

Curriculum Vitae | Sara Mariella Lambertini Martinez

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Current position

Sara Mariella Lambertini Martinez is a Research Fellow at the ACCESS project, “Gatekeepers to International Refugee Law? The Role of Courts shaping the access to asylum”, in the Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS) of the University of Bologna (UNIBO), since November 2024.

Education

PhD in Social Sciences and Statistics (2024)

University of Naples Federico II (Naples, Italy)

Dissertation: Legal and sociological profiles of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. The Nigerian criminal network in Campania.

Master in Geopolitics and Global Security (2020)

La Sapienza, University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

Specialist in International Economic Negotiations (2006)

Institute of Advanced Diplomatic Studies “Pedro Gual” (Caracas, Venezuela)

Lawyer (2001)

Catholic University “Andrés Bello” (Caracas, Venezuela)

Professional Experience

- First Secretary at the Venezuelan Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS), (2014-2019)
She was primarily responsible for the Committee on Hemispheric Security, covering a broad spectrum of critical issues including transnational organized crime, drugs trafficking, terrorism and human trafficking. Her activities include drafting political and thematic reports, as well as proposing and negotiating international instruments (conventions, resolutions, declarations, and action plans, among others).
- Coordinator of European Institutes and Communities within the Office of the Vice Minister for Europe at the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013-2014)
She was responsible for managing and strengthening bilateral relations between Venezuela and the European Union. This involved close coordination with the EU Delegation in Caracas and the Venezuelan Embassy in Brussels, focusing on political, economic, and cooperation initiatives.

- Third Secretary within the Office of the Vice Minister for Europe at the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of the Italian Peninsula and other countries (2005-2013)
She was responsible for cultivating bilateral political, economic, and cooperation relations. Her duties involved preparing detailed reports on political and economic affairs, organizing and coordinating institutional and business visits both to and from Venezuela.
- XIII Training Course for Third Secretaries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela (2004-2005)
Public competition based on merits and tests. Position 12/36
- Freelance (2001-2004)
She was responsible for drafting legal documents on various subjects, providing legal support to civil associations in the process of creating and drafting documents to establish non-governmental organizations.

Academic Experience

- Aggregate member (2023-2025)
Italian Scientific Society of Mafia and Anti-Mafia Studies (SISMA)
- Associate Professor II: International Financial System (2013-2014), Economy (2008-2013) and Stock Market (2008- 2010).
University Institute of Administration and Management (IUDAG). (Caracas, Venezuela)

Research Interests and Publications

Her research interests include organized crime, migrant smuggling, human trafficking, migrations and asylum policies.

Major Publications

- S. 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 (Ed.) *Venezuela: Tensiones, conflictos y paz*, Generis Publishing, 2022, pp. 325- 348.

Participation in Conferences as Speaker

- 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 Tucsia, Viterbo, May 28- 30, 2025.

- Il network criminale di matrice nigeriana attivo in Campania. Profili giuridici e sociologici della tratta di persone e dello sfruttamento della prostituzione. University of Naples 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". University of 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 entorno 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. 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 Metropolitana, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.