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WORK EXPERIENCE

President

31/10/2017 – Current

- Federazione Italiana Diritti Umani / Comitato Italiano Helsinki (FIDU)
- Rome, Italy

My role includes representing the NGO at every level, conducting monitoring and advocacy missions, developing work plans, promoting and organizing conferences and other events, managing projects and budget, fundraising, keeping relations with national and international institutions and donors, supervising the publication of reports, dealing with media, providing communication to members and to the public. I regularly attend events and meetings at the EU institutions and take part as a civil society expert and NGO leader in relevant fora, such as the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe and of the OSCE, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

Short time expert on Project Management Cycle

01/04/2025 – 15/06/2025

- BOMCA – Border Management Programme in Central Asia
- Vienna, Austria

BOMCA is a flagship initiative funded by the EU, aiming at increasing security and stability in the region by fostering sustainable economic development through integrated border management. As an international expert and trainer, I contributed to the organisation and the implementation of the Boot Camp for Central Asian NGOs on the Project Management Cycle, held in Samarkand on 26-30 May, 2025. The activity included: Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations; Equipping NGOs from Central Asian border regions with practical skills and tools to design, manage, and evaluate projects that benefit vulnerable populations, with special attention to gender, human rights, and local economic development; guiding participants through all key stages of the Project Management Cycle—problem identification, logical framework development, choosing measurable indicators, detailing activity plans, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, communication, and fundraising—via a series of expert-led sessions and interactive group work; assessing current gaps and future needs; strengthening the role of civil society in cross-border cooperation and sustainable local development.

Adjunct Professor, International Organisations and Human Rights

14/10/2018 – 31/07/2023

- Link Campus University
- Rome, Italy

My course was in English, thus attracting also international students thanks to the Erasmus+ Program. For a post-graduate degree in Strategic Studies and Diplomatic Science, I taught the structure and the operative mechanisms of the most relevant International Organisations, the conceptual foundations of

human rights, and the key international declarations, conventions, agreements on human rights – having regard to the current concrete situation worldwide, and to the gap between the international law and its implementation.

President

29/10/2016 – 20/01/2018

- Lega Italiana dei Diritti dell'Uomo (LIDU)
- Rome, Italy

Representing the NGO at every level, lobbying for human rights in Italy and worldwide in collaboration with other Italian and International NGOs, organising and chairing events, keeping relations with national and international institutions, fundraising, communication. I left this position after being elected President of the Italian Federation for Human Rights.

Coordinator of the 6th World Congress against the Death Penalty

13/09/2015 – 12/09/2016

- Ensemble contre la peine de mort (ECPM)
- Paris, France

General coordination, strategic planning, relations with sponsor Governments and IGOs, networking with partner NGOs, managing a multicultural team, preparation of meetings, writing reports, fundraising and financial management. The World Congress, with a budget of about 1,200,000 euro that I contributed to secure, took successfully place in Oslo in June 2016 with about 1,400 participants, including among else ministers of Foreign Affairs from about 20 countries, top officials of international organisations and institutions such as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, NGOs' leaders, academics, and journalists from all over the world.

Member of the Board

31/07/2006 – 05/09/2015

- Hands Off Cain – International League of Parliamentarians and Citizens
- Rome, Italy

My tasks included: monitoring and reporting on the situation of death penalty in the world; lobbying for abolition and for the universal moratorium of executions; managing programs' budget; organising conferences, round tables, and networking among concerned NGOs. I organised several events at the Italian and the European Parliament and at the UN Human Rights Council, and I conducted monitoring and advocacy missions in several countries.

Senior Advisor to Vice President of the Italian Senate, Senator Emma Bonino

31/07/2009 – 29/04/2013

- Italian Senate
- Rome, Italy

The tasks included monitoring and analysing human rights situation, drafting reports and other documents, keeping contacts with international NGOs and institutions, organising and attending international conferences and meetings. The job ended with the end of the legislature.

Short time expert

30/06/2009 – 29/09/2010

- European Commission
- Brussels, Belgium

I have been serving as a short time expert for missions and reports, including seminars in Tajikistan (July 2009) and Armenia (September 2010) on the reform of the judiciary and penal codes.

Senior advisor

30/09/2006 – 30/07/2009

- Human Rights Subcommittee of the European Parliament
- Brussels, Belgium

As an advisor to MEP Marco Cappato, my tasks included monitoring and analysing international human rights situation, drafting reports and other documents, keeping contacts with international NGOs, institutions and human rights activists, attending international conferences and meetings.

Lecturer in International Law, Human Rights, and Peacekeeping

31/03/2007 – 29/06/2008

- Italian Society for the International Organisation (SIOI)
- Rome, Italy

For SIOI, which is also Centre for European Documentation and United Nations Associations for Italy, I lectured in both English and Italian for the following post-graduate courses: Training Course for Civil Servants of the Republic of Estonia; International Humanitarian Law for Civil Servants of FYROM and Montenegro; Master in Peacekeeping and Security Studies.

Project Director, Kazakhstan Human Rights Training and Support Program

30/11/2003 – 30/07/2006

- Freedom House
- Almaty, Kazakhstan

Frequent travels required all over Kazakhstan, in Kyrgyzstan and in Uzbekistan.

The tasks included: managing the project, developing training and technical assistance, promoting collaborative initiatives and networking among NGOs, and CSOs capacity building. Cooperation with other international NGOs, with foreign embassies, with IGOs and with the media was required, as well as designing strategic plans. I supervised an international, multi-ethnic staff of 7 and managed an annual budget of about 500,000 USD. I was responsible of designing, organising, and delivering several training courses.

Member, Human Rights Education Working Group

31/08/2002 – 29/11/2003

- Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN)
- Copenhagen, Denmark

Frequent travels required in several EU countries and in the MENA region.

Among else, I was organiser and facilitator of the first EMHRN Summer School in Human Rights Education, hold in Lebanon in September 2003. I achieved a direct knowledge of several Institutes and NGOs in the Northern Africa and Middle East region, and developed effective networking with some of them (e.g., the Arab Institute for Human Rights). I got a better understanding of different backgrounds and approaches to development and human rights, identifying common values and goals to achieve together.

Short Term Expert

31/12/2002 – 29/11/2003

- International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights
- Vienna, Austria

As an expert for the TACIS project “The Legal Protection of Human Rights in the Russian Federation”, I conducted a successful monitoring and project evaluation trip in Moscow and in the Russian Far East and Siberia, including also the Autonomous Republic of Buryatia.

Lecturer in International Law and Human Rights

14/02/2003 – 14/11/2003

- Italian Society for the International Organisation (SIOI)
- Rome, Italy

I lectured in both English and Italian for the following post-graduate courses: International Relations; International Functions; Training for Teachers on Human Rights Education.

Editor

14/01/1995 – 14/12/2002

- «La Nuova Frontiera» – International Human Rights and Security Review
- Rome, Italy

My tasks included: Contributing editorials, articles, interviews; inviting authors to contribute; selecting and editing materials.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Rome State University «La Sapienza»

- Rome, Italy- Post-graduate course in Asylum and Integration

Genoa State University

- Genova, Italy – MA in Political Science

LANGUAGE SKILLS

First language

Italian

Other languages

English C2

French C1

Russian B2

Romanian B2

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
including Word, Power Point, Excel, and Outlook
- Video conferencing systems
including Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype, and Google Meet
- Google Drive
- Google Docs
- Social media

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and essays, including among else these ones in academic books or journals:

- *Balcani occidentali, Caucaso, Asia centrale* (Western Balkans, Caucasus, Central Asia), in *Il Mediterraneo e il mondo che cambia – Sfide strategiche, attori globali e dinamiche geopolitiche* (The Mediterranean and the Changing World – Strategic challenges, global actors and geopolitical dynamics), Med-Or Italian Foundation, 2025;
- *Cambiamento climatico, diritti umani e diritto internazionale* (Climate change, human rights and International Law), in *Cambiamenti climatici e sicurezza: una sfida globale* (Climate change and security: a global challenge), Med-Or Italian Foundation, 2025;
- *The geopolitical competition between China and the U.S. in new technologies*, LUISS School of Government, Rome, 2024;
- *I rapporti Russia-Ucraina dalla fine della Guerra Fredda a oggi* (Russia-Ukraine Relations from the End of the Cold War to Today), in *La guerra tiepida – Il conflitto ucraino e il futuro dei rapporti tra Russia e Occidente*, LUISS University Press, Rome, 2023;
- *Freedom of Religion and Minority Rights in China*, in *Human Rights in Asia – selected issues*, Toruń, 2020;
- *Dal totalitarismo ideologico all'autoritarismo post-sovietico* (From the ideological totalitarianism to post-soviet authoritarianism), in *Il lungo inverno democratico nella Russia di Putin*, Diderotiana, Torino, 2018.
- *Human Rights between Universalism and Cultural Relativism*, in “Chorzowskie Studies in Politics”, Poznań, 2014;
- *Mechanisms of Human Rights Protection and the Challenges of Regionalisms and Migrations*, Ancona, 2012;
- *Religious Intolerance and Discrimination in Selected European Countries – Italy*, Dresden, 2011;
- *Archivi di famiglia e storia di genere tra età moderna e contemporanea* (Family Archives and Gender History in Modern and Contemporary Ages), Sapienza University, Rome, 2010;
- *Dall'Adriatico all'Atlantico: esodi, migrazioni, scambi culturali* (From the Adriatic Sea to the Atlantic Ocean: Exodus, Migrations, Cultural Exchanges), Sapienza University, Rome, 2009;
- *Mahatma Gandhi: un satyagraha per il pianeta* (Mahatma Gandhi: A Satyagraha for the Planet), “Diritto & Libertà”, Rome, 2008;
- *Organizzazioni internazionali e rispetto delle Convenzioni sui diritti umani* (International Organisations and Implementation of the Conventions on Human Rights), Rome, 2002;
- *La Carta Europea dei Diritti Fondamentali* (The European Charta of Fundamental Rights), Rome, 2002.