

PERSONAL PROFILE

Experienced professional with deep knowledge in human rights, international law and global politics. Extensive background in academia, public service and journalism with long-term assignments in the Middle East, Caribbean, Europe and U.S. Skilled at research and communication through multicultural sensitivity and innovative negotiation techniques. Demonstrated ability to adapt rapidly to new professional environments and tackle challenges with in-depth analysis and economic focus. Participatory intuitive leader who bonds teams by sharing visions with sound judgment, continuous learning and flexibility.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present – since 2019 **Adjunct Professor of International Affairs and Global Studies** **Faculty of International Affairs, University of Arkansas Rome**

- Adjunct Faculty of International and Global Studies, coordinating with main campus in Fayetteville.
- Course: *Introduction to International and Global Studies*, with emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches, global integration through history, the Fulbright legacy, and focus on intercultural competency skills and ethical reasoning. (Aligns with general education goals: Social Sciences, Global Learning, Critical Thinking)
- Course: *International Studies Seminar*, aid students in accurate research and argumentative opinionated writing on contemporary global issues related to sustainable development and technical co-operation, as well as human rights law, policies and issues, migration trends and humanitarian crises and emergencies.

Present – since 2017 **Professor of Human Rights** **Faculty of Political Science, Temple University Rome**

- Teach *Human Rights now*: contemporary issues in human rights, focus on Europe and Mediterranean area and comparative perspectives with US policies and international context. Participation of United Nations officials.
- The course covers the legal foundation of the human rights framework as an integral component of global issues and policies, the UN system and NGOs, integration of gender into capacity-building programs, humanitarian efforts and peacekeeping missions, terrorism and security, migration and asylum, and ad hoc topics per semester.
- Coordinate Law/Global studies/Journalism *Internship Program*: select host sponsors; supervise learning objectives
- Initiate steady collaboration with Italian Ministry of Justice to lead excursion to Nisida juvenile detention facility
- Develop regular relationship with a company led by Syrian refugees, merging business and human rights

– since 2011 **Attorney at Law, The Law Offices of Camilla Lai – Roma**

- Provide legal advise on international law matters and asylum applications
- Trained as licensed arbitrator by the Ministry of Justice; successfully settled cases avoiding litigation
- Skilled at conflict management and resolution, mediating opposite interests with sensitive negotiation methods

2014 – 2016 **Professor – Máster Universitario en el Ejercicio de la Abogacía** **Universidad Internacional de la Rioja UNIR – Spain**

- Lead course for apprentice attorneys and final-year law students in preparation for the bar exam
- The methodology applied involved training future attorneys in all theoretical and practical aspects of the legal profession, with in-depth legal research, analysis of data and comparative legal systems and best practices. Focus on international law, migration regulations in the European Union, civil and criminal procedural law

2009 – 2010 **Attorney Associate, The Law Offices of Kenneth Wasserman – NYC**

- Work with founder of firm in court cases as second-chair and for settlements as well as on human rights law articles for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, NYU Law; attended meetings of legal associations (Council on Foreign Relations and American Foreign Law Association) for presentations of legal papers
- Proven ability and competence to research, analyze legal documents and communicate efficiently with clients

International Affairs Lecturer, The New School University – NYC

- While based in NYC, coordinate for one-term the Practicum in International Affairs by identifying, selecting and soliciting projects from UN agencies (HQ and field) and INGOs in Africa and Asia on human rights as a key component of any technical co-operation programming and leading team of students to learning objectives

UNDP Communication Strategist, UNV, UN Head Quarters – NYC

- While based in NYC and as a UN consultant, research and draft UN policy documents on global demographic trends, international public policy and added economic value of volunteerism on human rights progress
- Publish study on links between volunteerism, sustainable development and Corporate Social Responsibility programs for international trade; focus on value of co-operation between youth force and sustainable development
- Draft briefings and talking points for UNDP senior officers' meetings at General Assembly, with intergovernmental bodies and NGOs, ensuring up-do-date information for liaising with UNV partners throughout the UN system

Chief Foreign Correspondent, Novamag Eds. – NYC

- While based in NYC, as freelancer, report on US politics and global impact; security and terrorism; social development; population trends; UN affairs from UN HQs and Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), attend regularly UN media briefings and liaise with UN spokespersons and NGOs on global political affairs
- Publish several articles, based on accurate field research, investigative reporting and breaking interviews

2007 – 2008 UNV Programme Officer, UNDP – Trinidad and Tobago

- Manage largest UNV Program in non-conflict areas, (+100 volunteers), overseeing all operations and logistics
- Achieve HQ objectives in set functional areas by engaging Ministries in programming and delivering results
- Lead capacity building human rights initiatives, train UN officers, ensure security procedures with UNDSS
- Develop new projects with human rights-based approach to development and youth rights in public health; amend existing projects to include capacity-building components, institutional capacity and global adherence to MDGs
- As head of Communications/Public Relations, develop and implement communication strategy, supervise websites, localize marketing collateral (publications, articles, press releases, etc.) and documentary production. Organize events on human rights, youth and development goals, integrating UNV global and local initiatives

2001 – 2004 UN Crime Prevention Officer, UN Office Drugs and Crime – Cairo

- Associate expert for UNODC Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa, covering 19 countries
- Elaborate the Strategic Framework on Migration and Terrorism, with HQs, institutional counterparts, and local Ministries; train UN officers and Ministries' personnel on human trafficking and smuggling of migrants
- Conduct thorough research with Interior Ministries, publish profiles of drugs and crime (migration, trafficking, terrorism and money laundering) on each of the 19 countries in the Middle East and North Africa
- Team leader for Juvenile Justice Reform in Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Morocco; identify adherence to international standards of criminal responsibility and rule of law
- As external relations officer, coordinate media relations and monitor news relevant to ongoing priorities

2000 – 2007 Journalist, UN Affairs correspondent and Communication Strategist International publications, companies, government – worldwide

- Author articles and features for international publications (including *BBC World Service, LA Times, Chicago Tribune, AP Television Network, Reuters, Diario, Marie Claire, Europa, etc*)
- Cover extensively: UN affairs, human rights and humanitarian operations, international trade and development co-operation, the economics of sustainable development, Islam, socio-politics and culture in Europe and the Americas, Middle Eastern affairs, migratory trends and human trafficking, foreign aid and economics, gender, extraordinary renditions and enforced disappearances, terrorism and security
- Master writing and communication skills, with clarity and effectiveness, correctly interpreting others in different languages through actively listening in interviews and by showing empathic interest in two-way communication

1997 UN Legal Researcher, UniDroit – Roma

- Researcher of international jurisprudence and common law, norms and legal practices for comprehensive study and publication ("UniLex") on comparative legal mechanisms and best practices on democracy and rule of law.
- Acquire skills at completing in-depth legal studies and reach solutions by solving conflict of laws through the establishment of ad hoc international legal comparative schemes

EDUCATION

Laurea in Jurisprudence (J.D.), La Sapienza University, Rome, 2000 (International Law)

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, John Cabot University, Rome, 1998 (International Affairs)

LLB Law and International Studies, Coventry University, U.K., 1997 (Technical Co-operation)

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Advanced Legal Studies (International Law), Notaio Palazzi, Rome, Italy, 2012 through 2016

Admitted to the **New York Law School** final year for the New York State bar exam, 2010, NYC, USA

Admitted to **Columbia University School of Journalism** 2007, NYC, USA

UN CERTIFICATIONS: Human Rights in Programming, **UN Office High Commissioner for Human Rights**, 2008
Gender Mainstreaming in Development: **UN Development Programme**, NY/Trinidad, 2008
Ethics in technical co-operation, **UNDP**, Trinidad, 2008

Master in International Politics and Communication. **Lelio Basso Foundation**, Rome, 2004

Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism **University of Adelaide**, Australia – Bangkok, 2004

Child Protection in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas, **Columbia University**, NY, U.S.A., 2003

International Program on Conflict Management, **Scuola Superiore S. Anna**, Pisa, Italy, 2001

Election Monitoring in Conflict Areas, **Special Forces Department**, Pisa, Italy, 2001

International School of Disarmament and Research on Conflicts, **Pugwash Italy**, Trento, 1998

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Attorney	Bar Associations of Italy, Spain and Malta	since 2010
Mediator	Legal Mediator and Arbitrator at Italian Ministry of Justice	since 2010
Journalist	Italian Journalist Guild (Lazio e Molise)	since 2001
International Officer	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy	since 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- *Caribe Vibes: The Historical Policies of the Caribbean and its Social Turnout*. A&C Eds, 2009
- *Children of War*. Columbia University, 2003
- *Ethiopia – Eritrea: Peace at Last?* La Comunità Internazionale, SIOI, UN Italy, 2001.
- *Borders, Self-determination, War and Security in the Horn of Africa*. Ministry of Defense, Italy, 2000.
- UNODC, *Annual Country Profiles of 19 countries in Middle East and North Africa*, 2001-2004, at unodc.org.
- *Verso la Libertà* (Towards Freedom), two interviews with Miklós Vásárhelyi. Rubettino Edizioni, 1998.
- Articles on international affairs and human rights in international press (*complete list available upon request*)

LANGUAGES

Italian and English	mother tongue
Spanish	B2 intermediate
Arabic	A2 working knowledge and colloquial
French	A2 Working knowledge and colloquial

REFERENCES

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