

# Laura Guercio

About me:

- Member of the Council of the European Law Institute in Vienna;
- Counsel (for victims) before the International Criminal Court, The Hague;
- Practising Lawyer with Legal Firms, in Italy (Rome/Genoa), and with experience in other jurisdictions (Great Britain/Republic of Ireland):
- -OSCE Moscow Mechanism Expert (Member of the Moscow Mechanism Mission Ukraine);
- Professor of "Sociology of Human Rights" and "International cooperation to development", University of Perugia;
- Coordinator of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict.
- Secretary-General of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights at the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2017-2020);
- Agent of the Management Board of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (2015-2020);
- Ph.D. in Social Science at the University of Genoa in conjunction with Trinity College Dublin (Thesis on "Women's Rights in the Constitutional Reforms in the Mena area after the Arab Spring");
- Master's Degree of Law (110/110 cum laude)
- -Master's Degree of Political Science - Politics and Economics of the Mediterranean Region (110/110 cum laude);
- -Candidate to Master's Degree of International Relations at the Queen Mary University London (she is actually concluding her Thesis defense)
- -Master in "National, European and international jurisdictions", at the Italian Society for International Organizations-University of Rome "Tor Vergata".

## Since 2010:

- -Legal Consultant in international and European Projects in the Mena area, East Europe, and Africa;
- -Tutor in training programs on human rights addressed to legal experts;

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2019 - Barcelona, Spain

HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL BAR — INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL BAR

As the International Criminal Bar's (ICB) Chief for International Relations, I am in charge of managing relationships with representatives of other international justice associations and institutions, all of whom are deeply committed to the advancement of international criminal justice. My accomplishments include raising awareness about the need to implement an effective international criminal justice system and assisting with implementation measures, all with the support of the international legal community and relevant institutions and players in this field.

2017 - Vienna

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL - EUROPEAN LAW INSTITUTE

The European Law Institute, founded in June 2011 as an entirely independent organization, aims to improve the quality of European Law, intended in its broadest sense. It seeks to initiate, conduct and facilitate research, make recommendations, and provide practical guidance in the field of European legal development. The Institute will study and stimulate European legal development in a global context. That should be taken to include, but by no means be limited to, the development of European Law by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

2016 - Perugia, Italy

PROFESSOR OF "SOCIOLOGY OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS" AND OF "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DEVELOPMENT. — UNIVERSITY OF PERUGIA

1996 - Rome/Genoa, Italy

LAWYER -SENIOR ASSOCIATE - LEGAL OFFICE IN ROME-GENOA

Practising Lawyer before the Superior Jurisdictions with a legal firm in Genoa (Via Brigata Bisagno 6/1, tel. 010/5957666) Rome (Via Fratelli Rosselli 2, tel. 06/96030504), and with experiences in London (Law Firm Simmons & Simmons), Dublin (Law Firm Michael Haeys & C)

Counsel before the International Criminal Court, The Hague.

2017 - 2021 - Rome, Italy

# SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. — ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

I held the position of Secretary-General of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Human Rights (CIDU) which has, as its main task, the coordination of all authorities concerned with regard to compliance with key international conventions in force in the field of human rights.

2015 - 2020 - Vienna

## **ITALIAN AGENT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

As a member of the Management Board, I was co-responsible with the other members for the definition of the Agency's priorities, the establishment of the budget, and monitoring of the Agency's operation. In particular, I collaborated on adopting the agency's annual work program in accordance with the Multiannual Framework; adopting the agency's annual reports; appointing (and if necessary dismissing) the Agency's director; adopting the agency's annual draft and final budgets and the financial rules applicable to the agency; appointing the members of the Scientific committee.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

05/2018

PHD IN SOCIAL SCIENCE, CURRICULUM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — University of Genoa in conjunction with Trinity College Dublin

**Thesis** «Women's rights in the constitutional reforms in the Mena area after the Arab Springs».

2013 - 2014

MASTER'S DEGREE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ( POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION) — University of Genoa

Thesis "The International Courts of Justice and human rights in the Middle East" 110/110 cum laude.

2005 - 2006

**MASTER IN THE "NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTIONS"** – University of Rome Tor Vergata, University of Camerino and SIOI.

**Final grade 105/110** 

2003 - 2004

DIPLOMA IN THE "ADVANCED COURSE ON DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION", - University of Florence-UNICEF-IAO

2004 - 2004

DIPLOMA IN "VOICES OUT OF CONFLICT: YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY FORCED MIGRATION AND POLITICAL CRISIS" — Refugee Studies Centre in Oxford

Address Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, London-Windsor-Cumberland Lodge.

Madrid, Spain

**DIPLOMA** – College of Lawyers in "El derecho de los minores".

Address Madrid, Spain

**DIPLOMA IN "INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS",** – Faculty of Political Science, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

**Thesis** "International Permanent Criminal Court: its constitution and related problems. Position taken on by the Italian government in 1919".

1996

**DIPLOMA IN "INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF REFUGEES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW " –** Faculty of Political Science, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

**Address** under the patronage of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees , and the Italian Council for Refugees.

1995

MASTER DEGREE OF LAW - University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Final grade 110/110 cum laude

Thesis in International Law "The role of the Secretary-General of United Nations in the peace-keeping programs".

1988

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL** 

Final grade 60/60.

# LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): ITALIAN

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production Spoken interaction		
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
SPANISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## PUBLICATIONS

# **PUBLICATIONS** (among the last ones)

- Report of the European Law Institute(February 2022) "Business and Human Rights: Access to Justice and Effective Remedies (with input from the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, FRA)";
- L.Guercio (2022) "Fighting violence against girls and girl children in armed conflict. Social and Judicial challenges", Armando Editore.
- L.Guercio (2022), "Establishing the Social and Legal Categories for "Girls" and "Girl Children", Violence Against Women, SaGe Journals, page(s): 1842-1857
- L.Guercio (2022), "An examination of the feminist perspective in Latin America", Visioni LatinoAmericane, EUT Edizioni Università di Trieste

- L.Guercio (2020), "Constructing the Categories of Girls and Girl Children in the legal and social system. A matter of definition?", Armando Editore 2020;
- L.Guercio (2020), Discrimination against women. Social defies and hopes, Licosia Editore, 2020; --L.Guercio (2020), "Women's rights after the Arab Spring. Blurb without flowers?", Cambridge Scholars 2019;
- Guercio L, Blokker P (2020). Sociologia dei diritti umani. p. 65-198, Millano: Mondadori Università, 2020;
- Guercio L (2020), La Teoria del diritto penale del nemico di Gunther Jacobs: tra applicazione e degenerazioni di fronte alle sfide del XXI secolo. Un'analisi socio-giuridica. In: (a cura di): Anselmi M; Guercio L, Il Nemico. Lessico democratico, Milano: Mondadori Università;
- Guercio L (2020). The 1325 Resolution and Subsequent Security Council Resolutions. In: (a cura di): Federici MC, Romeo A, Women, and Peace. A new training model for a culture of inclusion. SOCIAL SCIENCE, MILANO:Mimesis Edizioni;
- Guercio L (2020). Sicurezza sociale e incolumità individuale. Il fenomeno del consumo e dello smercio di sostanze stupefacenti a Terni. In: (a cura di): Conti U., Vivere i territori mediani Identità territoriali, emergenze sociali e rigenerazione dei tessuti urbani. Motus, Roma: Meltemi, Editore;
- Guercio L (2020). La realtà migratoria e il ruolo delle città contro i processi di esclusione e marginalizzazione. In: (a cura di): Conti U, Quale futuro per i territori mediani. La città tra evoluzione sociale e mutamento culturale. Sociologica-mente, p. 71-99, PERUGIA:Morlacchi Editore;
- Guercio L (2019). I diritti sociali nell'epoca post-fordista. Una analisi socio-giuridica. In: (a cura di): Nunziante Mastrolia, Dalla società fordista alla società digitale. Politica Storia e Società, Ogliastro Cilento:Licosia Edizioni, 2019:
- Guercio L., Carletti C (2019) La 34a sessione del Gruppo di lavoro delle Nazioni Unite incaricato della Revisione Periodica Universale: Profili comparativi e analisi degli aspetti socio-giuridici emergenti dall'esame dell'Italia, Ordine Internazionali e diritti umani, p.1057-064;

## Other publications

- Guercio L, Carletti C (2019), New Frontiers, New Actors, New Rules: Global Commons, Human rights, Business.
  How to improve Judicial Cooperation and International Development, European Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, Vol. 9.
- V.Grassi-L.Guercio, "Donne, Pace e sicurezza: tra essere e dover essere. La Parola alle donne in Medio Oriente e Nord Africa", FrancoAngeli, Collana "Strutture e culture sociali, 2018;
- L.Guercio, "New Frontiers, New Actors, New Rules: Global Commons, Human Rights, Business. How to Improve Judicial Cooperation and International Development", European Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, September December 2019 Volume 5, Issue 3;
- L.Guercio, "I percorsi giuridici e sociali verso l'adozione della Risoluzione 1325/2000", in Maria Caterina Federici (a cura di)" L'arte femminile della mediazione", 2019 Armando Editore;
- L.Guercio, "Poliche, diritto e prassi nella governance italiana della immigrazione" di Laura Guercio in Valentina Grassi e Michelangelo Pascali (a cura di) "Napoli e le migrazioni nel Mediterraneo", 2019 ISMU Fondazione-Franco Angeli:
- Guercio L (2017). Le politiche europee sulla sicurezza sociale. In: (a cura di): Federici MC; Romeo A, Sociologia della Sicurezza. Teorie e problemi., Milano: Mondadori Università;
- L.Guercio, "Dal Co-hausing al Social Housing. Le politiche europee per lo sviluppo di una edilizia sociale", in Maria Caterina Federici e Uliano Conti (a cura di) "Mondi e modi dell'abitare", 2019 Rubbettino;
- L.Guercio "The Affirmation of the role of Women for Peace and Security in the International and National Instruments: A focus on the Italian Legislative framework", Journal of International Law, Gonzaga University, May 2018;
- L.Guercio, "Le politiche europee sulla sicurezza Sociale" in "Sociologia della Sicurezza, Teorie e Problemi" M.C. Federici-A.Romeo (A cura di), Mondadori 2017;
- L.Guercio, "What does it mean to talk about democracy in Turkey?", Juridical Current, 2017, Vol.68,N.1, pp 42-58, 2016;
- L.Guercio, "Il cammino per I diritti delle donne, tra universalismo e multiculturalismo", in "Il Coraggio e la tenacia. Approcci multidisciplinari contro la violenza di genere", Artemisia, Edizione Open, 2016;
- L.Guercio, "Diritti Umani e terrorismo", in "Una prospettiva sociologica del terrorismo", a cura di MC Federici, Ed Rubettino 2015;
- L.Guercio," International Justice and Politics in Libya; A lost opportunity for the International Criminal Court and for lasting peace in Libya", Juridical Current 2015 vol. 60, pag. 94-96;
- L.Guercio, "The Legal Defence Of Victims Of Trafficking And Legislative Jurisdictional Problems And Gaps". The Juridical Current, Volume (Year): 46 (2011);
- L.Guercio, "Il Tribunale penale internazionale: dalle prime esperienze di giurisdizione penale sovranazionali alla ratifica del trattato di Roma", Opinioni e Confronti, Maggio 2006;
- ∘ L.Guercio,"Minori: le nuove sfide per garantire un futuro alla nostra società", Opinioni e Confronti , Maggio 2006

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND MISSION

Project Manager of the International Criminal Bar Association Project "Granting justice to victims of gender-based crimes committed by DAESH in Iraq".

2020 - 2020

## **Expert**

Expert in the Project EU EUROL 2 aimed at supporting the implementation of the International Judicial Cooperation Training Programme by developing and delivering the training on International Judicial Cooperation on Trafficking in Human Beings. Specifically, the training that I conducted was on the "Convention of Istanbul" and it took place on February 4-7, 2020 at the Academy of Magistrates in Podgorica. The trainees were Judges and Prosecutors. Before the training, I analysed the local legislation and its lack of women's rights protection according to international standards. As a result of my work, some critical aspects of domestic legislation have been focused on during the training.

2018 - 2019

### Legal expert

Legal Expert in the EU Twinning Project managed by the European Union Office in Kosovo (KS 14 IB JH 05 R), Strengthening Efficiency, Accountability, and Transparency of the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo. My duties were: 1) studying and analysing the legal framework and judicial instruments in Kosovo on the specific issues of the project.; 2) training judges, prosecutors, and lawyers on the following topics: victims' protection access to justice, minorities; gender equality; developing sustainable capacity building mechanisms for contrasting crimes 3) reporting and recommending legal and administrative measures in order to enforce judicial and prosecutorial system; 4) organizing meetings with representative of local and European institutions, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, academics; Kosovo.

2018 - CURRENT

## **Project member**

Member of the Project team "Business and Human Rights: Access to Justice and Effective Remedies: This project, conducted as a joint project of the ELI and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), will aim at identifying a range of possible draft EU regulatory and/or soft law options intended to increase access to remedies and ensure corporate human rights compliance and thus greater corporate social responsibility. Such draft regulatory options would also include where appropriate explanatory notes and background papers.

European Law Institute, Wien.

2014 - 2019

Member of of the Official Italian Delegation for the bilateral relations on Human Rights in the Criminal Justice Sector between Iran and Italy.

Member of the Official Italian Delegation for the bilateral relations on Human Rights in the Criminal Justice Sector between Iran and Italy. The works of the Delegation are under the aegis of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and coordinated by the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences which has Advisory body status for the United Nations.

Together with the other experts, my duties were: 1) developing a cooperative relationship between Italian and Iranian legal experts, institutional representatives, academics, and civil society representatives; 2) exchanging expertise on the issue of the project; 3) participating in meetings with experts from Iran. The meetings usually took place in Italy and Iran. Their outcomes concern the analysis of the human rights standards and the possible reforms in the two domestic systems.

2014 - 2016

# **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant of the European Union Project "Supporting democracy in Swaziland through the promotion of gender equality in the society of Swaziland".

#### **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant in the Project "Supporting women's rights in the Yemeni Constitution reform" co-founded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Yemen.

2013 - 2014

## **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant of the project "Strengthening women's rights in the legal system in Libya" co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Libya.

2011 - 2011

## **Expert**

Expert in the working group for the identification of the criteria for fundamental rights training tailored to Frontex administrative staff Frontex

2011

#### Researcher

Researcher in the European projects: "ALL INCLUSIVE – Disability and Migration Barrier-Free Interculturally Model in organization" Lenshilfe. EASPD Project with funding and support from the European Commission; Germany (Berlin).

2013 - 2015

## **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant in the project "Strengthening the legal defence and protection of women against gender crimes and violence" co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan.

2012 - 2013

### **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant in the Project "Combating Human Trafficking in Iraq" co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iraq.

2011 - 2012

# **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant in the project "Enforcing Democracy in Iraq co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iraq.

2011 - 2012

# **Senior Consultant**

Senior Consultant in the project "Enforcing Women's conditions in Iraq legislation" co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **UN TRAINING**

1997

Training at the Rome Office of UN High Commissioner For Refugees

## TRAINING NON UN

02/10/1995 - 31/12/1997

**Legal Trainning at Valenntino** 

Jacobelli& Partners (Rome-New York)

05/05/1997 - 31/07/1997

Legal Training in Simmons and Simmons Legal Firm (London)

06/05/1996 - 31/07/1996

Legal Training at Michael Hayes &Co Legal Firm (Dublin)

01/01/1996 - 30/06/1996

Legal Training at Andrea Martin &Co Legal Office

#### OTHER INFORMATION

2015

Shortlisted as the Italian candidate for the European Committee for the Prevention of torture and inhuman ad degrading treatment and punishment

The European Committee for the Prevention of torture and inhuman ad degrading treatment and punishment

2019 - CURRENT

Coordinator

Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict

2021

**Award** 

Winner Premio Pareto for Research activity in the Sociology field.

La sottoscritta dichiara di essere consapevole che il presente *curriculum vitae* sarà pubblicato sul sito istituzionale dell'Ateneo, nella Sezione "Amministrazione trasparente", nelle modalità e per la durata prevista dal d.lgs. n. 33/2013, art. 15.

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