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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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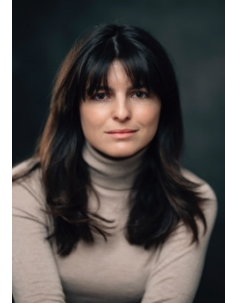
Ludovica Chiussi Curzi is Assistant Professor in Public International Law at the University of Bologna, School of Law. Since 2021 she is also the Lead Trainer of the Course “Human Rights and the Environment” at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Ludovica is currently Legal Advisor to the Office of the State Attorney of the Republic of Italy before the European Court of Human Rights. She also works as counsel and legal assistant in cases before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, and international investment tribunals.

Ludovica holds a PhD in International Law from the University of Oslo and Bologna, a MA in International Relations and Human Rights from the Italian Society for International Organization and a BA in Law from the University of Bologna.

She has been a visiting scholar at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge) and an Associate Fellow of the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (Columbia University).

She has published in English, French and Spanish in various areas of international law, including international human rights law, international environmental law and international investment law.



## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## LANGUAGES

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Italian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2021 – current	Assistant Professor in Public International Law, Department of Legal Studies, University of Bologna
2021 – current	Lead Trainer in the Course “Human Rights and the Environment”, Geneva Academy on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
2019 – 2021	Postdoctoral Fellow and Adjunct Professor in Public International Law, Department of Legal Studies, University of Bologna
2019 – 2020	Associate Fellow, Columbia Centre for Sustainable Investment (Columbia University)
2015 – 2019	Doctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer in Public International Law, University of Oslo
2017	Visiting Research Fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge)

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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2020 – current	Expert to the Italian State Attorney Office before the European Court of Human Rights
2022 – current	Counsel for Italy (intervention), <i>Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)</i> , International Court of Justice
2022 – current	Counsel for Italy, <i>Questions of jurisdictional immunities of the State and measures of constraint against State-owned property (Germany v. Italy)</i> , International Court of Justice
2020 – current	Counsel and advocate for Italy, <i>Veolia Properté v. Italy</i> (ICSID Case No. ARB 18/20)
2021 – current	Counsel and advocate for Italy, <i>Hamburg Commercial Bank v. Italy</i> (ICSID Case No. ARB 20/3)
2021 – current	Counsel and advocate for Italy, <i>Encavis et al. v. Italy</i> (ICSID Case No. ARB 20/39)
2021 – current	Counsel and advocate for Italy, <i>Rockhopper et al. v. Italy</i> (ICSID Case No. ARB/17/14)
2019 – 2021	Legal Assistant to the Respondent-appointed Arbitrator, <i>Alexander Nelin v. Republic of Cyprus</i> (ICSID Case No. ARB/18/41)
2019	Intern, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, General Legal Division, NY
2016 – 2017	Legal Assistant to the Kenyan legal team ( <i>Somalia v. Kenya</i> ) (Preliminary Objections), International Court of Justice
2015 – 2017	Member of the University of Bologna Consultancy Group to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2014	Intern, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG Political Affairs – Human Rights and United Nations Office
2012	Intern, E&A Law Firm, London
2011	Intern, Pro Natura International NGO, Paris

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books and Edited Books

*General Principles for Business and Human Rights in International Law* (Brill Nijhoff 2020)

*General Principles and the Coherence of International Law* (Associate Editor, with M. Andenas et al.) (Brill Nijhoff 2019)

*Sostenibilità ambientale e sociale nel commercio internazionale* (Editor, with A. Tanzi, G. Farnelli, A. Mensi), (University of Bologna 2022)

## Articles and Book Chapters

‘No Matter how Egregious: Manifest Excess of Power and Misapplication of the Law under the ICSID Convention’, in G. Cordero Moss and D. Fernandez Arroyo (eds), *Applicable Law in Arbitration* (Brill Nijhoff 2023)

‘The Italian Approach to International Law’ (co-authored with A. Tanzi) in A. Van Aaken et al. (eds), *Oxford Handbook of International Law in Europe* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2023)

‘Procedural Aspects of International Environmental Litigation’ in S. Wittich and J. Gomula (eds), *Research Handbook on International Procedural Law* (Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2023)

‘Algunas observaciones sobre la “supraconstitucionalidad” del *ius cogens* y de los tratados sobre derechos humanos en los ordenamientos jurídicos internos, con especial referencia a los europeos y latinoamericanos’ (co-authored with N. Lanzoni) (2023) *Ordine internazionale e diritti umani* 1133-1159

‘Cybersicurezza’, in M. Vellano, A. Miglio (eds), *Sicurezza e difesa europea: profili giuridici* (Wolters Kluwer 2022)

‘A Public International Law Outlook on Business and Human Rights’ (co-authored with C. Malafosse) 2022 *International Community Law Review* 11-35

‘El caso Urgenda’ (co-authored with A. Tanzi), in F. Zamora Cabot et al. (eds), *La lucha en clave judicial frente al cambio climático* (Editorial Aranzadi 2022)

‘In tema di responsabilità sociale delle imprese nel CETA’, in E. Baroncini (ed), *CETA* (Bononia University Press 2021)

‘Immunità della Cina da Covid-19: Prospettive italiane e statunitensi’ (co-authored with Giuseppe Bianco) (2020) 3 *Forum di Quaderni Costituzionali* 9-28

‘Corporate Human Rights Due Diligence: From the Process to the Principle’, in D. Russo et al. (eds), *Legal Sources in Business and Human Rights: Evolving Dynamics in International and European Law* (Brill Nijhoff 2020)

‘The Snow Crab Case’ 185 *International Law Reports* (Cambridge University Press 2020)

‘La responsabilité des entreprises en matière de droit de l’homme : un rôle effectif du droit international de l’investissement ?’ in K. Titi (ed), *Droits de l’homme et droit international économique* (Bruylant 2019)

‘Cohesion, Convergence and Coherence of International Law’ (co-authored with Mads Andenas) in M. Andenas et al. (eds), *General Principles and the Coherence of International Law* (Brill Nijhoff, 2019)

‘The Role of International Investment Law in the Business and Human Rights Legal Process’ (2019) 21 *ICLR* 5-34

‘Remarks on the ILC Work on Customary Law and Human Rights: Curbing “Droit de l’hommeisme”?’ (2018) *Italian Yearbook of International Law* 163-174

‘Human Rights and Disinvestment: What Lessons from the Norwegian Pension Fund?’ in A. Bonfanti (ed), *Business and Human Rights in Europe: International Law Challenges* (Routledge 2018)

‘Il caso Urbaser’, in E. Baroncini (ed) *Il diritto internazionale come strumento di risoluzione delle controversie. Casi scelti* (Bononia University Press 2018)

‘The 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses’, in M. Fitzmaurice et al. (eds), *Encyclopaedia of International Environmental law* (Edward Elgar 2017)

‘The 1994 Convention on Cooperation for The Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River’ (co-authored with Felix Zacharia), in M. Fitzmaurice *et al.* (eds), *Encyclopaedia of International Environmental law* (Edward Elgar 2017)

‘The UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development: Talking the Talk’, Walking the Walk? (2016) 61 *La Comunità Internazionale* 22-49

‘El Papel de los Sistemas Regionales de Protección de Derechos Humanos en la Implementación del Derecho a la Alimentación’, in Cerrina Ferroni *et al.* (eds), *Environment, Energy, Food Comparative Legal Models for Sustainable Development* (CESIFIN 2015)

## Blogs

‘Jesner et al v. Arab Bank, Plc: Closing the Door to Litigation against Foreign Corporations under the Alien Tort Statute?’ Italian Society of International Law Blog, 12.09.2018

‘Evolving Paths of Business and Human Rights – A Snapshot of the Second Business and Human Rights Research Summit’ (co-authored with Rachel Chambers), New York University Center for Business and Human Rights, 3.05.2017

‘Will the G20 Bet on Sustainable Development?’ (co-authored with Carlo Brenner), Istituto Superiore di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), 2.09.2016

## CONFERENCES

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‘Human Rights Due Diligence: Taking Stock’, 15.12.2022, Re-Globe Project Conference, University of Bologna

‘Questione energetica, imprese multinazionali e conflitti’, University of Teramo, Jean Monnet Module Conference, 18.05.2022

‘Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change’, University of Bologna, 10.05.2022

‘The Relevance of Human Rights and Environmental Standards for Businesses’, *Turning Aspiration into Reality: Go Green, be Ethical and Protect your Company*, Clyde & Co. and QMUL, London, 23.03.2022

‘Algunas observaciones sobre la “supraconstitucionalidad” del *jus cogens* en los ordenamientos jurídicos internos’, with N. Lanzoni, Universidad Autonoma de Chile, 14.01.2022

‘The Assessment of the Environmental/Human Rights Sustainability of the Investment’, *The International Destruction of the Cultural Heritage of Mankind*, University of Rome La Sapienza, 3.12.2021

‘Procedural Hurdles in Climate Change Litigation’, *Climate Change Cases Before International and National Courts*, Université Sorbonne, 27.11.2021

‘Il caso Rohingya in Myanmar: nuovi profili di responsabilità di impresa’, *Italian Society of International Law Conference*, University of Salento, 25.09.2021

‘La sostenibilità nella catena di fornitura del caffè tra due diligence e codici di condotta’, *Agenda 2030 e innovazione giuridica per la sostenibilità agroalimentare*, University of Perugia, 11.06.2021

‘Business and Human Rights’, *International Law Association: Synergy between the Law of Treaties and the Law of International Responsibility: So Far Apart but Still So Close*, Queen Mary University of London, 23.04.2021

Annual Expert Meeting, *State Consent to International Jurisdiction: Conferral, Modification or Termination*, University of Oslo, 14.11.2020

‘El caso Urgenda’, *Congreso internacional sobre el Cambio climático*, Universidad de Castellon, Spain, 14.11.2020)

'Pandemia y derecho internacional: Inmunidad del Estado chino al coronavirus, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador, 10.07.2020

'Litigating Covid-19 Before Domestic Courts and Tribunals', *ILA Italian Branch Conference*, 27.05.2020

'The Role of Dissenting Opinions in the Development of International Law', *ILA Biannual Conference*, Braga, Portugal, 19-20.09.2019

'The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: Responsible Business Conduct between the Regional and the Global Level', *University of Bolzano*, 26 May 2019

'Il fattore temporale nella formazione delle norme internazionali consuetudinarie', *Il tempo nel diritto, il diritto nel tempo*, *University of Bologna*, 15.03.2019

'General Principles of Law and Corporate Responsibility in International Law', *Italian Society of International Law Young Researchers Seminar*, Florence, 13.04.2018

'International Law and Human Rights: Curbing 'droit de l'homme'?', *International Law Association Italian Branch, Association Biannual Conference*, Milan, 17.11.2017

'Corporations and Human Rights under General Principles of Law', *Lauterpacht Centre for International Law Visiting Fellows Seminars*, *University of Cambridge*, 8.11.2017

'The ASEAN Economic Community: Integration without Institutionalization', *Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge (Moderator)*, 26.10.2017

'Corporate Governance and Disinvestment', *Business and Human Rights: International Law Challenges*, *European Responses*, *University of Milan*, 29.05.2017

'Corporate Codes of Conduct: A Boomerang Effect?', *2nd Business and Human Rights Young Researchers Summit*, *University of St. Gallen, Switzerland*, 6-7.04.2017

'European Values Embedded in International Law', *National law, International law, European law – 60 years of the Treaty of Rome*, *Italian Embassy in Norway*, 27.03.2017

'General Principles: Looking for Cohesion in the Expansion of International Law', *Seminar on General Principles and the Coherence of International Law*, *Paris, University of Bologna, Oslo and Leuven*, 23-24.03.2017

'Corporations, Human Rights and General Principles of International Law', *Seminar on Companies and Financial Markets*, *University of Oslo* 10-14.10.2016

'Looking for Corporate Accountability in ICCPR and ICESCR: Do we Need a Treaty on Business and Human Rights', *Intra Law Conference, Interaction between Human Rights: 50 years of the Covenants*, *Aarhus University, Denmark*, 29-30.09.2016

'Jus Cogens and Death Penalty', *Side Event to the World Congress on Death Penalty*, *Oslo*, 21.06.2016

'El Papel de los Sistemas Regionales de Protección de Derechos Humanos en la Implementación del Derecho a la Alimentación', *Italian-South American Conference of Constitutional Law*, *Rome*, 5.10.2015

'Business and Human Rights: Forever Foes?', *University of Palermo Human Rights Workshop*, 11.11.2015

'Corporate Legal Accountability in International Law', *Oxford Graduate Research Seminar*, *University of Oxford, Faculty of Law*, 23.03.2015

## EDUCATION

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2019	PhD in International Law, University of Oslo and University of Bologna
2014	Master in International Relations and Human Rights, Italian Society for International Organization
2013	Bachelor in Law, University of Bologna, 110/110 <i>summa cum laude</i>

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

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2022-2023	Member of the University of Bologna Research Group on “Investments and Sustainable Development”, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2021 2022	Member of the University of Bologna Research Group on “Trade and Sustainable Development”, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2020 2021	Member of the University of Bologna Research Group on “Cyberspace and International Law”, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2020	Consultant to the Italian company “Poste Italiane” on corporate social responsibility issues
2019	Contributor to the Research Project ‘Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability’, University of
2017	Consultant to the Italian MFA on the work of the Council of Europe Drafting Group on the Role of the European Convention on Human Rights in International Law
2014	Member of the research group “Fostering European Citizenship towards 2020”, funded by the European Commission

## **AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP**

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2015	Admitted to the Italian Bar
2014	Member of the Italian Society of International Law
2014	Member of the International Law Association
2015	Member of the European Society of International Law