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Actual positions:

Associate Professor in Philosophy of Law at the Department of Law of the University of Palermo;

Teachings: Human Rights; Legal Logic and Methodology; Legal clinic; Sociological aspects of Labor Migration;

Coordinator of the Migration and Rights Legal Clinic in collaboration with the Cledu association;

Delegate at the Third Mission (Social Mission) for the Department of Law of the University of Palermo.

Previous Research Contracts:

Researcher in philosophy of law at the Department of Law of the University of Palermo;

Research fellow at the Department of Letters, Philosophy, Communication, of the University of Bergamo with a project entitled: "Rethinking asylum. Perceptions of spaces and subjectivity between the two shores of the Mediterranean". Tutor: prof. Federica Sossi.

From October 2015 to September 2016 – Research contract for the ESRC Project "Documenting the Humanitarian Migration Crisis in the Mediterranean", (Call "Urgency call on Mediterranean Migration Crisis"), Queen Mary University of London, Law Department, (PI: Prof Elspeth Guild).

From January 2012 to January 2016 – Research fellow at the Department of historical-archaeological, socio-anthropological and geographical cultural heritage of the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Palermo with a project entitled "The servile work of migrant women in Italy: the influences on gender and intergenerational relationships and on the second generations of migrations".

2012-2013 – Research and consultancy contract at the Research and Development Division of Social Cohesion, Directorate General III, of the Council of Europe for the projects "Human Rights of people experiencing poverty/Les droits humains des personnes en situation de pauvreté" and "Responding Together".

Qualifications:

2008 – PhD in "Human Rights: Evolution, Protection and Limits", University of Palermo, Department of Law (formerly Department of Studies on Politics, Law and Society). Research thesis entitled "Concentration zones and detention centre for migrant people. New models of confinement within the European Union".

2005 - Master in "Immigration, asylum and citizenship", University of Palermo, Faculty of Education. Thesis entitled "Representation of the migratory phenomenon. Relationship between media messages, public opinion and Italian legislation on immigration and asylum".

2003 - Degree in Literature and Philosophy, University of Siena, Department of Anthropology of the Ancient World. Thesis entitled: "The Jews in Rome in the testimonies of the Latin authors". Score 110/110 cum laude.

Institutional positions:

2017- 2019 - Project Coordinator "Ragazzi-Harraga. Social inclusion processes for unaccompanied migrant minors in the city of Palermo" (Bando Never Alone 2016), for the CIAI (Italian Centre Childhood Aid).

From 2015 to 2018 – Head of the Project "Protection from Severe Labor Exploitation and Abuse related for migrant women and their families in the agricultural area of the Province of Ragusa", financed by the Tavola Valdese (Otto per mille Office), for L'Altro Diritto. Center of documentation on prison, deviance and marginality ONLUS

From February 2016 to March 2018 - Consultant to the Italian Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry on reception system identification and expulsion, as well as on the conditions of detention of migrant people and on public resources committed, Italian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies

From 2015 to 2017 – Member of the institutional table against the labor exploitation of migrant workers in the agricultural sector in the Province of Ragusa, established by the Prefecture of Ragusa.

2010-2011- 2010 – Agent B5, Project Manager for the Social Cohesion research and Early Warning Division, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France (Project: 'Human Rights of People Experiencing Poverty').

2009 – Consultant of the Municipality of Venice, Department of Social Policies, for the drafting of a research entitled "Traces. Reception of refugees and asylum seekers in Venice".

2011 - Head of the Venetian Observatory against racial discrimination born from Memorandum of Understanding between the National Anti-Discrimination Office (UNAR) and the Municipality of Venice, Department of Youth Policies and Peace.

Coordination or participation in, national and international research teams:

2019- 2024 - Scientific Director for the Legal Clinic Migration and Rights, within the framework of the Orientation and Tutored Plan "Orientation to the legal professions and the culture of legality" for the "Class of Master's Degrees in Jurisprudence" (LMG/01).

2022-2023 - Member of the Research Unit of the University of Palermo for the Smart Justice Project: tools and models to optimize the work of judges. JustSmart - PON Governance and institutional capacity 2014-2024. Tutor of two research fellows and one research grant holder from area IUS 20.

2020-2023 - Member of the Research Unit of the University of Palermo for the Prin 2017. The dark side of law. When discrimination, exclusion and oppression are by law.

From 2015 to date - Member of the research group "Laboratory on legal clinics" of "L'Altro Diritto. Interuniversity research centre on prison, deviance, marginality and migration governance".

From 2014 to date - Member of the research group "Laboratory on labour exploitation" of "L'Altro Diritto. Interuniversity research centre on prison, deviance, marginality and migration governance".

2019-2020 - Project manager CLEDU - Human Rights Clinic - Legal Advice and Guidance Desk on the territory for migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Association CLEDU and the University of Palermo, Department of Law, funded by the Italian Foundation Charlemagne for Humanitarian Purposes ONLUS.

2010 - Project manager for the project "Human Rights of people experiencing poverty/les droits humains des personnes en situation de pauvreté", Research and Development Division of social cohesion, Directorate-General III (Research and Development of Social Cohesion) of the Council of Europe, The project will be carried out by a research team of 12 full professors from different universities in Europe and the USA.

Other relevant non-academics activities:

2018-2020 – President and spokesperson of Mediterranea Saving Humans (NGO engaged in search and rescue activities in the Central Mediterranean Sea)

2014-2014 – Collaboration as Researcher, on the behalf of “L’Altro diritto”, in the project Me.D.I.C.S.- Mentally Disturbed Inmates’ care and Support, co-funded by the European Commission (Just/2013/PEN/AG) (Project Leader: D.A.P. Department of Prison Administration).

2013-2014 – Fieldwork in the area of Ragusa (Sicily) in the aim of investigating the labor and sexual exploitation of migrant women in the greenhouses.

2010 – Contribution to the Annual Report of the International Network “Migreurop”, *Aux frontières de l’Europe Contrôles, enfermements, expulsions*. In particular, chapter on *Mers ionienne et adriatique : retours forcés entre Italie et Grèce*. (<http://www.migreurop.org/IMG/pdf/Migreurop-2010-FR.pdf>). Report <http://www.migreurop.org/IMG/pdf/Migreurop-2010-FR.pdf>

2007 – 2022 – Fieldworks in Slovenia, France, Malta, Greece, Lampedusa, Tunisia in the aim of investigating the European system of detention and confinement of migrants.

2009 – Coordinator of the mission which collected in Greece (Patras) histories and proxy statements of the refugees who made appeal at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg (Sharifi c. Italy and Greece).

2009 – Reporter on the behalf of the International Network “Migreurop”, on the condition of migrants in Calais (France) - <http://www.migreurop.org/article1506.html?lang=fr>

Publications:

She is the author of numerous essays and scientific articles, and of the monographs:

Le parole dell'asilo. Un diritto di confine (The words of asylum: a border right), Giappichelli, Turin, 2021;

The vulnerability of women migrant workers in agriculture and the EU: the need for a Human Rights and Gender based approach, European Union, Brussels, (with Palumbo, L.), 2018;

La cura servile. La cura che serve (The servile care, the care we need), Pacini Editore, Pisa, 2015;

Campi di forza. Percorsi confinati di migranti in Europa (Force fields. Confined paths of migrants in Europe), Ombre Corte, Verona, 2009.

Among the articles:

Sciurba, A. (2025). *Quale scontro culturale? L'urgenza di risignificare l'universalità dei diritti (e di salvarli)*. RAGION PRATICA, 64, 117-149.

Sciurba, A (2024). *Non nei nostri nomi. La strumentalizzazione culturalista della difesa dei diritti delle donne e la violenza di genere delle politiche migratorie (Not in our names. The culturalist instrumentalization of the defense of women's rights and the gender violence of migration policies)*. AG-ABOUT GENDER, 13(25), 50-73 [10.15167/2279-5057/AG2024.13.25.2258].

Sciurba, A, Lo Verde L (2024). *"Agire il diritto" e prendere posizione: il caso della Clinica legale Migrazioni e diritti dell'Università di Palermo*. RIVISTA DI FILOSOFIA DEL DIRITTO (1), 103-114 [10.4477/113637].

Sciurba, A (2023). *Giustizia di transizione: modelli, potenzialità, limiti: casi concreti e un focus sulla Tunisia contemporanea (Transitional justice; Models, potential and limits. Concrete cases and a focus on contemporary Tunisia)*. SOCIOLOGIA DEL DIRITTO, 50(1), 163-190.

Sciurba, A (2023). *Contro l'etnonazionalismo, oltre il multiculturalismo e un po' più in là del patriottismo costituzionale: l'eterotopia di Sarajevo*. JURA GENTIUM, XX(2), 82-116.

Sciurba, A (2022). *Città, diritti e pratiche di mutualismo: riflessioni a partire dalle istanze comunitarie ai tempi della pandemia*. DIR ITTO & QUESTIONI PUBBLICHE, 1, 229-242.

Sciurba A (2022). *Giustizia sovranazionale e migrazioni: disvelando le ambiguità dell'Europa dei diritti, a partire da una critica a Il diritto dei popoli di John Rawls*. ORDINES, 1, 562-585.

Sciurba A. (2022). *Principi e naufragi. Alcune critiche alla nuova filosofia per il diritto internazionale di Ronald Dworkin e il caso emblematico delle politiche in atto nel Mediterraneo centrale*. MATERIALI PER UNA STORIA DELLA CULTURA GIURIDICA, 1, 133-163.

Sciurba A. (2021). *Introduzione. Quel che accade nel Mediterraneo centrale come emblema del lato oscuro del diritto*. DIRITTO & QUESTIONI PUBBLICHE, Special Issue/2021.

Sciurba A. (2020). *Emergenza sanitaria, (in)sicurezza e interventi normativi in materia di immigrazione in Italia*. LO STATO. RIVISTA SEMESTRALE DI SCIENZA COSTITUZIONALE E TEORIA DEL DIRITTO, VIII, 15, 395-405.

Sciurba A. (2020). *Diritti individuali vs. scopi collettivi? I provvedimenti in materia di immigrazione al tempo della pandemia*. DIRITTO & QUESTIONI PUBBLICHE, 2, 213 -228 (www.dirittoquestionipubbliche.org/page/2020_n20-2/00-DQXX-2020-2_02-5_studi_Sciurba.pdf)

Sciurba, A. (2019). *Le cliniche legali italiane e la risignificazione del diritto*. RIVISTA DI FILOSOFIA DEL DIRITTO. JOURNAL OF LEGAL PHILOSOPHY, 2 (Focus: Le Cliniche legali, una prospettiva filosofico-giuridica).

Sciurba, A. (2018). *Quale sicurezza? Quali diritti? Oltre la compassione, per un'empatia strategica necessaria*. DEMOCRAZIA E DIRITTO, 3. ISSN 0416-9565, ISSN 1972-5590.

Sciurba, A. (2017) *Misrecognizing Asylum. Causes, modalities and consequences of the crisis of a fundamental human right*. *Rivista di filosofia del diritto*. JOURNAL OF LEGAL PHILOSOPHY, 1, 141-164.

Sciurba, A. (2016) *La Cura tra giustizia e diritti*. DIRITTO & QUESTIONI PUBBLICHE, 2, 393-413. ISSN 1825-0173.

Sciurba, A. (2009). *Il Rule of law e le relazioni tra diritto e morale nel dibattito tra Hart e Fuller*. DIRITTO & QUESTIONI PUBBLICHE, 9, 701-742. ISSN: 1825-0173.

Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., and Tazzioli, M. (2018), *Introduction: Mediterranean Movements and the Reconfiguration of the Military-Humanitarian Border in 2015*. In Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., Tazzioli, M. (eds.), *Special Issue: Mediterranean movements*. ANTIPODE JOURNAL, 50, 3, 662-672. ISSN: 0066-4812 (print), 1467-8330 (online).

Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., and Tazzioli, M. (2018), *Mediterranean Movements and Constituent Political Spaces: An Interview with Sandro Mezzadra and Toni Negri*. In Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., Tazzioli, M. (eds.), *Special Issue: Mediterranean movements*. ANTIPODE JOURNAL, 50, 3, 673-684. ISSN: 0066-4812 (print), 1467-8330 (online).

Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., and Tazzioli, M. (2018), *Mediterranean Struggles for Movement and the European Government of Bodies: An Interview with Étienne Balibar and Nicholas De Genova*. In Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., Tazzioli, M. (eds.), *Special Issue: Mediterranean movements*. ANTIPODE JOURNAL, 50, 3, 748-762.

Sciurba, A. (2017) *Categorizing migrants by disempowering the right to asylum. A focus on the Sicilian implementation of the "Hotspot approach"*. In Fontanari, E., Pinelli B. (eds.), *Special issue: Subjectivity and control Refugees towards Europe*, ETNOGRAFIA E RICERCA QUALITATIVA, 1, 97-120.

Sciurba, A., Furri F. (2017) *Human Rights beyond Humanitarianism. The radical challenge of the right to asylum in the Mediterranean space*. In Sciurba, A., Garelli, G., Tazzioli, M. (a cura di), *Special Issue: Mediterranean movements*. ANTIPODE JOURNAL, 50, 3, 5 JUL 2017, 763-782.

Sciurba A. (2015). *La migración femenina, el trabajo doméstico asalariado y la violación de los derechos humanos*, in Carol Proner, Gabriel Gualano de Godoy e Estefania Maria de Queiroz Barboza (eds.), *Políticas migratórias, asilo e direitos humanos. Uma perspectiva comparada*, Brasil, Itália e Espanha. Curitiba:Juruá Editora, 2015.

Sciurba A., Palumbo, L. (2013). *Vulnerability to Forced Labour and Trafficking. The Need for a Comprehensive Approach*. ANTITRAFFICKING REVUE, Issue 5, 'Forced Labour and Human Trafficking'.

Sciurba A. (2012) *Introduction – Redefining poverty so as to fight it*. In: Council of Europe, *Redefining and combating poverty Human rights, democracy and common goods in today's Europe*, Trends in Social Cohesion, 25, 9-18, Strasbourg: Council of Europe, 2012.

Sciurba A. (2011) *Récit de l'immigration en Italie; De Lampedusa à Rosarno : la désinformation et les pratiques de résistance*, in Caloz-Tschopp M.C. (ed.), *Colère, courage et création politique - Résister dans le travail et dans la migration*. vol. 5, PARIS: L'Harmattan.

Sciurba A. (2011) *Poverty and rights. Moving beyond the rhetoric of misfortune and blame to lay the foundations for shared social responsibility*. In Council of Europe, *Towards an Europe of shared social responsibilities. Challenges and strategies*, Trends in Social Cohesion, vol. 23, Strasbourg: Council of Europe.

Recent and main International Conference (participation as speaker)

July 23, 2024 – Conference: 10th ENCLE/ 21st IJCLE Conference on 22-24th July 2024, University of Amsterdam. Organized by: ENCLE, International Journal of Clinical Legal Education, University of Amsterdam. Presentation title: *The Legal Clinic Migration and Rights Confronted with the Changes in Migration and Asylum Policies: New Profiles of Discrimination and Violations; New Challenges for Clinical-legal Education*.

Novembre 15, 2023 – Conference - *Jornadas Internacionales sobre Clínicas Jurídicas y su Contribución a la Enseñanza del Derecho. Taller de Formación de Formadores en Educación Jurídica Clínica y Justicia Social*, La Habana, Cuba. Organized by: Instituto Raoul Wallenberg (RWI) en cooperación con la Universitat de València, la Universidad de la Habana y la Organización Nacional de Bufetes Colectivos. Presentation title: *Las clínicas jurídicas en Italia*

November 17, 2022 – Conference: *Atuação em Cortes Internacionais - CIDH (Corte Interamericana de Direitos Humanos) e CEDH (Corte Europeia de Direitos Humanos)*, Rio de Janeiro, Brasile, organized by Procuradoria Geral do Estado do Rio de Janeiro; Dipartimento di Scienze giuridiche da Universidade de Florença; Programa de Pós Graduação em Direito, Instituições e Negócios da UFF; o Programa de Pós Graduação em Direito da UCAM; Centro Interuniversitário L'Altro Diritto (University of Florence). Presentation title: *Human rights and the right to asylum*.

December 3, 2020 - *On the move. An Alternative Journey*. Ente organizzatore: New York University e Università di Palermo, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza. Presentation Title: *Introduction to the Q&A Section*.

February 19, 2020, Tunis. Project MIGRANTS. Master Degree in Migration Studies: Governance, Policies, and Cultures, Initial Workshop, organized by Project Migrants, University of Al Manar, Tunis. Presentation title: *The right to asylum crisis in the Mediterranean Region: challenges and perspectives*.

June 12, 2018, Evanston, Chicago. Evento: Convegno dal titolo *Rescuers, Traffickers, Smugglers? The Politics of Rescue and Ongoing Refugee Crises in Africa*". Organized by Northwestern University, Center for Forced Migration Studies. Presentation title: *Violating human rights under the pretext to protect them. The narrative on the fight against smuggling and trafficking in the EU and Italian policies on migration*.

May 15, 2018, Bruxelles. *Meeting - Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*. Organized by European Parliament, Directorate General for Internal Policies. Policy Department for Citizen's Rights and Constitutional Affairs. Women's Rights & Gender Equality. Presentation title "*The vulnerability to exploitation of women migrant workers in agriculture in the EU: the need for a Human Rights and Gender based approach*".