



Francesca Romana Partipilo

ABOUT ME

Tutor at the University of Bologna - Alma Mater Studiorum with robust knowledge of public international law, human rights law, refugee law, EU migration law, the law of the sea, European Union law

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, FACULTY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES – BOLOGNA, ITALY

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW IN INTERNATIONAL LAW – 01/02/2024 – CURRENT

- Participation in a research project on [Migration and Religion in International Law](#) - financed by Next Generation EU
- Organization of 1 international conference on migration, radicalization, and non-discrimination (to be held in March 2025) and other academic events at the University of Bologna
- Drafting of an article on migration, religion, and radicalization for publication in an international, peer-reviewed journal
- Drafting of literature reviews and reports on various topics of EU law and public international law. In particular, 1 literature review on the topic of racial and religious profiling and 1 report on the issue of missing migrants and the possibility of employing the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as an instrument of protection for migrants. Professor Carmelo Danisi employed the latter to update the article: [What Role for the Convention against Enforced Disappearance in Times of Migrant Shipwrecks?](#)
- Assistance in setting up the Forlì Human Rights Interdisciplinary Centre, including the creation of the [website](#)
- Tutoring of bachelor and master students and support in the thesis-drafting process, in particular for the students of the [Bachelor in European Studies](#) (BaES)
- Participation as a speaker in the "Human Rights Days" - [Building international coexistence: voices and projects for sustainable development and human rights](#) - Forlì, April 2024
- Creation and production of a board game on the topic of migration across the Mediterranean Sea - presented at the [European Researchers' Night 2024](#) (the game was the object of much praise, and an offer was made to buy it with a view to its commercialization)

OXFORD REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

UN TREATY BODY HUMAN RIGHTS CASE LAW REPORTER, OXFORD REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW –

01/09/2023 – CURRENT

- Drafting of reports on selected cases of UN treaty bodies, to be published in Oxford Reports on International Law
- Participation in workshops on legal writing and research - held by professors of the Hertie School in Berlin

SANT'ANNA SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM) – PISA, ITALY

TUTOR OF THE COURSE "PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS IN MIGRATION, EMERGENCY AND DISPLACEMENT" – 01/08/2023 – 22/10/2023

- Administrative organization of a two-week summer course on the topic of [psychosocial assistance to migrants and vulnerable individuals in the context of emergencies, migration, and displacement](#) (around 30 participants with diverse backgrounds)
- Support to the scientific and academic organization of the course, including liaising with professors and speakers
- Liaising with IOM senior officers, other UN officials, and mental health professionals (*inter alia* Guglielmo Schininà, Head of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Department of IOM, Nancy Baron, founder and director of the Psychosocial Services and Training Institute in Cairo, and Leslie Snider, psychiatrist, and public health professional with 25 years' experience in mental health and psychosocial support programs)
- Purchasing of plane tickets for lecturers and professors, booking of their accommodation, organization of their stay in Pisa for the duration of the course
- Organization of the welcome lunch and final dinner of the course
- Dissemination of the academic material related to the course
- Individualized support to students of the course

SANT'ANNA SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES – PISA, ITALY

Department DIRPOLIS Institute | **Website** <https://www.santannapisa.it/it>

PHD STUDENT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW – 01/10/2019 – 02/10/2023

- Title of the PhD thesis: "The maritime frontiers of international law: A study on the human rights obligations of non-governmental organizations operating search and rescue at sea" - defended on 02/10/2023 (*cum laude*)
- Research at the intersection of the law of the sea, international refugee law, and EU law

- Member of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies' TaskForce on gender equality in academia a.y. 2020-2023
- Member of Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies' Committee on equal opportunities: a.y. 2020-2022
- Representative of the Human Rights and Global Politics Ph.D course: a.y. 2019-2020
- Organization of conferences, seminars, and other academic events at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW – STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

VISITING PHD STUDENT – 01/01/2023 – 31/03/2023

- Research on the law of the sea under the supervision of Professor Said Mahmoudi
- Participation in the weekly meetings of the International Law Department of Stockholm University (Brown Bag Lunches)
- Presentation of my Ph.D. research to the International Law Department

UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW – UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS

VISITING PHD STUDENT – 01/02/2022 – 31/07/2022

- Participation in the meetings of the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS)
- Research on human rights law and the law of the sea under the supervision of Professor Seline Trevisanut
- Participation in a panel on the Temporary Protection Directive with Prof. Katharine Fortin, Prof. Seline Trevisanut, Prof. Salvo Nicolosi
- Delivery of a lecture on the Temporary Protection Directive to students of the LLM in EU Law

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW (BIICL) – LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

RESEARCHER IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW – 01/09/2018 – 31/08/2019

- Researcher in international migration and refugee law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law, European Union law
- Research assistant in a project on search and rescue activities at sea (SAR) conducted by private actors and merchant vessels
- Co-author of the [final report of the project on SAR activities](#) carried out by merchant vessels (with Dr. Jean Pierre Gauci)
- Organization of/and participation in conferences, events, and training courses
- Participation as a speaker in the roundtable "[Privatising Migration: A Solution for the European Union?](#)" held in June 2019 at the University of Nottingham (UK)

THE BRITISH REFUGEE COUNCIL – LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

INTEGRATION ADVICE VOLUNTEER – 01/09/2018 – 31/08/2019

- Individualized counseling to refugees on matters related to accommodation, welfare benefits, and interactions with governmental agencies, health services, and local authorities
- Counseling in submitting applications for welfare benefits and appeals against refusals to the competent authorities
- Mentoring service to refugees: customer support in visits to potential accommodations, negotiation of contracts with landlords, management of disputes between clients and landlords

TRIBUNAL OF BARI – BARI, ITALY

LEGAL TRAINEE – 25/09/2017 – 31/12/2017

- Conducting independent legal research on Italian legal data-bases
- Participation in witnesses' hearings and trials related to family law (separation, divorce, adoptions, legal declarations of paternity, inheritance law), civil, corporate, and administrative law
- Drafting written summaries of the cases assigned to my supervisor (a first instance judge of the Tribunal of Bari): conceptualization of the main legal problems, identification of the relevant legal arguments employed by the parties, proposal of adequate legal solutions to the cases
- Assistance during hearings, interview of witnesses, liaising with lawyers
- Participation in lectures and courses held at the Tribunal, eg. a lecture on EU migration law organized by the Court of Appeal of the Tribunal of Bari

EMBASSY OF ITALY TO FINLAND - ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION – HELSINKI, FINLAND

LEGAL TRAINEE – 01/10/2015 – 31/12/2015

- Participation in official meetings between the Deputy Head of Mission - Mr. Alberto Bartoli, and representatives of Italian and Finnish companies, and with officials of the Institute of Italian Culture in Helsinki
- Support to the Italian candidacy for a non-permanent seat in the Security Council of the United Nations (for the 2017-2018 term) through the social media accounts of the Embassy
- Organization of the [Italian participation at SLUSH 2015](#) (the leading European event on start-ups and innovation, held each year in Helsinki)

- Liaising with the Italian start-ups participating in SLUSH 2015, organization of their stay in Helsinki
- Organization of the conference “[The Brilliance of Science - The Role of Women in International Science](#)”, held at the University of Helsinki in October 2015 with the participation of Dr.Fabiola Gianotti, director of CERN

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/10/2019 – 02/10/2023 Pisa, Italy

PHD IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL POLITICS - PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW TRACK (CUM LAUDE) Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

Website <https://www.santannapisa.it/it>

11/01/2018 – 10/05/2019 Pisa, Italy

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

01/09/2010 – 15/03/2017 Trento, Italy

LLM IN LAW - INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW (110/110) University of Trento

Website <https://www.unitn.it/>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
FRENCH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
RUSSIAN	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Microsoft Office | Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Powerpoint | Outlook | Zoom | Skype | Google Docs | Google Drive | LinkedIn | Facebook | Instagram | Social Media | Power Point | Twitter | Internet user | Gmail | WhatsApp

PUBLICATIONS

2024

[**Getting rescued by RoboCop? Legal and ethical challenges of the use of extended reality in Frontex's search and rescue operations at sea**](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, ASCOMARE Yearbook of the Law of the Sea 2023

2024

[**La normativa italiana in tema di migrazioni e gli accordi con Stati terzi \(Italian migration legislation and agreements with third states\)**](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Politica estera e Diritti umani, Donzelli editore, 2024

2023

[**Closed ports and the right to disembark: Clarifying contested Law of the Sea concepts through International Human Rights and Refugee Law**](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Migrations, rule of law and European values, 2024

2023

[**The EU General Court's judgement in the case of WS and Others v Frontex: human rights violations at EU external borders going unpunished**](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, EU Law Analysis, 22 September 2023

2023
[Push-backs and International Law violations at Greek borders](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, ADiM Blog, 30 June 2023

2023
[Humanitarian organisations under cyber-attack: Emerging threats and humanitarian actors' responsibilities under international human rights law, in F. Delerue, A. Sukumar, D. Broeders \(eds.\), Responsible Behaviour in Cyberspace: Global narratives and practice](#)

Marta Stroppa, Francesca Romana Partipilo, Publications Office of the European Union, 2023

2023
[The UK-Rwanda Migration Partnership under the scrutiny of the Strasbourg Court: Externalising asylum while bypassing refugee law?](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Annuario ADiM 2022 - Raccolta di scritti di diritto dell'immigrazione

2023
[Frontex at a turning point? Fabrice Leggeri's resignation and some prospects for the EU Border and Coast Guard Agency](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Annuario ADiM 2022 - Raccolta di scritti di diritto dell'immigrazione

2023
[Francesca Romana Partipilo, The Sea Watch case before the European Court of Justice: Is there a difference between occasional and systematic SAR activities?](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, ADiM Blog, 31 January 2023

[La chiusura dei porti alle navi umanitarie nel diritto internazionale: diritti e obblighi di stati e capitani](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Sistema Penale, 9 November 2022

2022
[EU Migration Diplomacy: Challenges to the International Protection of Human Rights and Guiding Principles for a Renewed Approach to Migration Management](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Geneva Jean Monnet Working Paper Series, 12 April 2022

2022
[The War in Ukraine and the Temporary Protection Directive: tackling a short-lived conflict or a protracted humanitarian disaster?](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, EUlawlive, 16 March 2022

2021
[The European Union's Policy on Search and Rescue in the New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Inter-State Cooperation, Solidarity and Criminalization](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Freedom, Security and Justice: European Legal Studies, 2021, n.2

2020
[When Private Vessels Rescue Migrants and Refugees: A Mapping of Legal Considerations](#)

Jean-Pierre Gauci, Francesca Romana Partipilo, BIICL, 24 November 2020

2020
[La Grande Camera si pronuncia sull'ambito di applicazione dell'articolo 4 CEDU](#)

Francesca Romana Partipilo, Giurisprudenza Italiana, Agosto-Settembre 2020

2019
[Rappresentanza del minore dinanzi alla Corte EDU e nomina di un curatore speciale](#)

2019

GCM Commentary: Objective 10: Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migrations

Jean-Pierre Gauci, Francesca Romana Partipilo, The Refugee Law Initiative blog, 21 August 2019

2018

GCM Commentary: Objective 9: Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants

Jean-Pierre Gauci, Francesca Romana Partipilo, The Refugee Law Initiative blog, 22 November 2018

● **NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

01/09/2023 – CURRENT Forlì (Italy)

Member of the Forlì Human Rights Interdisciplinary Centre

01/05/2021 – CURRENT

Member of the editorial committee of the Italian Review of International and Comparative Law

01/05/2021 – CURRENT

Member of the editorial committee of the Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights

01/01/2020 – CURRENT

Member of the Italian Society of International Law (SIDI)

01/01/2020 – CURRENT

Member of the European Society of International Law (ESIL)

01/06/2020 – 02/10/2023 Pisa (Italy)

Member of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies' TaskForce on gender equality in academia

01/04/2020 – 01/04/2022 Pisa (Italy)

Member of the Committee for the Guarantee of Equal Opportunities at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

01/10/2019 – 01/10/2020 Pisa (Italy)

Representative of the PhD course in Human Rights and Global Politics

● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

29/05/2024 – 31/05/2024 Viterbo, Italy

ADiM (Associazione Diritto e Migrazioni) Annual Conference: Immigrazione e Pubblici Poteri (Migration and Public power)

Title of my speech: "Freedom of religion, migration, and the ECHR: between States' margin of appreciation, integration needs and risks of radicalisation"

Link <https://www.migrazionieuropadiritto.it/events/29-31-maggio-2024-convegno-annuale-adim-intome-immigrazione-e-pubblici-poteri/>

12/04/2024 – 13/04/2024 Università di Bologna, Forlì campus

Costruire la convivenza internazionale - Building international coexistence

Title of my speech: "Libertà di culto tra accoglienza e integrazione e obblighi internazionali dell'Italia" (Freedom of religion between reception duties and migrant integration in the light of Italy's international obligations)

Link <https://site.unibo.it/convivenza-internazionale/it/evento>

21/11/2023 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Istituto di Studi Internazionali

Webinar - XX meeting of young Italian international lawyers

Title of my speech: "The negotiation of border externalisation agreements between the EU and third states and the renewed centrality of the Global South"

Link <https://www.unicatt.it/eventi/ateneo/milano/2023/global-south-diritto-internazionale-e-diritto-dell-unione-europea.html>

27/06/2023 – 29/06/2023 University of Iceland, Reykjavik (Iceland)

29th International Conference of Europeanists - Council for European Studies

Title of my speech: "The War in Ukraine and the Temporary Protection Directive: Tackling a Short-lived Conflict or a Protracted Humanitarian Disaster?"

Link <https://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CES-Final-Conference-Program-2023.pdf>

25/05/2023 University of Salerno, Faculty of Law (Italy)

Migrations, Rule of Law and European values - Workshop for young researchers

Title of my speech: "Is there a right to disembark? Clarifying contested law of the sea concepts through international human rights and refugee law"

Link <https://www.unisa.it/unisa-rescue-page/dettaglio/id/529/module/87/row/9733/workshop-for-young-researchers-migrations-rule-of-law-and-european-values>

17/05/2023 – 18/05/2023 Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, University of Swansea (UK)

The Protection of Vulnerable People at Sea

Title of my speech: "Strengthening the connection between the Law of the Sea and Human Rights Law to redress lacunae in the implementation of the Law of the Sea"

Link https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iistl-swansea_great-start-to-our-the-protection-of-vulnerable-activity-7064602194989182977-Hrc3/

11/07/2022 Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (Italy)

Fundamental Rights of Migrant Children in the European Union - Final Conference of the Jean Monnet Module MARS - Migration, Asylum and Rights of Minors

Title of my speech: "The plight of unaccompanied children at EU external borders in light of the conflict in Ukraine"

Link [https://www.mars.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/Fundamental rights of migrant children in the European Union_0.pdf](https://www.mars.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/Fundamental%20rights%20of%20migrant%20children%20in%20the%20European%20Union_0.pdf)

29/06/2022 – 01/07/2022 School of Advanced Study, University of London (UK)

Sixth Refugee Law Initiative Annual Conference - Improving the Global Refugee Regime: From Theory to Practice

Title of my speech: "The war in Ukraine and the Temporary Protection Directive: lex specialis or a surreptitious innovation of refugee law?"

Link <https://rli.sas.ac.uk/rli-annual-conference/sixth-annual-conference>

08/06/2022 – 09/06/2022 Leiden University, Leiden (The Netherlands) - Egmont Palace, Brussels (Belgium)

Closing the Gap 2022 — Responsibility in Cyberspace: Narratives and Practice

Title of the speech: "Humanitarian organisations under cyber-attack: emerging threats and humanitarian actors' responsibilities under international human rights law", co-authored with Dr. Marta Stroppa

Link <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/events/2022/06/closing-the-gap-2022---responsibility-in-cyberspace-narratives-and-practice>

26/04/2022 Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (Italy)

The current and forgotten migration plights: Ukraine, Belarus, and Afghanistan, organized in the context of the Jean Monnet Module MARS - Migration, Asylum and Rights of Minors

Title of my speech: "The plight of migrants fleeing Afghanistan"

Link [https://www.mars.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/MARS Seminar 26.04.2022.pdf](https://www.mars.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/MARS%20Seminar%2026.04.2022.pdf)

24/03/2022 Lebanese American University, Beirut (Lebanon)

Movement and Safety: The IMS Webinar Series

Title of the seminar: "The role of NGOs within Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean"

Link <https://soas.lau.edu.lb/news/2022/04/the-role-of-ngos-within-search-and-rescue-activities-at-sea.php>

19/11/2021 University of Geneva, Centre d'études juridiques européennes, Geneva (Switzerland)

7th Geneva Jean Monnet Doctoral Workshop - The Law and Practice of EU Diplomacy in Regional and Global Organizations

Title of my speech: "EU Migration Diplomacy: Challenges to the International Protection of Human Rights and Guiding Principles for a Renewed Approach to Migration"

Link <https://www.meig.ch/the-law-and-practice-of-eu-diplomacy-in-regional-and-global-organisations/>

09/07/2021 Federico II University, Naples (Italy)

Young Scholars Workshop of the EULab Summer School on Labour Migration in the European Union

Title of my speech: "No Cap as a strategy to prevent trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation in Southern Italy: a bottom-up approach to fighting human trafficking"

15/04/2021 remote

2020 ESIL Research Forum - Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law - pre-conference workshop of the interest group on Migration and Refugee Law

Title of my speech: "The 'Criminalization of Solidarity': Responding to Migrant Smuggling while Protecting the Lives of People on the Move"

Link http://www.2021esilcatania.unict.it/sites/default/files/files/ESIL_RF_2021_MigRefLaw_IG.pdf

17/06/2019 – 18/06/2019 University of Nottingham, Nottingham (UK)

Roundtable - Privatising Migration: A Solution for the European Union?

Link <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/documents/workshop-privatisation-migration/eu-privatisation-migration-workshop-concept-note.pdf>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Seline Trevisanut Professor of International Law and Sustainability at Utrecht University

I met Seline during my visiting at Utrecht University and at the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea

Email s.trevisanut@uu.nl

Francesca Biondi Dal Monte Associate Professor of Constitutional Law at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

I have known Francesca for several years, since I started my PhD at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

Email francesca.biondi@santannapisa.it

Emanuele Sommario Associate Professor of International Law at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

I have known Emanuele since my master in Human Rights and Conflict Management, and he was my professor also during the first year of my PhD course

Email emanuele.sommario@santannapisa.it

Salvatore Nicolosi Senior Assistant Professor of European and International Law at Utrecht University

I have met Salvatore during my time in Utrecht

Email s.nicolosi@uu.nl

HONOURS AND AWARDS

10/05/2019

Best dissertation award at Master of Human Rights and Conflict Management – Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

VOLUNTEERING

01/09/2019 – 22/09/2019 Skaramagas refugee camp, Athens (Greece)

Volunteer with "A drop in the ocean"

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Soft skills acquired during my academic and work experience

- Robust writing and analytical skills acquired through my PhD, during my job assignment at BIICL (London), and my time as a legal trainee at the Tribunal of Bari and at the Italian Embassy in Helsinki
- Excellent critical skills developed during my PhD research
- Excellent communication skills obtained during my job at the Italian Embassy in Helsinki, where I liaised with different departments of the Embassy, such as the press section and the consulate; in addition I organized a conference on the role of women in science and co-organized the Italian participation to SLUSH, the annual conference on innovation and start-ups
- Solid intercultural communication skills gained thanks to my volunteer experience in a refugee camp in Greece, in 2019 and through my volunteer job at the British Refugee Council
- Very good public speaking skills acquired thanks to the numerous events and conferences attended in my role as PhD candidate
- I am a team-player, thanks to my ten-years experience in the scouting movement, but also able to manage my own priorities and deadlines and assume responsibility for my job