

I graduated at the University of Palermo, with a thesis about *The responsibility of the States members of the EU for the violations of the human rights*, in which I analyzed the principle of equivalence and the judgment of the Court of justice, 3 September 2008, *Kadi et Al Baralaat International Foundation c. Conseil de l'Union et Commission des Communes européennes*, (aff. Jtes C-402/05 P et C-415/05).

The last year of the university I studied at the Saint Luis University of Bruxelles for....months during which I did an internship at the European Parliament.

After my degree, I started the PhD in "Human Rights: evolution, protection and limits" at the University of Palermo, with a thesis on the European Union law (*Protection of fundamental rights and relations between powers*).

In this year, 2012, I'm doing my research period at the Sorbonne-Pantheon I University of Paris for a total of six months. I'm starting as well my collaboration with the "D.U.I.T" online review, and with the Italian division of the French research group "Réseau académique sur la Charte sociale européenne".

In October 2012 I qualified as a lawyer.

Research Project

As time goes by, the concept of the separation of powers has been subject to different interpretations. In its first part, my study analyses both the concept of division of powers, trying to outline them, and the evolution of this concept in the passage from the rule of law to the constitutional rule of law. The second part of my thesis is dedicated to the analysis of the effects of the application of the principles to rule the relationship between the national legal order and the European legal order in the interne division of the powers.

I want to verify if the principle of the separation of powers - although today the legal orders contribute one to the other as a complex series of a partial system - is able to reproduce in the European contest the need for freedom and protection which is the basis of the elaboration of the Montesquieu's doctrine.

In fact I will verify in the last part of my work if in the sectors where the States have given to the European Union the competence to legislate, the relationship between the European institutions is articulated so to guarantee the need for democracy, too.