 2003 and July 2004.

(October 2003 – December 2005) *University of Padua*. Member of the research staff at the Human Rights Centre.

Teaching experience

(2012-present) *Institute of International Humanitarian Law, Sanremo*

Lecturer at the Course on 'Conduct of Peace Operations'

(2008 – present) *University of Roma Tre*

- Public International Law (9 ECTS - Law School, 2017/18)
- Advanced International Law (in English) (Law School, 2012/2013- 2016/2017)
- International Human Rights Law (in English) (Law School, 2012/13 – 2016/17)
- Law of International Organisations (In English) (Law School, since academic year 2017/18)
- since 2009: Coordinator of the participation of Roma Tre students to the international law Moot Court Competitions
- International law and peace processes (in Italian) (School of political sciences, 60 hours, academic year 2011/2012)
- International law (in Italian) (36 hours – academic year 2009/10 – 2010/11)
- EU Law for non-EU students (20 hours – seminar for foreign students in English – academic year 2010/11 – 11/12)

(2006 - 2008) *LUISS Guido Carli*, Rome

- Teaching Assistance for the Chair of international law

Membership

Member of the ILA (International Law Association): Co-rapporteur of the study group on 'UN sanctions and international law'

Italian Society of International Law

Publications

Books

1. *Sanzioni delle Nazioni Unite e organizzazioni regionali*, Roma, Roma Tre Press, 2020.
2. *La prevenzione del terrorismo nel diritto internazionale*, Torino, Giappichelli, 2012.
3. A. Di Blase, G. Bartolini, M. Sossai (a cura di), *Diritto internazionale e valori umanitari: atti della giornata di studi in onore di Paolo Benvenuti*, Roma, Roma Tre Press, 2019.
4. Edited with C. Bakker, *Multilevel Regulation of Military and Security Contractors: the Interplay between International, European, and Domestic Norms* (Oxford & Portland OR, Hart Publishing, 2012) (recensito in *Revue Trimestrielle de Droit Europeen* 48(3), 2012; *Revue générale de droit international public*, 2012/4; *Italian Journal of Public Law*, 2/2013

Articles in peer-reviewed journals and Chapters in relevant edited publications

5. 'Arms Control - Contesting the Nuclear Taboo?' in Heike Krieger and Andrea Liese (eds.), *Tracing value change in the international legal order - Perspectives from legal and political science*, forthcoming, OUP
6. 'Informal Efforts' in Eric Miya and Thilo Maruhn (eds), *Research Handbook on International Arms Control Law*, Elgar, 2021.
7. 'L'impatto delle sanzioni statunitensi sulle relazioni economiche tra l'Italia e l'Iran', in Andrea Gattini e Bruno Barel (eds), *Le prospettive dell'export italiano in tempi di sfide e crisi globali*, Giappichelli, 2021
8. 'International Disarmament and Arms Control: In the Middle of a Paradigm Shift?', in R. Geiss and N. Melzer (eds), *Oxford Handbook on the International Law of Global Security*, OUP, 2021, 310-327.
9. 'The Dynamic of Action and Reaction and the Implementation of the Iran Nuclear Deal' *Questions of International Law*, 2020.
10. 'Catholicism and the Evolution of International Law Studies in Italy', in G. Bartolini (ed), *A History of International Law in Italy*, OUP, 2020, 215-233.
11. 'The Legality of Extraterritorial Sanctions', in M. Asada (ed), *Economic Sanctions in International Law and Practice*, Routledge, 2020, 62-79.
12. 'The Legal Response of the Organisation of American States in Combating Terrorism', in B. Saul (ed.), *Research Handbook on Terrorism and International Law*, 2nd ed., Cheltenham, Elgar, 2020, 626-638.
13. 'The Demands of Future Operations and the Promise of Non (Less)-Lethal Weapons' in *21 Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law*, 2020, 3-22.
14. 'Identifying the Perpetrators of Chemical Attacks in Syria: the OPCW as Part of the Fight against Impunity?' *17 Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 2019, 211-227, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jicj/mqz013>
15. 'Modelli di regimi sanzionatori nella prassi contemporanea' in *Temi e questioni di diritto dell'Unione Europea: Scritti offerti a Claudia Morviducci*, Cacucci, 2019, 551-560
16. 'Risposte regionali a una minaccia globale: il contrasto alla violenza di stampo jihadista tra autonomia e subordinazione al sistema delle Nazioni Unite', in E. Cimiotta, N. Napoletano (a cura di), *Nazioni Unite e organizzazioni regionali tra autonomia e subordinazione*, Il Mulino, 2019, 277-301.
17. 'Enrico Catellani: un internazionalista al Comando supremo durante la Grande Guerra', in A. Di Blase, G. Bartolini, M. Sossai (a cura di), *Diritto internazionale e valori umanitari: atti della giornata di studi in onore di Paolo Benvenuti*, Roma Tre Press, 2019, 281-295.
18. 'Il personale religioso e la protezione delle attività religiose nel sistema delle Convenzioni di Ginevra', in P. Benvenuti e G. Bartolini (a cura di), *IV Aggiornamento Nazionale Istruttori D.I.U. in Cooperazione con la Società Iraniana di Mezzaluna Rossa: Atti del Convegno*, CRI, 2018, 44-51.
19. 'Libia Stato fallito? Quale effettività per un governo legittimato dalle Nazioni Unite' in N. Ronzitti e E. Sciso (a cura di), *I conflitti in Siria e Libia*, Giappichelli, 2018, 173-189.

20. 'States' failure to take preventive action and to reduce exposure to disasters as a human rights issue', in F. Zorzi Giustiniani, E. Sommaro, G. Bartolini and F. Casolari (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Human Rights and Disasters*, Routledge, 2018, 119-131.
21. 'Il rapporto tra il Trattato sul divieto di armi nucleari e gli altri accordi in materia di non-proliferazione e disarmo' in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, 2018, 185-204.
22. 'L'adozione del Trattato sul disarmo nucleare tra entusiasmo, perplessità e aperta opposizione', in 4-5- *Quaderni di SIDIBlog*, 2017-2018, 211-220.
23. 'Combating the Legal Side Effects of Privatized War: What has been achieved, and what still needs to be done in international legal scholarship on Private Military and Security Companies', in *Völkerrechtsblog*, 9 ottobre 2017.
24. 'UN Sanctions and Regional Organisations: an Analytical Framework', in L. van den Herik (ed.), *Research Handbook on UN Sanctions and International Law*, Elgar, 2017, 395-417.
25. 'Come assicurare la punibilità dell'uso delle armi chimiche in Siria?', in 11 *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, 2017, 419-434.
26. 'Il mandato delle operazioni di peacekeeping e il contrasto a gruppi terroristici', in I. Caracciolo e U. Montuoro (a cura di), *L'evoluzione del peacekeeping: il ruolo dell'Italia*, Giappichelli, 2017, 89-103.
27. 'Canali di ingresso legale e sicuro dei migranti in Europa: il modello dei "corridoi umanitari"', in U. Curi (a cura di), *Vergogna ed esclusione. L'Europa di fronte alla sfida dell'emigrazione*, Castelvechi, 2017, 75-89.
28. 'Il mandato della missione di stabilizzazione in Mali: verso una convergenza tra peacekeeping e anti-terrorismo?', in 3 *Quaderni di SIDIBlog*, 2016, 333-338.
29. 'Il contrasto al fenomeno dei *foreign fighters* tra diritto internazionale umanitario e obblighi derivanti dalla ris. 2178 (2014)', in I. Caracciolo e U. Montuoro (a cura di), *Conflitti armati interni e regionalizzazione delle guerre civili*, Giappichelli, 2016, 135-150.
30. 'Conventional Weapons', in R. Liivoja and T. McCormack (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Law of Armed Conflict*, London, Routledge, 2016, 197-211.
31. 'Foreign terrorist fighters: una nozione ai confini del diritto internazionale', in *Federalismi*, 2015, <http://www.federalismi.it/document/25092015112410.pdf>.
32. 'The Impact of the Legal Framework for the Armed Forces on the Regulation of Private Security', in A. Leander and R. Abrahamsen (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Private Security Studies*, London, Routledge, 2015, 238-247.
33. 'Il Consiglio di sicurezza approva l'accordo sul nucleare iraniano', in 2 *Quaderni di SIDI blog*, 2015, 505-510.
34. 'The Privatisation of 'the Core Business of UN Peacekeeping Operations': any Legal Limit?', 16 *International Community Law Review*, 2014, 405-422.
35. 'Article VI', in E. Myjer, W. Krutsch, R. Trapp (eds.), *The Chemical Weapons Convention: A Commentary*, (collana: Oxford Commentaries on International Law) Oxford, Oxford University Press (OUP), 2014, 173-194.
36. 'The Legal Response of the Organisation of American States in Combating Terrorism', in B. Saul (ed.), *Research Handbook on Terrorism and International Law*, Cheltenham, Elgar, 2014, 701-716.
37. 'A European Approach to the Regulation of PMSCs', in 107 *ASIL Proceedings*, 2014, 205-208.
38. 'Transparency as a Cornerstone of Disarmament and Non-proliferation Regimes', in A. Bianchi and A. Peters (eds.), *Transparency in International Law*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2013, 392-416.
39. 'Disarmament and Non-proliferation', in C. Henderson and N. D. White (eds.), *Research Handbook on International Conflict and Security Law: Jus ad Bellum, Jus in Bello, and Jus post Bellum*, Cheltenham, Elgar, 2013, 41-66.
40. 'Are Italian Courts Directly Bound to Give Effect to the *Jurisdictional Immunities* Judgment?', XXI-2011 *Italian Yearbook of International Law*, 2012, 175-189.
41. (with C. Bakker), 'The Role of the EU External Relations in Ensuring Compliance with Human Rights and Humanitarian Law by Private Contractors', in C. Bakker & M. Sossai (eds.), *Multilevel Regulation of Military and Security Contractors*, Oxford & Portland, OR, Hart publishing, 2012, 79-103.
42. 'Status of PMSCs Personnel in the Law of International Armed Conflict', in F. Francioni & N. Ronzitti (eds.), *War by Contract*, Oxford, OUP, 2011, 197-217.
43. 'Drugs as Weapons: Disarmament Treaties facing the Advances in Bio-chemistry and Non-Lethal Weapons Technology', in 15 *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, 2010, 5-24.
44. 'The Accountability Gap: Note sull'esercizio della giurisdizione civile e penale nei confronti dei contractors impiegati negli interrogatori', in L. Zagato & S. Pinton (a cura di), *La tortura nel nuovo millennio: la reazione del diritto*, Padova, CEDAM, 2010, 49-73.
45. 'Status of PMCs Personnel in the Laws of War: the Question of Direct Participation in Hostilities', in XVIII-2008 *Italian Yearbook of International Law*, 2009, 89-115.
46. 'Esiste un rischio di riarmo chimico?', in S. Marchisio (a cura di), *La crisi del disarmo nel diritto internazionale, Atti del Convegno SIDI*, Editoriale scientifica, Napoli, 2009, 171-185.

47. 'Accesso alla Corte europea dei diritti dell'uomo per violazioni compiute dalle forze armate degli Stati contraenti all'estero', in F. Francioni, M. Gestri, N. Ronzitti, T. Scovazzi (a cura di), *Accesso alla giustizia nel diritto internazionale e comunitario*, Giuffrè editore, Milano, 2008, 197-232.
48. 'Immunità della Santa Sede e dell'Ordine di Malta', in N. Ronzitti e G. Venturini (a cura di), *Le immunità giurisdizionali dello Stato e degli altri enti internazionali*, Collana del dipartimento di scienze giuridiche della LUISS "Guido Carli", CEDAM, Padova, 2008, 205-215.
49. 'EU Counter-Terrorism Action and Due-Process Guarantees', in AA. VV. *International Terrorism and Changes in International Law*, Thomson-Aranzadi, Pamplona, 2007, 227-292.
50. 'Il crimine di "terrore": il caso *Galic*', in G. Calvetti, T. Scovazzi (a cura di), *Il Tribunale per la ex-Iugoslavia: attività svolta e il suo prossimo scioglimento*, Giuffrè Editore, Milano, 2007, 205-221.
51. 'La disciplina dei materiali e dei prodotti nucleari nella lotta internazionale al terrorismo', in M. L. Picchio Forlati (a cura di), *Controllo degli armamenti e lotta al terrorismo tra NATO, Nazioni Unite e Unione europea*, CEDAM, Padova, 2007, 251-274.
52. 'The Anti-terrorism Dimension of the European Security and Defence Policy' in N. White, M. Trybus, (eds.) *European Security Law*, OUP, Oxford, 2007, 157-173.
53. 'L'esecuzione della sentenza *Avena* negli Stati Uniti', in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, 2006, 423-447.
54. 'The Internal Conflict in Colombia and the Fight against Terrorism: UN Security Council Res.1465 (2003) and Further Developments', in 3 *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 2005, 253-267 (articolo citato nella sentenza di primo grado del Tribunale penale internazionale per la ex Jugoslavia relativa al caso *Prosecutor v. Boškoski & Tarčulovski*, IT-04-82, 10 luglio 2008).
55. 'La cooperazione nella lotta al terrorismo internazionale: il Comitato contro il terrorismo del Consiglio di Sicurezza delle Nazioni Unite', in 1 *Pace Diritti Umani*, 1/2004, 79-90.

Shorter comments

56. 'Le sanzioni internazionali sono un ostacolo alla risposta degli stati alla pandemia da covid-19?', in SIDI Blog, 5 aprile 2020.
57. 'Anche Berlusconi nell'occhio del grande fratello', in *AffariInternazionali*, 1 March 2016.
58. 'Anti-terrorismo, il nuovo decreto', in *AffariInternazionali*, 19 febbraio 2015.
59. 'Ipoteca dell'Onu sulla Siria', in *AffariInternazionali*, 2 October 2013.
60. 'Gli omicidi mirati secondo gli Usa', in *AffariInternazionali*, 2 March 2013
61. 'La condanna dell'Italia agli agenti della Cia', in *AffariInternazionali*, 9 October 2012
62. (con C. Bakker), 'Introduction', in *Multilevel Regulation of Military and Security Contractors: the Interplay between International, European, and Domestic Norms* (Oxford & Portland OR, Hart Publishing, 2012), 1-7.
63. 'Le incognite del mandato di arresto contro Bashir', in *AffariInternazionali*, 10 March 2009
64. 'Verrà processato il Presidente del Sudan?', in *AffariInternazionali*, 23 July 2008
65. 'Scheda: la sentenza della corte suprema israeliana sulla liceità delle *targeted killings*', in N. Ronzitti – A. Colombo (a cura di), *L'Italia e la politica internazionale*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2007, 213-215.
66. 'Comment: Agreement between the United Nations and the Italian Republic on the Enforcement of Sentences of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, done at Rome on 17 March 2004, implemented by Law No. 64 of 6 February 2006', in *Italian Yearbook of International Law*, 2006, 371-374

Invited presentations to international conferences

- (2019) 'Invisibility of Cities in Modern/Classic International Law', presentation at the meeting "Cities and International Law", Asser Institute, The Hague, 14 March 2019;
- (2018) 'The Reimposition of Sanctions Against Iran and Questions of Proportionality', presentation at the panel "Revisiting the Proportionality of Sanction", 78th ILA Biennial Conference, Sydney, 23 August 2018;
- (2017) 'An analysis of enforcement mechanisms in the code of conduct for PSCs', presentation to the Conference on Business, Human Rights and Security, University of Nottingham, 26-27 January 2017;
- (-) 'Stato fallito: quale effettività per un governo legittimato dalle Nazioni Unite', presentation to the Conference 'Le crisi siriana e libica: possibili equilibri e le sfide al diritto internazionale', LUISS Guido Carli, Roma, 9 May 2017;
- (-) 'To What Extent Can the UN Security Council Impact upon Sanction Power of Regional Organizations?', presentation at the ESIL Prague-Nottingham Symposium: Non-UN Sanctions and International Law, Prague, 5 May 2017.

- (-) Chairman XIII edizione dello "Incontro di studio fra giovani cultori delle materie internazionalistiche", Università Roma Tre. dal 11-05-2017 al 11-05-2017
- (-) scientific coordination of the workshop 'Termination of Sanctions in International Law', Roma Tre, 18-19 May 2017.
- (-) 'Multilateral, primary and secondary sanctions and investments: the case of Iran', presentation at the international Colloquium "International Investment Law and the Law of Armed Conflicts, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 6 October 2017.
- (-) presentation at the Workshop " Nuclear Weapons: Towards the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Role of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement", organised by the Italian Red Cross, Roma, ottobre 2017
- (-) 'Contesting the Nuclear Taboo?', presentation at the workshop "Decline or Transformation? Norm Change and Values in International Law" Berlin, November 2017
- (2016) 'Catholicism and International Law Studies', paper presented at the workshop 'A History of International Law in Italy', 18-19 April 2016, EUI, Firenze.
- (-) 'Interplay with regional regimes: Parallelism and coordination issues', talk at the seminar 'UN Sanctions and Questions of Interplay', University of Bonn, 3-4 March 2016.
- (-) Relazione al IV Corso di Aggiornamento nazionale Istruttori di diritto internazionale umanitario CRI, organizzata congiuntamente con la Mezzaluna Rossa Iraniana, "Il ruolo dei valori religiosi ed etici nel sistema del diritto internazionale umanitario" e "I risultati della 32 Conferenza internazionale di Croce Rossa e Mezzaluna Rossa", Verona,
- (2015) presentation on the topic 'United Nations Non-Proliferation Sanctions' at the annual meeting of the Italian Branch dell'International Law Association (ILA) 'Multifaceted Sanctions in Contemporary International Practice', Roma, 4 December 2015.
- (-) presentation given at the 'European Pro Bono Forum 2015', organised by the Global Network for Public Interest Law, Roma, 13 November 2015.
- (-) Seminar on the topic 'A Law Professor at the Supreme Command: Enrico Catellani', at the Seminar Series on 'International Law and World War I', coordinated by J. D'Aspremont e I. Scobbie, University of Manchester (UK), 11 November 2015.
- (-) Talk on 'The Implementation of UN Sanctions by Regional Organisations: an Analytical Framework' at the meeting 'UN Sanctions in the 21st Century', University of Leiden (NL), 26-27 June 2015.
- (-) presentation on 'The Privatisation of Peacekeeping in the post-conflict state and the UNGPs', at the conference 'UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), Post-Conflict Situations and Fragile States', Università di Nottingham (UK), 20-21 May 2015.
- (-) Seminar on 'Preventing terrorism in the 21st century: is International Law up to the task?', Scuola superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, 11 February 2015.
- (2014) Organiser of the workshop 'A World Free of Chemical Weapons, and Beyond', Università degli Studi Roma Tre, 20-21 March 2014
- (-) Speaker at the workshop for the EU member States on 'Enhancing compliance of the BTWC through national implementation and other means', organised by Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Bruxelles, 24 April 2014
- (2013) Panelist the Expert Meeting on 'Use of Private Military and Security Companies at the United Nations', organised by the UN Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries, New York, United Nations, 31 July 2013
- (-) Speaker at the Panel 'The Regulation of Private Military and Security Contractors', 107th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), Washington, 3-6 aprile 2013
- (2012) 'Drones in peace enforcement operations', presentation given at the Conference "Armed unmanned aerial vehicles in Public International Law", organised by the 'Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) – German Institute for International and Security Affairs', Berlin, 26-27 January 2012
- (-) 'Transparency in Disarmament Law', presentation given at the authors' retreat of the research project 'Transparency in international Law', Thun (Switzerland), 18-21 January 2012
- (2011) 'The Humanitarian Law Perspective on PMSCs', presentation given at the Final Conference of the Priv-War Project, Bruxelles, 28 April 2011.

- (2009) Concluding Remarks at the Workshop on “Regulatory Frameworks for Private Military and Security Companies: Problems and Prospects”, University of Sheffield, 28 May 2009.
- (–) ‘Drugs as Weapons: Disarmament Treaties Facing the Advances in Bio-chemistry and Non-Lethal Weapons Technology’, paper presented at the joint Research Forum of the American and European Societies of International Law, University of Helsinki, 3 October 2009.
- (2008) ‘Legal status of private military companies under IHL’, paper presented at the Symposium organised by the European Journal of International Law, European University Institute, 4 June 2008.
- (–) Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Italian Society of International Law, Rome, 26-27 June 2008.
- (–) ‘Divergent attitudes regarding the Rome negotiations of the ICC’, presentation at the International Symposium on Perspectives on International Criminal Justice, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, USA, 14 November 2008.
- (2006) ‘State Responsibility for Terrorism: problems of attribution and qualification of the wrongful act’, presentation given within the framework of the Seminar Series 2006, organised by the Programme ‘Law, human rights and peace building in the Middle East’ (Prof. I. Scobbie), School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 23 March 2006.
- (2005) ‘ESDP and the Fight against Terrorism’, presentation at the workshop on “European Security Law”, University of Nottingham, 14-15 April 2005.
- (–) Discussant for the presentation by Prof. Georg Nolte on “Human Rights Protection against International Institutions in Kosovo: the Proposals of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe and their Implementation”, within the Framework of the Seminar Series organised by Prof. M. L. Picchio Forlati and Prof. A. Gattini, Faculty of Law, University of Padova, 20 October 2005.
- (2004) ‘UN SC Res.1373 (2001) and international law-making: a transformation in nature of the legal obligations for the fight against terrorism?’. Paper presented at the Agora on Terrorism and International Law, Inaugural Conference of the European Society of International Law, Florence, 14 May 2004.
- (–) ‘La disciplina dei materiali e dei prodotti nucleari nella lotta internazionale al terrorismo’, presentation given at the Conference “Controllo degli armamenti e lotta al terrorismo tra NATO, UE e Nazioni Unite”, Venice, 6 December 2004.