

- Full Professor of International Law at the University of Palermo (UNIPA)
- Vice-Director of the Department of Law at the University of Palermo (DIGI)
- Co-coordinator of the Academy of Law and Migration Research Group in “The external dimension of migration”
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal “Diritti umani e diritto internazionale”
- Member of the Ph.D Program in “Human Rights: Evolution, Protection and Limits
- Member of the Società Italiana di Diritto internazionale e di Diritto dell’Unione Europea
- Member of the UNIPA Centro inter-dipartimentale "Migrare"

EDUCATION

- Ph.D in “International Law and Municipal Law in International Legal Fields”, University of Salerno, 2001
- Postgraduate Course in International Relations - Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Paris (together with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 1994
- Preparation Course for the Diplomatic Career, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Italian Society for International Organization, 1993
- Bachelor’s Degree in Law, University of Naples (Grade: 100/110 cum laude), 1993

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

- Visiting Fellow, Centre Charles de Visscher pour le droit international et européen, Université catholique de Louvain, 2013
- United Nations Library, Geneva, 2009;
- Visiting Fellow, International Criminal Justice and Weapons Control Center, DePaul University, School of Law, Chicago, 1998

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Associated Investigator UNIPA Research Unit, PRIN "Tutela dei diritti di cittadinanza tra Corte di giustizia e Corte europea dei diritti dell’uomo nell’attuale fase di sviluppo del processo di integrazione europea" (Principal Investigator Prof. Ennio TRIGGIANI (2007ETKBLF002), 2007
- Member in the PRIN Research project "La lingua come fattore di integrazione sociale e politica - Coordinatore scientifico", P.I. Prof. Paolo CARETTI (20102WAKHZ008), 2012

CONFERENCE PAPERS/ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATIONS

A) Conference papers

- "Il diritto umano a migrare tra proclamazioni di principio e tendenze restrittive" presented at the webinar "L'Europa nella società globale: il diritto di migrare e l'ansia delle frontiere", University of Palermo, 2020
- "Il salvataggio in mare: obblighi di cooperazione e criteri di riparto della responsabilità condivisa", presented at the Workshop "Under Pressure. Le sfide al multilateralismo dalle migrazioni alla cooperazione economica", University of Trento, 2019
- "Il diritto di richiedere asilo e l'obbligo di non-refoulement: come continuare a garantirli?", presented at the second annual conference of the Academy of Law and Migrations ("L'Europa allo specchio: la politica UE di immigrazione e asilo a venti anni da Tampere"), University of Tuscia, 2019
- "Le droit de sauver", presented at the Conference "The Right to Save/Le droit de sauver", European Parliament, Bruxelles, 2019

- "Gli aspetti internazionalistici della vicenda della nave Diciotti", presented at the Conference - "Tutela dei migranti e libertà fondamentali. Lo Stato di diritto e la vicenda Diciotti", University of Palermo, 2019
- "During Migration: Chance or Governance?", presented at the international Conference "Controls and Hospitality: Towards Migration Policies which Strengthen Contemporary Democracy", in honour of François Crépeau, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, Université st. Louis, Bruxelles, 2018

B) Organization of conferences and workshops:

- "Working in the Migration fields: Rethinking Approach and Strategies", University of Palermo, 2020
- "Il lato oscuro del diritto nella criminalizzazione del soccorso in mare", University of Palermo, 2020
- "Wayfarer Citizens: Rethinking the Categories of Migrations", Member of the Scientific Steering Committee, University of Palermo, 2019

(C) Public Engagement

- Search and Rescue Operations Under the New Pact on Asylum and Migration, SIDIBlog, 2020
- Doveri di soccorso in mare, diritto internazionale e cause di esclusione dell'illiceità penale, ADIMBlog, 2020
- Navigare fra istanze stato-centriche e cosmopolitiche: il caso Sea-Watch in una prospettiva conflittuale, SIDIBlog, 2019

CONFERENCE PAPERS in Other fields of International Law, Law of the European Union, Human Rights

- "Il ruolo del Consiglio europeo nella Brexit" presented at the conference "Il recesso dall'Unione europea tra norme del Trattato e prassi applicativa", University LUMSA, Palermo, 2019
- "Comune versus identitario nella giurisprudenza della Corte di giustizia sull'art. 4, par. 2 TUE", presented at the conference "Quale patrimonio culturale per l'Europa?", University of Cagliari, 2018
- "Egemonia e diritto internazionale", presented at the workshop "Egemonia e unilateralismo tra diritto e relazioni internazionali", University "La Cattolica", Milan, 2018
- "Négligence illicite et responsabilités multiples: partage ou cumul de responsabilités?" presented at the Italian/French Journée d'études, "Le standard de Due Diligence et la responsabilité internationale", Société française de droit international/Italian Society for International Law, Université du Maine, 2017
- "Is European Politics Mature for Democracy?", presented at the International Conference, "The Democratic Principle and the Economic and Monetary Union", University of Rome "Tor Vergata", 2016
- "Governance economica europea e principi democratici dell'UE", presented at the conference "Principi democratici e diritti fondamentali nell'Unione europea", University of Bari "Aldo Moro", 2016
- "Il diritto non scritto nel sistema della Convenzione europea dei diritti umani" presented at the twentieth annual conference of the Italian Society for International Law, 2015
- "L'interprétation des actes juridiques établissant la frontière" presented at "The Law of International Borders", Journées franco-allemandes de droit international organized by the Société française de droit international/Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationales Recht, 2014
- "The Democratic Principles in the Law of the European Union" presented at the Workshop "Democracy in the European Union", University of Florida, 2012

- "Transition démocratique et notion de démocratie dans la jurisprudence de la Cour Européenne des Droits de l'Homme", presented at the 4th European Society of International Law Research Forum on "International Law and Power Politics", University of Tallinn, Estonia, 2011
- "Leggi, procedure e prassi elettorali in Italia e CEDU", presented at the national conference on "Stato del diritto e democrazia in Italia. Il rispetto e l'applicazione della CEDU in Italia", House of Representatives, Rome, 2010
- "The Deliberative Democracy in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights", presented at the international workshop on "Democracy, Human Rights and International Law", University of Catania, 2009
- "International Criminal Justice between Law, History and Politics" - University of Palermo, 2010
- "Gli effetti diretti delle Decisioni-Quadro", presented at the conference "the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Constitution", University of Enna, 2005
- "The War in Iraq", presented at the workshop "The Economics of War", University Federico II, Naples, 2004
- "L'occupazione dell'Iraq", presented at the conference "Iraq after the War" - Italian Society of International Law/Centro Nazionale delle Ricerche, Rome, 2004

LECTURES:

- "L'interpretazione dei trattati", University of Siena, 2017
- "L'interprétation authentique des traités internationaux : nouvelles tendances", Université Catholique de Louvain, 2013
- "Democracia y Derechos Humanos en la Unión Europea", presented at the Máster Oficial 'Derechos Humanos, Paz y Desarrollo Sostenible', University of Valencia, 2012

PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Under His scientific Co-ordination, the DIGI has been admitted by the Italian Ministry of Research and University to offer a new, interdisciplinary Master Course in "Migration, Rights, Integration"
- Past Member of the International Relations Commission of the University of Palermo, 2017-2019.
- Past Director's Delegate for the Library of the Department of Law;
- Professore associato confermato in International Law - School of Law - University of Palermo, 2007-2017
- Professore associato in International Law, University of Palermo, School of Law, 2004-2007
- Research Assistant, University of Palermo, School of Law, 2001-2004
- Contract Professor of International Law, University of Palermo, School of Law, 2002-2004
- Contract Professor of "International Criminal Law", Istituto Universitario Orientale, Naples, 1999-2000
- Assistance in the Editorial Committee of the journal "Italian Yearbook of International Law" (vol. VIII), 1996
- Member of the Editorial Committee of the "Repertorio della Giurisprudenza italiana di diritto internazionale pubblico", vol. 2 (edited by Prof. Paolo Picone), 1993-1996.

RESEARCH FIELDS

Human Rights; International Law of Migrations; Interpretation in International Law; Democracy and International Law; Peace Agreements

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), French (fluent), English (fluent); Spanish (basic).