

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic qualifications

- PhD

Philosophy Doctorate in 'Law', School of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK, 2014.

Dissertation title: *In the shadow of uniformity. Islamic and Muslim marriages in contemporary Europe.*

Supervisor Committee: Professor Werner F. Menski, Professor Fareda Banda, and Professor Lynn Welchman.

Examiners Committee: Professor Maleiha Malik (King's College, University of London, London, UK), and Professor Marie-Claire Foblets (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany).

- PhD

International Philosophy Doctorate in 'Law and Society', Philosophy of Law and Sociology of Law Department, University of Milan (Italy), in consortium with the University of Antwerp (Belgium), the University of Bologna (Italy), the Carlo Bo University of Urbino (Italy), the University of Insubria (Italy), the University of Milan-Bicocca (Italy), the Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale (Italy), the Carlos III University of Madrid (Spain), the University of the Basque Country (Spain), and the International Institute for the Sociology of Law of Oñati (Spain), and the University of Lund (Sweden), 2011/2012.

Dissertation title: *Navigating the poly-centric legal archipelagoes. A study of the relations between Europe and Islām unveiling Muslim routes amongst the Italian and British "legal islands".*

Supervisor Committee: Professor Letizia Mancini, and Professor Vincenzo Ferrari.

Examination Committee: Academic Board of the International Philosophy Doctorate Programme in Law and Society 'Renato Treves', Professor Franco Prina (Political Science Faculty, University of Turin, Italy), Professor Michelina Masia (Law Faculty, University of Cagliari, Italy), and Professor Bernard Hubeau (Law Faculty, University of Antwerp, Belgium).

- MA ICLS

Master of Arts in 'International and Comparative Legal Studies', Law Faculty, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK, 2005.

Dissertation title: *The recognition of Muslim marriage status in contemporary Europe.*

Programmes and modules: Immigration and Nationality Law (Dr Prakash Shah), Law and Society in South Asia (Professor Werner Menski and Dr Martin Lau), Modern Standard Arabic language (Dr Sajida Fawzi), Ethnic Minority and the Law -auditing- (Professor Werner Menski), and Islamic law -auditing- (Professor Doreen Hinchcliffe and Dr Ihsan Yilmaz).

- PSC ICM

Post-graduate Specialisation Course in 'Intercultural Communication and Mediation', Specialisation School, International and Diplomatic Studies Programme and Political Sciences Programme, Political Sciences Faculty, University of Turin, Italy, 2004.

Dissertation title: *Vent'anni di regolarizzazioni: nella pratica che accade?* [Twenty years of immigrants' regularisation procedures: What happens in practice?].

Supervisor Committee: Professor Federico Avanzini, and Professor Franca Balsamo.

- LLB and LLM

*Laurea* in 'Law' (Law Faculty, University of Turin, Italy), 2003.

Five-year Law Degree Programme in addition to one year auditing in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literature and Modern Cultures.

Dissertation title: *La riforma del diritto di famiglia in Egitto di cui alla legge numero 1 del 2000* [Family Law Reforms in Egypt after the Enactment of the Law 2000 Number 1].

Supervisor: Professor Roberta Aluffi Beck-Peccoz.

### Professional training

- Academic Teaching Development Programme, part of the Professional Development in Higher Education (PDHEP), as accredited by the Higher Education Academy (HEA), 2014-present.
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) in Higher Education Institutions, 2009.
- Foreign Office Trainee, Travellers and Adults-in-Need Section, 2004.

- Minors Office Trainee, Turin Section, 2004.
- Legal Consultant and Expert Witness, 2004.
- Legal Apprentice, 2003-2005.
- Employment and Labour Law Consultant, 1997-2000.

### **Academic appointments**

- Visiting researcher - Law and Anthropology Department, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, 2016.
- Research fellow - Fundamental Rights Laboratory (LDF), Istituto Universitario di Studi Europei (IUSE) and Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Turin, 2016-2017.
- Research fellow - Law Department, University of Turin, 2015.
- Teaching fellow - School of Law, SOAS, University of London, 2014-2016.
- Postgraduate Diploma examiner - SOAS, University of London, 2014.
- Researcher - National Research Council of Italy (CNR), 2007-2008.
- Invited lecturer - Center of Transnational Law Studies (CTLS), European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), University of Lucerne, University of Turin, University of Oriental Piedmont, University of Siena, 2006-present.
- Unstructured international researcher - Keio University, Tokyo, 2006.
- LLB and LLM dissertation tutor - University of Turin and University of London, 2005-2009.

### **Professional appointments and activities**

- Assistant editor and/or peer-reviewer - Australian Family Law Journal, Daimon Annuario di Diritto Comparato delle Religioni, Review of Social Studies, and South Asia Research, 2013-present.
- Documentary expert - ORF, Austrian Public Broadcaster, 2012.
- Ministry of Justice researcher - MoJ, Ministry of Justice, London, 2009-2010.
- Conference interpreter and translator - University of Milan and University of Como, 2006-2008.
- Invited speaker - American University in Cairo (Egypt); Chambers of David Barnard, London (UK); Ghent University (Belgium); Matrix Chamber, London (UK); Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale (Germany); Ministry of Justice, London (UK); Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Spain); Queen Mary, University of London (UK); SOAS, University of London (UK); Stanford University (CA, USA); Swiss Institute for

comparative Study (Switzerland); University of Bern (Switzerland); University of Bled (Slovenia); University of Bucharest (Romania); University of Cambridge (UK); University of Dhaka (Bangladesh); University of Glasgow (UK); University of Lucerne (Switzerland); University of Milano and University of Como (Italy); Second University of Naples (Italy); University of Pisa (Italy); University of Ravenna and the University of Bologna (Italy); University of Surrey (UK), 2005-present.

- Legal expert and advocate in civil and criminal proceedings in Italy and in Great Britain, 2005-present.

### Prizes and awards

- Max Planck Institute, visiting researcher grant
- LDF fellowship
- Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, conference grant
- Incoming postdoctoral scholarship
- British Council conference grant
- Stanford International award and conference grant (Stanford Law School)
- National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
- James Madison Program (Ethica and Princeton University)
- International Ambassador Scholar
- Renato Treves scholarship
- Gratianus-Socrates
- Marie-Curie (Fifth M-C Conference grant)
- Euro-Islam
- European Prize Stefano Borgia, Junior Section.

### Academic and professional expertise

- Western *Islām*-s and European Muslim communities, *sharīʿah*-compliant socio-legal cultures in Western and Muslim-majority countries, official and unofficial Islamic and Muslim laws.
- Comparison and interactions among Human Rights, EU laws, European domestic legal systems, conflict of laws, informal and unofficial laws and diverse (religious, ethnic and/or migrant) legal orders, in the contemporary pluralist super-diverse legal arena.
- Role played by religions, local groups, and kinship ties in affecting the socio-legal behaviour of legal characters, as well as the implementation of diverse

provisions in multicultural scenarios.

- Development of *sharīʿah*-compliant official and unofficial Alternative Dispute Resolution processes and techniques on European soil.
- (Non) recognition of Islamic and/or Muslim forms of marriage and divorce by European domestic (common law and civil law) legal systems and its implications.
- *Sharīʿah*-compliant kinships and family constellations in Muslim-majority countries and on Western soil.
- (Multiple) legal statuses of European Muslim citizens, accommodation and discrimination techniques of Muslim groups (historically settled minorities and newcomers) in different European countries.
- Intersectionality and gendered family law provisions according to Islamic sources, Muslim practices, and domestic legal systems of European as well as Muslim-majority countries.
- Comparison between (potentially contested) remedies offered by minority legal orders and (Civil Law and Common Law) legal systems on pivotal key-issues - e.g. domestic labour law and employment contracts, religious guidance, religious education, burial practices, worship centres, multiple forms of nuptial unions and marriage dissolutions, *halāl* products, minorities' political participation, immigration policies.
- Theoretical and practical challenges faced by jurisprudence and judicial authorities to disentangle and interpret the complex XXI century globalised/glocalised post-modern multicultural super-diverse legal arena.