

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2. CURRENT POSITIONS

- PhD Candidate in Criminal Law, University of Verona, Italy.
- Trainee Lawyer at Avv. Paola Gonzato, Verona, Italy.
- Teaching Assistant (“*Cultore della materia*”) for: Criminal Law 1, Elements of Criminal Law, Environmental Criminal Law, International Criminal Law, Juvenile and Family Criminal Law, University of Verona, Italy.
- Academic Tutor for Criminal Law 1, University of Verona, Italy.

3. EDUCATION IN ITALY AND ABROAD

- October 2025 – Present: PhD in Criminal Law, PhD in European and International Legal Sciences, 41st cycle, University of Verona.

(Supervisor: Prof. I. Salvadori. Co-supervisor: Prof. Octavio García Pérez, Universidad de Malaga. PhD Thesis Topic: The Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Commission and Prevention of Environmental Crimes: Dogmatic and Policy-Criminal Perspectives).

- September 2019 – October 2024: Master’s degree in Law (5 years), University of Verona.

(Thesis (written and defended in English): Dual-Use AI Technology and Criminal Law: An Analysis of AI Tools for Illegal Activities and Crime Prevention; Supervisor: Prof. I. Salvadori).

- September 2014 – July 2019: Liceo Scientifico A.M. Roveggio, Cologna Veneta (VR).

4. STUDY AND RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD

- April 2024 – July 2024: 4-month study and research period at *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*, Munich, Germany, funded by the European Erasmus+ program for study and thesis research.
- September 2022 – May 2023: 9-month study period at *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*, Madrid, Spain, funded by the Erasmus+ program.

- July 2022: Summer School in International Criminal Law, Leiden University, The Hague, the Netherlands.

5. KEY ACADEMIC AND TRAINING EXPERIENCES IN ITALY AND ABROAD

- September 2020 – January 2021: Participation in the Criminal Law Legal Clinic, Department of Law, University of Verona.

- Participation and completion of TALC courses on soft skills, University of Verona:

Intercultural and Intergroup Communication (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

Cooperative Learning as an Effective Method for Group Management (12 hours, 2 ECTS);

Cyber-Gender Violence: Platform Crime in “The Social Dilemma” (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

Human Rights: Whose Are They? What Are They? What Are They For? (6 hours, 1 ECTS);

International Criminal Justice and Law of Armed Conflicts (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

Combating Organized Crime and Narco-Mafias in Spain and Latin America (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

Life in Prison Between Myths and Reality. A Journey Inside the Prison Walls (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

Negotiation, Mediation and Diplomacy: Preventing and Resolving Conflicts (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

Effective Public Speaking: The Role of Non-Verbal Communication (6 hours, 1 ECTS);

Public Speaking II (12 hours, 2 ECTS);

Public Speaking I (6 hours, 1 ECTS);

Development of Relational, Interpersonal and Collaborative Skills Through Cross-Language Understanding (18 hours, 3 ECTS);

“Mens Rea”: Neuroimaging the Criminal Mind (6 hours, 1 ECTS).

- Online training certifications:

IX National Negotiation Competition Training, ELSA Italy;

I National Legal Debate Intensive Training, ELSA Italy;

CS50’s Computer Science for Lawyers, HarvardX;

Professional Certificate in Leadership and Communication, HarvardX;

Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasive Writing and Public Speaking, HarvardX;

Exercising Leadership: Foundational Principles, HarvardX;

Fundamentals of Digital Marketing, Google Digital Training.

- Virtual experience programs from law firms and companies:

Latham & Watkins LLP Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022;

Mastercard Cybersecurity Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022;

Baker McKenzie Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022;

Clifford Chance Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022;

Herbert Smith Freehills Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022;

Hogan Lovells Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022;

Leo Cussen Centre for Law Virtual Experience Program Participant 2022.

6. WORK AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- April 2025 – Present: Trainee Lawyer, Avv. Paola Gonzato, Verona, Italy.
- March 2025 – September 2025: Trial Support Assistant, Defense Team of Mr. Jakup Krasniqi, Kosovo Specialist Chambers, The Hague, the Netherlands.
- October 2024 – February 2025: Legal Intern, Defense Team of Mr. Jakup Krasniqi, Kosovo Specialist Chambers, The Hague, the Netherlands.
- December 2023 – March 2024: Legal Intern, Clifford Chance LLP, Milan, Italy.
- September 2023 – December 2023: Legal Intern, Studio Legale Galli Righi, Verona, Italy.

7. TUTORING AND TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- September 2025 – Present: Academic Tutor for Criminal Law 1, University of Verona; funded by Department of Law.
- January 2025 – Present: Teaching Assistant (“*Cultore della materia*”), Department of Law, University of Verona; Courses: Criminal Law 1, Elements of Criminal Law, International Criminal Law, Juvenile and Family Criminal Law, Environmental Criminal Law; supervision: Prof. I. Salvadori.
- January 2025 – September 2025: Academic Tutor, Criminal Law 1 and Elements of Criminal Law; orientation activities under Prof. I. Salvadori; funded by POT VALE PLUS project and MUR.
- November 2024 – Present: Assistance in teaching, research and thesis support (including English-language theses) under Prof. I. Salvadori.
- November 2023 – September 2024: Academic Tutor for Criminal Law 1; orientation activities under Prof. I. Salvadori; funded by Department of Law.

8. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION

- January 2025 – July 2025: Orientation activities for high school students, University of Verona, under Prof. I. Salvadori; POT VALE PLUS project.

9. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 28 April and 5 May 2025: Seminars with Prof. Ivan Salvadori, Security and Defence Studies Lab 2024/25 “The War between Politics, History, and Law”, University of Verona, under the supervision of Prof. I. Salvadori and Prof. Olivia Guaraldo.

10. MOOT COURT EXPERIENCE

- January 2024 – March 2024: Coach, II National Legal Debate, ELSA Italy.
- September 2023 – October 2023: IX National Negotiation Competition, ELSA Italy, Turin, Italy.
(Award: *Best Negotiator, elimination round*).
- November 2022 – June 2023: IBA International Criminal Court Moot, The Hague, the Netherlands, University of Verona Team.
- December 2022 – March 2023: I National Legal Debate, ELSA Italy, Cagliari, Italy.
- October 2022 – April 2023: Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna, Austria, University of Verona Team.
- August 2022 – December 2022: Cross Examination Moot, Paris (online), University of Verona Team.

11. PARTICIPATION AS SPEAKER IN CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

- Presentation titled “*I risvolti giuridici relativi al fenomeno della fast fashion tra economia circolare, tutela dell’ambiente e caporalato*”, at the Circular Economy Workshop, Sustainable Art Prize “*Indesiderate*” (Scientific Supervisor: Prof. N. Frison), Polo Santa Marta, University of Verona, 22 October 2025.
- Presentation titled “*Dissenso: Libertà o reato?*”, Preview of the Festival “*Parole di giustizia in aula*”, organized by the University of Urbino (Scientific Supervisor: Prof. Chiara Gabrielli), Liceo Mengaroni, Pesaro, 10 October 2025.
- Presentation titled “*Reati ambientali e selettività penale: tra silenzi istituzionali e disuguaglianze ecologiche*”, International Conference “*Le trasformazioni del controllo sociale. Cinquant’anni di studi sulla questione criminale*”, Department of Law, University of Bologna, Bologna, 26 September 2025.
- Presentation titled “*Ambiente e Intelligenza Artificiale: le nuove transizioni*”, Conference “*Transizioni sociali, ambientali e digitali*”, European Researchers’ Night at University Penitentiary Campuses, CNUPP and University of Verona, Montorio Prison (Verona), 25 September 2025.
- Presentation titled “*El uso de la Inteligencia Artificial en la comisión y en la prevención de los delitos ambientales*”, Italian-Spanish Seminar “*Teoria del reato e scienza penale: uno sguardo comparato*”, Department of Law, University of Verona, 8 September 2025.

12. PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- October 2025 – Present: Participation in the project “*Scacco matto all’azzardo*”, at Montorio Prison (Verona), directed by Prof. I. Salvadori, University of Verona.
- October 2025 – Present: Participation in the project “*SCAMBIAMOLO*”, co-funded by the University of Verona and *Fondazione Cariverona*, directed by Prof. I. Salvadori, University of Verona.
- October 2025 – Present: Participation in the national research project “*Indagine sui minori in messa alla prova*”, Ministry of Justice and network of Italian Universities (Verona unit supervisor: Prof. I. Salvadori).

13. THIRD MISSION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Presentation at the seminar “*Moda e rifiuti tessili: aspetti ambientali, sociali e normativi della fast fashion*”, Centro riuso creativo of Verona, 5 November 2025.
- Presentation at the seminar “*I lati oscuri della moda: inquinamento e caporalato*”, Centro riuso creativo of Verona, 30 October 2025.

14. SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- DI DONATO M., *Diritto penale e Intelligenza Artificiale: minaccia o opportunità per la giustizia?*, in *Diritto penale e tecnologia*, Elsa Italy Legal Research Group, Lex Iuris, 2025 (forthcoming).
- DI DONATO M., GUERINI C., *Sostenibilità ambientale in Italia: tra parallelismo internazionale, innovazione e problema autorizzatorio*, in *Elsa Italy Law Review*, I, 2025, pp. 317-352; available at: <https://shop.lexiuris.it/prodotto/elsa-italy-law-review-ed-2025-versione-cartacea/>.
- DI DONATO M., *Le armi autonome nei crimini di guerra: elemento soggettivo e vuoto legislativo*, in *Elsa Italy Law Review*, I, 2024, pp. 71-88; available at: <https://shop.lexiuris.it/prodotto/elsa-italy-law-review-vol-1/>.

15. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- DI DONATO M., *AI Training, Data Centers, and the Right to a Healthy Environment: The Case of xAI in Memphis*, Oxford Human Rights Hub, 10 novembre 2025, disponibile alla pagina web: <https://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/ai-training-data-centers-and-the-right-to-a-healthy-environment-the-case-of-xai-in-memphis/>.
- DI DONATO M., GIOVINAZZO S., *Forever Chemicals, Human Rights, and Corporate Accountability: Reflections from the Miteni Case*, Business and Human Rights Journal Blog, 24 settembre 2025, disponibile alla pagina web: <https://bhrj.blog/2025/09/24/forever-chemicals-human-rights-and-corporate-accountability-reflections-from-the-miteni-case/>.
- DI DONATO M., *The Special Tribunal for The Gambia: A Regional Experiment in Transitional Justice and Its Challenges*, EJIL:Talk!, 8 settembre 2025, disponibile alla pagina web: <https://www.ejiltalk.org/the-special-tribunal-for-the-gambia-a-regional-experiment-in-transitional-justice-and-its-challenges/>. Republished in *The Gambia Journal*, available at: <https://gambiaj.com/the-special-tribunal-for-the-gambia-a-regional-experiment-in-transitional-justice-and-its-challenges/>.

16. ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARIAT ROLES FOR CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

- Member of the Organizing Secretariat, Conference titled “*Globalizzazione economica e nuove forme di caporalato tra prevenzione contrasto*”, Department of Law, University of Verona, 3 December 2025.
- Member of the Organizing Secretariat, Conference titled “*I giovani tra disagio e devianza*”, Department of Law, University of Verona, 19 November 2025.
- Member of the Organizing Secretariat, Conference titled “*La recente riforma dei reati contro gli animali: luci e ombre*”, Department of Law, University of Verona, 29 October 2025.

- Member of the Organizing Secretariat, Italian-Spanish Seminar titled “*Teoria del reato e scienza penale: uno sguardo comparato*”, Department of Law, University of Verona, 8 September 2025.
- Organizing Secretariat for the Professional Development and Advanced Training Course in “*Tutela penale dell’ambiente, del paesaggio e del territorio*”, Department of Law, University of Verona.

17. LANGUAGES

- Italian: Native
- English: C1
- Spanish: C1
- German: A2

18. AWARDS

- Best Negotiator, Elimination Round, IX National Negotiation Competition, Turin, ELSA Italy, 2023.

19. DIGITAL SKILLS

- Daily professional and academic use of PC.
- Advanced MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Proficient with Internet, Zoom, Meet, Wooclap, Mentimeter, LimeSurvey, etc.

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