

## **Ingrid Nifosi-Sutton**

### **Work Experience**

Adjunct Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University (2007-present). Currently teaching: Gender, Cultural Differences and Human Rights. Other responsibilities include: conducting research; supervising and evaluating research projects; and mentoring students. Courses taught: International Protection of Vulnerable Groups; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; International Disaster Response Law; and International Law.

Research Assistant to Ambassador Hussein Hassouna, member of the UN International Law Commission (February 2009-August 2009).

Coach of the René Cassin Moot Court Competition, Washington College of Law, American University (fall semester 2006).

Teaching Fellow in Master's Programme at the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy (1 September 2005 – 31 March 2006). Responsibilities included teaching the rolling seminar on International Law and conducting research on the impact of the activities of the European Parliament in the field of human rights outside the European Union.

Researcher at the Institute for Development Policy and Management of the University of Antwerp, Belgium (February 2005 – August 2005). Main focus of research: political transition in Rwanda.

Teaching Assistant in Master's Programme at the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy (1 September 2004 – 31 January 2005). Responsibilities included teaching the rolling seminar on International Law and conducting research on the UN Special Procedures in the Field of Human Rights.

Visiting Residential Fellow at the Center for Civil and Human Rights of the University of Notre Dame Law School (August 2003-February 2004). Conducted research on: High-Ranking State Officials' Jurisdictional Immunity and the Principle of Individual Liability for International Crimes Involving Grave Violations of Human Rights. Taught classes on Humanitarian Law, and Accountability for Gross Violations of Human Rights.

Research Assistant, International Training Programme for Conflict Management, Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna, Pisa, Italy (1 June – 30 September 2002). Responsibility included providing administrative support to the Training Programme and preparation of reading materials for the Programme's courses.

## Education

Doctorate of Law with highest distinction in Public International Law/Human Rights Law, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (4 July 2002). Dissertation topic: The UN Special Procedures in the Field of Human Rights.

Master in International Human Rights Law, University of Essex, UK (15 September 1999).  
Classes taken: International Human Rights Law, Refugee Law, International Trade and Human Rights, International Criminal Law, Economic Social and Cultural Rights, and Comparative Law and Human Rights.

Graduated *Summa cum laude* in Political Sciences, University of Pisa, Italy (2 March 1998).

## Invited Speaker/Lectures

“The Protection of vulnerable groups in times of disasters,” lecture for graduate students, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy, (24 November, 2021).

“The Long Haul: a reflection on the life of Nigel Rodley and the future of human rights,” presentation as panelist at the Washington College of Law SAB Lecture Series (12 February 2020).

“The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women’s General Recommendation No. 37 (on the gender related dimension of disaster risk reduction, including in the context of climate change),” presentation as lecturer at the Washington College of Law SAB Lecture Series (18 October 2019).

“The Crisis in Puerto Rico: How Implementation of the Human Rights-Based Approach to Disaster Management Would Have Made a Difference,” presentation as panelist at the Washington College of Law event on the management of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico (3 April 2018).

“Can International Law Save Us from Natural Disasters?” presentation as panelist at the ASIL annual meeting (10 April 2014).

“The Execution of the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights,” presentation as panelist at the Washington College of Law Conference on *Reparations in the Inter-American System: A Comparative Perspective* (6 March 2007).

Lecture for the Master Degree Program in Human Rights and Conflict Management of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (24 March 2004). Topic: “The Supervision of Human Rights Protection: The UN Conventional and Extra-Conventional Mechanisms.”

Lecture for the Master Degree Program in Human Rights and Conflict Management of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (13 May 2003). Topic: “The Supervision of Human Rights Protection: The UN Conventional and Extra-Conventional Mechanisms.”

Delivered lectures to civil servants within the framework of the Regional Project on European Community Law and European Institutions sponsored by Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (June 2002).

Cycle of lectures on international human rights law delivered to both undergraduate and postgraduate students, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (1999-2002).

### **Fellowships and Grants**

Visiting Residential Fellow at the Center for Civil and Human Rights of the University of Notre Dame Law School (August 2003-February 2004).

Alternate Candidate, Fulbright Fellowship (2003-2004).

### **Publications**

#### Works in Progress

“Human Rights Monitoring Bodies and the Advancement of Women Affected by Climate Change,” law review article.

#### Latest Publications

“Realizing the Right to Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Antidote to the Pandemic and the Catalyst for Fulfilling A Long-Neglected Social Right?,” *Yearbook of International Disaster Law*, Volume 3, (2020).

“Human Rights and Covid-19 Responses: Challenges, Advantages, And an Unexpected Opportunity,” 24 *Human Rights Brief Special Joint COVID-19 Issue* (September 2020), available at: <http://www.healthlawpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/HLPB-HRB-Special-Joint-COVID-19-Issue.pdf>.

*The Protection of Vulnerable Groups under International Human Rights Law*, Routledge, 2019 (first published 2017), ISBN: 9780367266837 (pbk); ISBN: 9781138838420 (hbk); ISBN: 97813157344354 (ebk).

#### Books

*The UN Special Procedures in the Field of Human Rights*, Intersentia, 2006, ISBN: 90-5095-512-6.

#### Book Chapters

“A Human Rights-Based Vulnerability Paradigm: Lessons from the Case of Displaced Women in Post-Quake Haiti,” in *Routledge Handbook of Human Rights and Disasters*, Sommaro E. et Al. (eds.), Routledge, March 2018, ISBN: 978113806991(hbk), ISBN:9781315115238 (ebk), Chapter 18.

“Contour of Disaster Victims’ Rights to a Remedy and Reparation under International Human Rights Law,” in *International Disaster Response Law*, de Guttry A. et Al. (eds.), TMC Asser Press, ISBN 978-90-6704-881-1, September 2012, 415-440.

“The System of the UN Special Procedures: Some Proposals for Change,” in *New Challenges for the UN Human Rights Machinery*, Bassiouni M.C. and Schabas W.A. (eds.), Intersentia, ISBN 978-1-78068-055-2, 2011, 389-417.

(with Carmen Márquez Carrasco) “From the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council,” in *International Human Rights Law in a Global Context*, Gómez Isa F. and de Feyter K. (eds.), University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, ISBN 978-84-9830-190-8, 2009, 237-268.

“Human Rights Impact Assessment: Analytical Considerations and EU Trends;” “European Commission. Summary of Key Analytical Steps in Impact Assessment;” “Indicators of Impact;” “Effects of EP Resolutions on International Law and EU Constitutional Law. The Example of the International Criminal Court;” and “Assessing Follow-Up on EP Recommendations by the Council and the Commission –Methodological Problems and Examples from EP Annual Report 2004;” in *Beyond Activism. The Impact of the Resolutions and Other Activities of the European Parliament in the Field of Human Rights outside the European Union*. Study Commissioned by the European Parliament to the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, (Venice, Italy), EP/ExPOL/B/2005-15, October 2006.

“Do the Conditions of Detention at Guantanamo Bay Amount to Torture or Other Inhuman and Degrading Treatment?” in *Oltre la Reazione. Complessità e Limiti nella Lotta al Terrorismo Internazionale*, (Beyond the Reaction. Complexity and Limits of the Struggle against International Terrorism), de Guttry A. (ed.), ETS, ISBN 88-467-0672-2, March 2003, 365-390.

“The Pinochet Case in a Critical Perspective,” in *Le Nuove Sfide della Protezione Internazionale dei Diritti Umani*, (New Challenges to International Protection of Human Rights), de Guttry A. (ed.), ETS, ISBN 88-467-0525-4, February 2002, 273-290.

## Articles

“Ineffectual Disaster Management in Puerto Rico: How The Human Rights-Based Approach Would Have Made a Difference,” *Human Rights Brief*, 30 July 2018, available at <http://hrbrief.org/2018/07/ineffectual-disaster-management-in-puerto-rico-how-the-human-rights-based-approach-would-have-made-a-difference/>.

- “The Power of the European Court of Human Rights to Order Specific Non-Monetary Relief: a Critical Appraisal from a Right-to-Health Perspective,” *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, Volume 23, spring 2010, 51-73.
- (with Carmen Márquez Carrasco) “The UN Human Rights Council: Reviewing Its First Year,” *Yearbook on Humanitarian Action and Human Rights*, University of Deusto, Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights, 2008, 101-123
- (with Fernanda Nicola) “Assessing Regional Cooperation: New Trends Before the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice,” *Human Rights Brief*, Volume 15, Issue 1, fall 2007, 11-15.
- (with Santiago A. Canton , *et Al.*) “Compliance with Decisions on Reparations: Inter-American and European Human Rights Systems,” *American University Law Review*, Volume 56, No. 6, 2007, 1456-1459.
- “A New Conceptual Framework for Political Transitions. A Case-Study on Rwanda,” *L’Afrique Des Grands Lacs, Annuaire 2004-2005*, 71-94.
- “The UN Special Procedures in the Field of Human Rights: Institutional History, Practice and Conceptual Framework,” *Yearbook on Humanitarian Action and Human Rights*, University of Deusto, Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights, 2005, 131-178.

## **Blog Posts**

- “On Mandela’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday,” 18 July 2018, available at [iustitiae.io](http://iustitiae.io).
- “A New Role for Women and Girls in the Context of Disaster Management: the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women’s General Recommendation N0. 37,” 30 April 2018, available at [iustitiae.io](http://iustitiae.io).
- “The Crisis in Puerto Rico: How Implementation of the Human Rights-Based Approach to Disaster Management Would Have Made a Difference,” 27 February 2018, available at [iustitiae.io](http://iustitiae.io).
- “The Persistence of Extreme Poverty in the US: Recent Findings of the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights,” 5 February 2018, available at [iustitiae.io](http://iustitiae.io).

## **Internships**

- International Service for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (March-May 2000).
- UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Pisa, Italy (May-June 1998).  
Responsibilities included assisting the logistic co-ordination of the Afghan earthquake response and relief for vulnerable groups in Kosovo.

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (June 1997). Responsibilities included delivering training to Italian Observers of OSCE Electoral Monitoring Missions.

### **Other Experiences**

Attended general training seminar on "Election Observation – A Common European Approach," organized by the Swedish Agency for Development and Cooperation (SIDA), Pisa, Italy (12-15 October 2001).

Observer at the UN Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (March-April 2000).

Co-coordinator of the Summer Work Camp of the International Civil Service at Wood Church Community Centre, Birkenhead, Wirral, UK (August 1998).

Summer Work Camps of the International Civil Service at Wood Church Community Centre, Birkenhead, Wirral, UK (August 1996, August 1997).

Member of the Pisa section of Amnesty International (October 1995-May 1996).

### **Language Proficiency**

English: Fluent.

Italian: Native speaker.

French: Good.

Spanish: basic.