

The primary line of my research is based on the study of Human Rights with a particular focus on the rights of the child, in the light of the last UN Convention on the Rights of the child (1989).

I was awarded a master's degree in Law (cum laude) at Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca (supervisor Prof. Marta Cartabia). I am currently attending a Ph.D. in Human Rights at “Università degli Studi di Palermo” and I have a collaboration agreement with the Chair of Comparative Constitutional Law (Prof. Michele Carducci) at the Faculty of Political Science at “Università del Salento” . I am also collaborating with a magazine named “Quaderni Costituzionali” for the section “Note dall’Europa”.

Ph.D. Research Project

My Ph.D. project focuses on the analysis of the idea of the “Best interest of the Child” in the National and Supranational Law. After the introduction of the “Best interests of the Child” within the UN Convention on the Rights of the child in 1989, this notion went through a big conceptual change; in this complex hermeneutic work, the statements of the judges of the European Court of Human Rights gave a crucial contribution filling with content an abstract wording.

However, the little homogeneity of the Strasburg statements and the different use of the notion of “Best interests of the Child” in the local legislations within the European Countries require a deeper and systematic work of a jurisprudential and conceptual reconstruction. To this purpose all the inputs coming from the various supranational and local areas in the four continents will be very helpful to try and find the common and the discordant features of the different juridical traditions regarding the Best interests of the Child. Hopefully, that will become an interesting dialogue in order to get a renewed and concrete protection of the children.

Publications

In progress

V. Lorubbio, *The Best Interests of the Child in the E.C.H.R.*, in AA.VV, *Os Desafios Dos Direitos Humanos Fundamentais Na América Latina e Na Europa*, edited by Michele Carducci, UNOESC, Santa Catarina, 2012