

I graduated at the University of Ferrara, with a thesis about the *Wrongful Life Action*, a starting point I used for an inquiry about the place people with disability occupy in the society. After my degree, I started my collaboration at the University of Ferrara (chair of Philosophy of Law and Sociology of Law), and currently I'm in the Editorial Board of the topic "Plural Islam", in the on-line Review "Jura Gentium – Journal of Philosophy of International Law and Global Politics", and I also contribute to the topic "Women, Law and Global Politics". I'm also interested in Gender and Women's Studies.

Research Project

The *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* is the first comprehensive human rights treaty of the 21st century: it is expression of a radical shift in the approaches to Persons with Disabilities, traditionally seen as an object of pity and charity. This shift (that is, seeing Persons with Disabilities as subjects, and no more as victims of a tragic destiny, and who can take pride by their disability) has been possible because of the action of various *Disability Rights Movements* in the Civil Society, and of *Disability Studies* in the academy, who challenge the liberal and individualist myth. Starting from a recognition of the historical exclusion of People with Disabilities, the inquiry aims to verify if – and how – has the mainstream philosophical thought considered Persons with Disabilities, and to explore the current debate on disability held especially in the Feminist Thought and in the *Disability Studies*: my initial thesis is that both these Critical Theories can (although in different ways) contribute to deconstruct the individualist myth.

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