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WORK EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

- March 2021 – Now
- Tutor & lecturer – Advanced Training Course “The Role of Women in Peace Processes and Conflict Mediation for the protection of Human Rights”**
La Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy)
- Preparing and delivering lectures
 - Administrative tasks, communication tasks and database management
- March 2021 – Now
- Researcher in the project “Climate change integration in the multilevel governance of Italy and Austria: policy-making and implementation in selected subnational policies”**
EURAC Research- (remotely based with occasional travel)
- Legal and policy analysis
 - Interviews to stakeholders in the sector Public Administration (Bolzano) and report drafting
 - Chapter BRILL book: Energy and water
- August 2020 – February 2021
- Intern**
Independent Redress Mechanism – Green Climate Fund (remotely based)
- Legal Research: information disclosure; due diligence and post-approval GCF project monitoring, gender strategy
 - Outreach: project prioritization for 2021
 - Admin: stakeholders database management, note-taking in official meetings
 - Communication: official IRM newsletter management, social media (Facebook and Twitter)
- October – December 2014
- Internship – Editorial Board**
Earth Day Italy (Rome, Italy)
- Research and publication of articles for the website

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- March 2021
- Visiting Scholar**
Università della Svizzera Italiana – Faculty of Economics
- Desk research;
 - Participation in academic meetings with faculty members.
- January – October 2019
- Visiting Researcher**
Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (Glasgow, UK)
- Research areas: climate justice, indigenous peoples’ rights, traditional ecological knowledge and participatory rights
 - Investigation for the project “Environmental Migration the International Human Rights Framework as a Potential Protection for Vulnerable Groups” (see section on Scholarship and Grants)
- October – November 2018
- Visiting Researcher and Project Leader “Climate change implications for Yaneshá communities living in the Selva Central area (Pasco region)”**
Chirapaq (Lima, Perú)
- Applied research and on-site fieldwork in the area of Pasco Region, in the central amazon area of Peru. Collection of information (interviews) on perceived effects of climate change and adaptation strategies adopted in Yaneshá communities;
 - Attendance and participation in activities organized by Chirapaq, including official note taking in the conference “Primer Encuentro Indígena de las Américas para el Foro Permanente de las Naciones Unidas” (November 2018, Lima).
- October 2018
- Invited Expert**

Temuco Catholic University (Temuco, Chile)

- Keynote speaker at the conference “Convenio 169 y Universidad”;
- Participation in official meetings within the project “Generando nuevas condiciones socio académicas para fortalecer las relaciones interculturales en el quehacer de la UC Temuco en vinculación al contexto de la Araucanía”.

February – August 2018

Visiting Researcher

Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (Glasgow, UK)

- Research areas: human rights-based approaches to climate change, international human rights law, impacts of climate change on indigenous communities; participatory rights and FPIC

February – March 2017

Visiting Researcher

Nottingham Trent University, School of Law (Nottingham, UK)

Finalisation of PhD research project outline and literature review

MEMBERSHIPS

August 2021

Member

International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)

August 2020

Honorary Fellow (Cultore della Materia)

La Sapienza University of Rome – Department of Political Science

July 2020

Member of the Working Group on Ecological Rights

Global Pandemic Network

May 2020

Young Professional – Expert of the Knowledge Network

UN – Harmony with Nature

July 2017

Editorial Board Member

Federalismi – Focus Africa

EDUCATION

2020

PhD in Public International Law (International Order and Human Rights)

La Sapienza University of Rome

Thesis: “Indigenous peoples and climate change: addressing environmental injustice”

2016

Master’s Degree – International Cooperation and Development Sciences

Interfaculty of Political Science, Sociology, Communication Sciences, La Sapienza Università

La Sapienza University of Rome

Thesis: The Role of the European Union in the Governance of the Environmental Protection.

Final evaluation: 110/110

2013

Bachelor’s degree – Political Sciences for International Cooperation and Development

Roma Tre University

Thesis: The Contribution of Wangari Maathai to the Struggle for Reforestation and Women’s Rights in Kenya

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

- (accepted) G. Giacomini, *Human rights-based approaches to climate litigation: a critical perspective of the Indigenous Athabaskans case (draft title)*, Gwiazdon K., Westra L. and Brown D. (Ed.) Applied Climate Ethics, Routledge, Spring 2022

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- G. Giacomini, *The Interactive Dialogues of UN Harmony with Nature: for a paradigmatic shift to Earth-centred governance*, Diritto e questioni pubbliche, Palermo, 2020
- G. Giacomini, *The Role of Free Prior and Informed Consent in the Green Climate Fund Indigenous Peoples Policy*, CUHSO, Catholic University of Temuco, Chile July 2020
- G. Giacomini, *Indigenous peoples and climate change: the Yaneshya people’s case from a participatory justice perspective*, Diritto e Processo, August 2020

Case-law notes

- G. Giacomini, *Case law note: United Democratic Party (UDP) et al. v. The Republic of Gambia (Judgement No: ECW/CCJ/JUD/01/20)*, Ordine Internazionale e Diritti Umani, OBSERVATOIRE SUR L’UNION AFRICAINE N. 2/2020, pp. 397-401
- G. Giacomini, *Advancing Protection for the Rights of Women and Children in Mali: the Ruling of the African Court of Human and Peoples’ Rights against the provisions of the Family Code*, 11 July 2018, Federalismi.it

- G. Giacomini, *Niger Delta People vs. Nigeria: a Missed Occasion before the ECOWAS Court of Justice*, 21 March 2018, [Federalismi.it](#)
- G. Giacomini, *The Forced Eviction of the Ogieks Indigenous People from their Ancestral Land in Kenya: the intervention of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights*, 20 November 2017, [Federalismi.it](#)
- G. Giacomini, *The ECOWAS Court Condemns the Republic of Togo for Arbitrary Detention*, 21 July 2017, [Federalismi.it](#)

Book reviews

- G. Giacomini: [Recognizing Indigenous peoples for environmental conservation: Traditional Knowledge and customary law](#), review Federica Cittadino's book "Incorporating Indigenous Rights in the International Regime on Biodiversity Protection", Brill 2020, [Voelkerrechtsblog](#), June 2020

Policy briefs

- SCELG Policy Brief, *The Transformation of Environmental Law and Governance: Risk, Innovation and Resilience*, No. 12, July 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND GUEST LECTURES

September 2021	<p>Guest Lecture, Master "International Protection of Human Rights 'Maria Rita Saulle'" La Sapienza University of Rome "Popoli indigeni, cambiamento climatico e giustizia"</p>
May 2021	<p>Guest Lecture International Environmental Law and Policy (Prof. Espa, I.) Università della Svizzera Italiana Human-rights based approach to climate change: climate justice in recent litigation</p>
March – September 2021	<p>Lecturer Advanced Training Course "The Role of Women in Peace Processes and Conflict Mediation for the protection of Human Rights" Topics: ecofeminism(s); rights of nature; Indigenous women's rights; critical legal studies; Grievance Redress Mechanisms and Gender-Based Violence in development projects.</p>
February 2021	<p>Guest Lecture in the course Public International Law (Prof Gwiazdon, K.) Northern Illinois University (USA; online) "Indigenous peoples, climate change and access to justice"</p>
June 2020	<p>Online course "Tutte le Americhe a Sud dei Caraibi" Geopolitica.info (Italy) "Indigenous Peoples' rights in international human rights law and in the jurisprudence of the Interamerican Court on Human Rights"; "Indigenous peoples and the environment: TEK, rights to nature and Earth Jurisprudence".</p>
March 2019	<p>Seminar Global Environmental Justice - Honours Class (Prof Vermeylen, S.) University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) "Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Justice: An ontological and epistemological perspective of EJ within the context of climate justice".</p>
December 2018	<p>Seminar – International Law Course - Honours class, Political Science (Prof. Cadin, R.) La Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy) "Indigenous Peoples in International Law", "Free Prior and Informed Consent" and "Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: the Case of the Yaneshas in Peru".</p>
May 2018	<p>PhD Seminar La Sapienza University of Rome (Rome, Italy) "Indigenous Peoples' Participatory Rights: Free Prior and Informed Consent"</p>
January – April 2018	<p>Teaching Assistant in Global Environmental Justice - M9464 (Prof. Vermeylen, S.) University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) Tasks included leading debates among small group of students, based on the readings assigned for each lecture, providing supervision on students' essays and assignments, and providing clarification on legal and theoretical concepts.</p>

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

July 2018	<p>International Union for the Conservation of Nature Annual Colloquium University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) Volunteered and assisted with practical tasks related to the event. Contribution within the Human Rights task force for the drafting of the IUCN Policy Brief.</p>
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June 2018

[Uncanny Lore Workshop](#)

Grahamstown University (Grahamstown, South Africa)

Contribution in the logistic organisation of the workshop;
Active participation and official notetaking in debates regarding indigenous peoples' rights, cultural heritage and access to land, sharing my work on the right to free, prior and informed consent.

November 2017

Les éléments de la Démocratie dans les Pays du Bassin de la Méditerranée (Rome, Italy)

Volunteered in the organisation of the conference;
Contribution as official note-taker for 15 fact sheets on the common democratic values shared by the different countries of the Mediterranean Basin.

SCHOLARSHIPS & RESEARCH GRANTS

2019

Research Grant 2019 International Mobility of PhD Students

La Sapienza University of Rome

- Amount of funding and period: EUR 9000, March – September 2019
- Project title: "Environmental Migration the International Human Rights Framework as a Potential Protection for Vulnerable Groups"
- Authors: Giada Giacomini, Alessio Sangiorgi
- Proponent: Professor Raffaele Cadin
Achievements:
 - Dissemination of the research results in conferences;
 - Thesis section on climate-induced displacement and potential legal responses.

2018

Research Grant "Avvio alla ricerca tipo 1" (Early Researcher Scholarship)

La Sapienza University of Rome

- Amount of funding: EUR 1200
- Dates: October – November 2018
- Project title: "Adaptation and mitigation of climate change in indigenous communities"
- Author and Proponent: Giada Giacomini
Achievements:
 - Assessment of climate change impacts according to Yanesha traditional knowledge of the territory;
 - thesis chapter on the case study;
 - research outcomes presented in international conferences.

2017

Research Grant 2018 International Mobility of PhD Students

La Sapienza University of Rome

- Amount of funding: EUR 11000
- Dates: February - August 2018
- Project title "The International Legal Protection of Indigenous Peoples in the Context of Climate Change and Nuclear Tests: Towards a New Application of the Human Rights Approach". Authors: Giada Giacomini and Debora Capalbo
- Proponent: Prof. Sergio Marchisio
- Achievements:
 - PhD thesis chapters on the theoretical framework, participatory rights and free prior and informed consent, presented in several international conferences.

2016 - 2019

PhD Scholarship, La Sapienza

- Amount of funding: EUR 13.638,47 per year + 50% monthly increase for research conducted abroad.

CONTRIBUTIONS & PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES

July 2021

REDH-EXATA Jornadas Iberoamericanas sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos: Acaparamiento de tierras y recursos
Online (Zoom)

Title: "El Mecanismo Independiente de Reparación del Fondo Verde para el Clima y el derecho al consentimiento libre previo e informado de los pueblos indígenas".

July 2021

Global Ecological Integrity Group, 28th Annual Meeting
Online (Zoom)/Montreal, Canada

	Title: "The right to a healthy environment: lights and shadows of the anthropocentric legal approach"
January 2021	<p>Webinar: I popoli indigeni come soggetto del diritto internazionale (Indigenous peoples as subject of international law) Istituto di Studi Giuridici Internazionali – CNR (Italy) Title: "I diritti dei popoli indigeni tra protezione dell'ambiente e cambiamento climatico" (Indigenous peoples' rights, environmental law and climate change)</p>
October 2019	<p>2019 Global Symposium on Environmental Law and Governance University of Siena (Italy) Title: "Climate-Induced migration and ethical responsibility for States and global ecological governance"</p>
June 2019	<p>Global Ecological Integrity Group, 27th annual meeting University of Trieste (Italy) Title: "Climate change in Peru: the Yaneshya indigenous people's case from a justice perspective"</p>
May 2019	<p>10th Multidisciplinary Meeting on Indigenous Peoples University of Girona (Spain) Title: "Los pueblos indígenas y la justicia climática: el caso del pueblo Yaneshya del Peru"</p>
May 2019	<p>PhD Colloquium – 2019 Festival of Environmental Law and Governance University of Strathclyde (UK) Title: "Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: the Case of the Yaneshya People of Peru"</p>
October 2018	<p>Conversatorio Convenio 169 y Universidad Temuco Catholic University (Chile) Keynote speaker, presentation around ILO Convention 169 and the possibilities and implications for indigenous peoples attending universities in Chile. More information at the UCT website.</p>
October 2018	<p>RELAJU Wallmapu 2018: X Conference of Legal Anthropology Temuco Catholic University (Chile) Title: "La participación de los pueblos indígenas: entre el derecho a la consulta y al consentimiento libre, previo e informado"</p>
May 2018	<p>9th Multidisciplinary Meeting on Indigenous Peoples University College Roosevelt (Netherlands) Title "Indigenous Peoples and the Green Climate Fund: the Centrality of Free Prior and Informed Consent as a Tool for Effective Participation".</p>
May 2018	<p>First Merger Workshop Nottingham Trent University (UK) Title: "Indigenous Peoples' Participatory Rights: the Role of Free Prior and Informed Consent in the Green Climate Fund IP Policy".</p>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian	English	Spanish	French
Native speaker	Professional working knowledge (C2)	Professional working knowledge (C1)	Basic knowledge (A2)

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