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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2024-
present

Postdoctoral Research fellow

Alma Mater Studiorum- Università di Bologna (Italy)

ACCESS project – “Gatekeepers to International Refugee Law? - The Role of Courts in Shaping Access to Asylum” (ACCESS).

- Conducted comprehensive desk-based and in-field research on the role of courts in shaping asylum access in Latin America.
- Performed legal and case-law analysis through extensive literature reviews and data collection.
- Developed targeted interview guidelines and conducted semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders, including judges, lawyers, academics, NGOs, and national authorities.
- Co-developed the qualitative coding framework in MAXQDA and co-facilitated basic software training sessions for the core research team.
- Supervised and coordinated one Post-doctoral National Collaborator responsible for developing country-specific case studies (Argentina and Mexico).

April 2026-
present

Adjunct Professor (GIUR-09/A)

SSML- CIELS Bologna (Italy)- Academic Year 2025/2026 6-ECTS | Degree Program: Bachelor’s degree in Communication for Professions and Markets (Class L-12) – International and Diplomatic Organizations

- Designing and instructing two 6-ECTS courses, delivering 12 frontal teaching hours per course: “International Human Rights Law” and “Human Rights Regional Mechanisms of Protection”.
- Developing rigorous curricula that blend theoretical frameworks with empirical, critical analysis of international jurisprudence and case studies.

Feb. 2026-
present

Teaching Assistant (GIUR-09/A)

Alma Mater Studiorum- Università di Bologna (Forlì campus, Italy)- Academic Year 2025/2026 10-ECTS | Degree Program: Bachelor’s degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences

- Delivered 14 hours of direct frontal lectures for the International Law course, facilitating complex legal concepts to undergraduate students.
- Evaluated and graded student examinations and coursework, ensuring adherence to rigorous academic standards.
- Held regular office hours to provide individualized guidance, academic support, and mentorship to students throughout the semester.

Oct. 2023- June
2024

Deputy Commissioner (Spanish Language Evaluator)

- Examining commission for public competition, based on qualifications and exams, for the recruitment of a total contingent of 300 (three hundred) permanent non-managerial staff, to be included in the roles of the (Italian) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in the Officials Area.

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- Oct. 2020- April 2024
- Ph.D. Researcher Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II (Naples, Italy)**
- Investigated the complex legal and sociological profiles of human trafficking and the exploitation of prostitution within Italy.
 - Conducted in-depth, targeted research into the operations and socio-legal impact of Nigerian criminal networks active in the Campania region.
 - Conducted semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders, including judges, lawyers, academics, cultural mediators, and national authorities.
- Nov. 2014- Feb. 2019
- First Secretary**
Venezuelan Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS) (Washington, D.C.)
Portfolio: Committee on Hemispheric Security & Inter-American Defense Board (IADB)
- Represented Venezuela across high-level inter-American forums (OAS General Assembly, Permanent Council, PAHO, ALADI) and coordinated official visits for national authorities.
 - Drafted, negotiated, and reviewed critical multilateral instruments, including conventions, resolutions, and declarations.
 - Advised national authorities on inter-American policies, strategic candidacies, and complex political scenarios based on in-depth research and data analysis.
 - Managed diplomatic correspondence, institutional record-keeping, and comprehensive information databases to support the Mission's objectives.
- Nov. 2013- Nov. 2014
- Coordinator of European Institutes and Communities**
Office of the Vice Minister for Europe | Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) (Caracas, Venezuela)
- Managed institutional coordination between the EU Delegation in Caracas, the Venezuelan Embassy in Brussels, and national authorities to advance political, economic, and cooperation agendas.
 - Negotiated bilateral agreements, drafted official communications, and advised Venezuelan authorities on EU relations through comprehensive political scenario analysis.
 - Directed the execution of local activities and coordinated high-level institutional visits, inter-institutional meetings, and complex work agendas locally and abroad.
 - Supervised and reviewed the work of assigned officials while overseeing departmental operations, including research compilation, complex report generation, and database administration.
- May 2008- July 2014
- Associate Professor II**
Instituto Universitario de Administración y Gerencia (IUDAG) (Caracas, Venezuela)
- Designed and delivered comprehensive higher-education coursework in Economics (2008–2013), the Stock Market (2008–2010), and the International Financial System (2013–2014).
 - Served as a thesis advisor (tutor) and jury member, mentoring students through their final research and rigorously evaluating Special Degree Projects.
- April 2006- Nov. 2013
- Third Secretary Office of the Vice Minister for Europe**
Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) (Caracas, Venezuela)
Bureau of the Italian Peninsula and other countries

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- Served as the “Official Liaison” for 13 countries (June 2010 – December 2011), driving bilateral political, economic, and cooperation initiatives.
- Researched and authored comprehensive reports on complex political and economic matters to support the Ministry's strategic objectives.
- Organized domestic and international institutional and business visits, and directly assisted the Vice Minister for Europe during missions abroad.
- Partnered with various embassies to execute international activities and represented the Bureau in inter-institutional meetings.
- Managed departmental operations, including diplomatic correspondence, complex document drafting, and database administration.

Mar. 2005- Mar.
2006

Third Secretary General Office for Cultural Affairs

Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

Desks of North and Central America

- Partnered with diplomatic missions across North and Central America to organize and execute high-impact cultural, academic, and political events.
- Directed the logistics and implementation of international exhibitions and diplomatic activities both in Venezuela and abroad.

Feb. 2004- Feb.
2005

XIII Foreign Service Training Course Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

- Selected to enter the Venezuelan Foreign Service through a highly rigorous public competition evaluating professional and academic merit.
- Successfully completed comprehensive diplomatic training, ranking 12th out of 36 selected candidates to officially earn the rank of Third Secretary.

2001-2004

Freelance Legal Advisor

- Drafted legal documentation and provided strategic counsel to clients across various legal matters.
- Facilitated the establishment and legal structuring of NGOs and Civil Associations by drafting articles of incorporation and foundational documents.

EDUCATION

2020- 2024

Ph.D. in Social Sciences and Statistics

Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II (Naples, Italy)

Dissertation: “Legal and sociological profiles of human trafficking and exploitation of prostitution. The Nigerian criminal network active in Campania.”

Awards: Recipient of a fully funded, competitive scholarship from the Italian Government.

2019- 2020

Advanced Master’s Degree in Geopolitics and Global Security

“Sapienza” Università di Roma (Rome, Italy)

Dissertation: “Arctic and Antarctic: For the geopolitics of the Poles. Control of shipping lanes at the poles: the applicability of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.” 110/110

2002- 2006

Postgraduate Specialization in International Economic Negotiations

Instituto de Altos Estudios Diplomáticos “Pedro Gual” (Caracas, Venezuela)

Dissertation: “Effects of the Andean Antidumping Regulations, Decisions 283 and 456, on Intra-Community Trade in Specific Goods Investigated for Alleged Dumping Practices, between 1991 and 2004.”

Honors: Passed with distinction (Formal recommendation for publication).

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1996- 2001

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Universidad Católica “Andrés Bello” (Caracas, Venezuela)

PUBLICATIONS

- S.M. LAMBERTINI MARTINEZ, [The Fiction of Non-Entry in South American Airports: Evidence from Brazil, Chile, and Ecuador](#), in Federalismi, April 2026.
- S.M. LAMBERTINI MARTINEZ, [The Erosion of Asylum and Due Process in Ecuador’s 2025 LOMH Reforms](#). London: RLI Blog on Refugee Law and Forced Migration (Refugee Law Initiative), Dic. 2025.
- S.M. LAMBERTINI MARTINEZ, [The Illusion of Safety: Evaluating The U.S. Ecuador Asylum Cooperative Agreement](#), ADiM Blog, March 2026.
- S.M. LAMBERTINI, [Consolidation of Organized Crime in the Orinoco Mining Arc \(OMA\): The Control of Illegal Mining, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes](#), in Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Vol. 5(1)/2023: pp. 22–33. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31389/jied.144>
- S. LAMBERTINI, Es aplicable la Responsabilidad de Proteger (R2P) al caso venezolano?, in L. Messina Fajardo e R. Castillo Ochoa (a cura di) Venezuela: Tensiones, conflictos y paz, Generis Publishing, 2022, pp. 325- 348.
- S. LAMBERTINI, ¿En camino a la Unión Monetaria de los países del ALBA-TCP?: El Sistema Unitario de Compensación Regional de Pagos (SUCRE) y el sucre como unidad de cuenta común, in Cuadernos del IILA, Serie Económica 41, 2do. Curso de Perfeccionamiento en Comercio Internacional, y en Asuntos Europeos Económicos, Comerciales y de Cooperación, Roma, 2012. pp. 115-129.
- S. LAMBERTINI, Tecnologías de Información y Comunicación: Mecanismo para alcanzar los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio. Pequeñas propuestas para América Latina, in Panorama, <http://www.takingitglobal.org/express/panorama/article.html?ContentID=13763&start=&startpos=2500> (6/6/2007)
- S. LAMBERTINI, Implicaciones de la política de liberalización de cielos en la Unión Europea con países extracomunitarios en las negociaciones aerocomerciales bilaterales: Análisis de debilidades y fortalezas de Venezuela ante la eventual suscripción de un Acuerdo en bloque con la Unión Europea, in Revista de Derecho del Tribunal Supremo de Justicia, Vol. 17/2005, Caracas, pp. 299-318.
- S. LAMBERTINI, El Arbitraje en la Comunidad Andina: Competencia del Tribunal de Justicia y la Secretaría General, in Resolución de Conflictos. Temas Fundamentales de Derecho y Economía, Caracas, 2005. pp. 107-129.
- S. LAMBERTINI, El Manejo de Conflictos como Espacio de Aprendizaje. Asociación Civil Acción Campesina. Proyecto Venezuela, Iniciativa para la Construcción de Confianza (USAID), Caracas 2003, 15 pp.
- S. LAMBERTINI, La Política Exterior del primer gobierno de Rafael Caldera hacia Latinoamérica y la Comunidad Andina, in Política Exterior. Revista Venezolana de Relaciones Internacionales y Política Exterior, Vol. 2/2003, Caracas, pp. 143- 168.

CONFERENCES

- “Donne, conflitti contemporanei e barriere all’accesso all’asilo”. Seminario “Tempi di Guerra. La condizione femminile nei conflitti contemporanei”, organized by the CRIDS - Centro di ricerca interdisciplinare sui diritti sociali. Università di Bologna (Bologna, 16th March 2026).

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- “The role of Chilean courts in access to international protection: The judicialization of the right to seek asylum”. ADIM-Intome Migration Conference 2025. New Trends in Asylum and Migration Policy: Between Europeanization and Re-Nationalization. University of Tuscia (Viterbo, Italy) 28-30 May 2025.
- “Il network criminale di matrice nigeriana attivo in Campania. Profili giuridici e sociologici della tratta di persone e dello sfruttamento della prostituzione”. Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II (Naples, October 26th, 2023).
- “Nigerian criminal networks in Campania (Southern Italy)”. 24h Conference on Global Organized Crime (4th edition, October 18-19, 2023) Panel 13A: Italian Mafia. Global Initiative against transnational organized crime, CIROC, IASOC, ECPR-SGOC.
- “Una criminalità tutta al femminile. Reti criminali nigeriane intorno alla tratta di esseri umani e allo sfruttamento sessuale nella regione Campania (Italia)”. Convegno internazionale “Criminologie a sud. Prospettive meridiane sulla Questione criminale”. Università degli Studi di Bologna (Bologna, September 11-12, 2023).
- “The Nigerian (dis) organized crime in the cyberspace”. 24h Conference on Global Organized Crime (3rd edition, October 2022) Panel 11D Organized crime in Africa. Global Initiative against transnational organized crime, CIROC, IASOC, ECPR-SGOC.
- “Doblemente estigmatizados: El (ab)uso del discurso de seguridad y salud pública en contra de los migrantes venezolanos durante el período 2018-2021”. XIV Congreso Español de Sociología “Desigualdades, fronteras y resiliencia. Sociología para crisis globales” (Murcia, España. June- July 2022). GT25-SES03: Discursos en torno a la inmigración II.
- “Sex trafficking in Italy: A Challenge for the Italian authorities. Legal framework and recommendations”. 24h Conference in Global Organized Crime (2nd edition, December 2021) Panel 13B “Human trafficking in Europe”. Global Initiative against transnational organized crime, CIROC, IASOC, ECPR-SGOC.
- “Il contributo delle organizzazioni volontarie allo sviluppo del welfare comunitario durante la pandemia. Studio di caso: Comunità di Sant’Egidio a Napoli, anni 2020-2021”. Sessione parallela 35: Retoriche e pratiche della comunità negli interventi sociali locali. (September 10, 2021). XIV Conferenza ESPAnet Italia COVID e politiche di welfare in Italia: Effetti emergenti e dinamiche di combattimento (September 8-11, 2021).
- “¿Es aplicable la Responsabilidad de Proteger (R2P) al caso venezolano?”. 2º Congreso Internacional “Venezuela: tensiones, Conflictos y Paz”. May 18 – 20, 2020. Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Universidad