

# Alberto Pasquero, PhD

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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February 2020 to present – University of Milan “Statale” (Milano, Italy)

### University professor (contracted)

- Professor in charge of a 60-hour course on International Humanitarian Law, including a 20-hour module on international criminal law and a 40-hour module on Refugee Law.
- Key topics of interest include human rights of migrants, trafficking in human beings, "externalisation" of borders and interplay between organised crime and migration

January 2019 to present: self-employed (Torino, Italy)

### Asylum and criminal lawyer

- Self-employed lawyer, assisting asylum seekers and migrants in refugee status determination cases, criminal cases and ECHR litigation.
- As member of Italy-wide association of migration lawyers [ASGI](#), contributing to joint strategic litigation initiatives before domestic and international courts (including the ECHR) and advocacy actions such as conferences, publications and training of legal professionals on asylum and migration law.

September 2017 to December 2018 – UNHCR (Sicily-wide, Italy)

### Eligibility expert

- As UNHCR representative in the commissions for international protection, interviewed applicants (approximately 400) including THB victims, unaccompanied minors, torture survivors.
- Took part in panel decisions on applications and drafted decisions containing assessment of applicant's credibility and analysis of international, EU and Italian asylum law;
- Trained newly appointed employees of the Ministry of Interior.

July 2015 to September 2017 - OSCE Mission to Serbia

### Organized crime programme manager

- Developed programmes and managed all OSCE projects (approx. EUR 2M/year) aimed at strengthening professionalism, accountability and efficiency of police and prosecution offices in Serbia.
- Cornerstone projects included training law enforcement and prosecutors on corruptive offences and money laundering; IT solutions for the organized crime prosecution office; operational support to police in transnational investigations.
- Managed a team of two international and four local staff.

January 2014 to July 2015 - OSCE Mission to Serbia

### Project co-ordinator, “*Support to monitoring of national war crimes trials*”

- Led the research team that wrote [public reports](#) highlighting violations of key rights both of victims and the accused.
- Planned and implemented a 25-day course for local NGOs on international criminal law, fair trial rights and trial monitoring.
- Managed the entire project, including budgets, a team of four local staff and relations with three implementing partners.

November 2008 to December 2014 - European Union Rule of Law Mission to Kosovo (EULEX)

### Legal Officer of the Special Prosecution Office

- Assisted two EULEX Prosecutors in over 60 complex investigations and 15 trials, each with multiple defendants, for organized crime, war crimes, and terrorism.
- Actively participated in interviews of hundreds of witnesses/injured parties, dozens of defendants, two co-operative witnesses and numerous protected witnesses; interviewed witnesses in Kosovo and abroad.
- Provided instructions, guidance and training on domestic and international law to 30 police investigators and analysts.

June 2007 to November 2008 - OSCE Mission in Kosovo

### **Legal Analyst (Trial Monitoring)**

- Based on reports received by eight court monitors, assessed compliance of Kosovo criminal trials with domestic law and international human rights standards;
- Drafted 18 monthly reports and three thematic reports (such as "[\*A legal analysis of trafficking in human beings cases in Kosovo\*](#)"), highlighting violations and recommending sustainable solutions to the Kosovo judiciary.

September 2006 to April 2007 - OSCE Mission in Kosovo

### **Legal System Monitor**

July 2005 to June 2006 - Centre for Studies on Federalism (Turin, Italy)

### **Researcher**

October 2002 to March 2005 - Civardi and associates Law Firm (Pavia, Italy)

### **Assistant defence counsel**

## **MAIN CONSULTANCY WORK**

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### **February-August 2022 – OSCE Secretariat/CPC (home-based)**

Continuous legal assistance in compiling and/or reviewing inputs for a **regional report on organized crime and corruption cases** in five SEE field operations; providing training and guidance on trial monitoring methodologies and substantive topics of criminal law; consolidating inputs and drafting a regional report containing qualitative and quantitative analyses.

### **September 2022-ongoing – OSCE Mission to Serbia (home-based)**

Drafted an assessment of the work of **specialized court departments for combating corruption** in Serbia.

### **September 2022 – OSCE Mission to Kosovo (Prizren, Kosovo)**

Delivered a two-day training for trial monitors on **advanced trial monitoring methodologies and analysis techniques**.

### **May 2022 – OSCE Secretariat/TNTD (Rome, Italy)**

Drafted a regional report on **asset re-use best practices** in five SEE countries; assisted in organizing and moderated a regional event on re-use of confiscated assets.

### **July 2022 – European Public Law Organization - EPLO (home-based)**

Delivered a two-day **Training of Trainers for prosecutors and judges** of the MENA region on THB, migrant smuggling, and narcotics trafficking

### **June 2022 – European Public Law Organization - EPLO (Athens, Greece)**

Delivered a three-day training to prosecutors and judges of the MENA region on **THB, migrant smuggling, and narcotics** (including through the use of international legal assistance, special investigative techniques and asset recovery)

### **November-December 2021 – UNDP Palestine (home-based)**

Developed standards and indicators for monitoring of **juvenile justice and violence against women cases** by a Coalition of Palestinian CSOs.

### **October 2021 – ODIHR (home-based)**

Took part in a webinar on **functional independence of prosecutors in Eastern and Central Europe**, peer-reviewed two expert inputs and drafted a webinar report.

### **June-September 2021 – OSCE Secretariat/TNTD (home-based)**

Drafted a regional comparative report on **asset seizure practices** in five SEE countries.

### **May-October 2021 – OSCE Mission to Serbia (home-based)**

Drafted an assessment of the work of four **specialized Prosecution departments for combating corruption** in Serbia.

### **February-April 2021 – ODIHR (home-based)**

Designed, organised and delivered two **training modules on Organized Crime and Corruption** cases in five SEE countries.

### **February-April 2021 – ODIHR (home-based)**

Wrote a Legal Reference Manual (approx. 100 pages) containing guidance on international and domestic standards on prosecution and adjudication of **Organized Crime and Corruption cases in five South East Europe countries**.

### **October 2020-June 2021 – OSCE Secretariat/TNTD (home-based)**

Designed, organised and moderated four online workshops on **social re-use of assets confiscated in organised crime** proceedings for key justice system stakeholders and CSOs representatives from BiH and Serbia.

### **December 2020 and August 2022 – European Network on Statelessness (home-based)**

Updated the Italian part of the "Statelessness Index" on rights of stateless persons in Italy for 2020 and 2022.

**August-December 2020 – UNDP Palestine (home-based)**

In-depth reviewing and rewriting of two trial monitoring reports drafted by a Coalition of Palestinian CSOs; comprehensive assessment report of the Trial Monitoring project carried out by the Coalition.

**March-September 2020 – OSCE Secretariat (home-based)**

Based on a desk review of 20 court decisions on **asset seizure and confiscation** by the Organised Crime Department of the Belgrade High Court, wrote a comprehensive report assessing their compliance with efficiency and fair trial standards.

**August-December 2019 – OSCE Mission to Serbia (home-based)**

Drafted the follow-up OSCE report on **monitoring of war crimes cases** held before the Special Court in Belgrade between 2015 and 2019.

**August-November 2019 – The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (home-based)**

Drafted a regional report on illicit trade in South East Europe, based on twelve national assessments.

**June 2019 – OSCE (Bucharest, Romania)**

Co-organizer and moderator of the Fifth meeting of the **Permanent Conference of Organized Crime Prosecutors**.

**November 2018 – UNDP Palestine (Ramallah and Gaza)**

Trained members of Palestinian civil society and lawyers' bar on trial monitoring methodologies.

**August 2018 – OSCE Transnational Threats Department (home-based)**

Drafted Extra budgetary project "Strengthening the fight against transnational organized crime in South East Europe through improved regional cooperation in asset seizure, confiscation, management and re-use".

**2015 - B&S Europe (Belgrade, Serbia)**

Drafted of the manual on best practices in the implementation of the new Serbian Criminal Procedure Code.

**2014 - B&S Europe (Belgrade, Serbia)**

Evaluated the first training cycle of the EU-funded project "*Implementation of the new Serbian Code of Criminal procedure*" and produced a report with key recommendations for improvement.

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**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

October 2002 to March 2006 - University of Milano "Statale" (Italy)

**Ph.D. in Public International Law** (Dissertation on international cooperation in criminal matters)

November 1996 to March 2002 - University of Pavia (Italy)

**Law degree** (specialization in criminal law and public international law. Thesis on the case-law of the ICTY)

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Article:** Anche la Cedu chiude ai visti umanitari" ("Also the ECHR shuts the door to humanitarian visas"), in *Questione Giustizia*, 2020.

**Article:** "La Comunicazione alla Corte Penale Internazionale sulle responsabilità dei leader europei per crimini contro l'umanità commessi nel Mediterraneo e in Libia. Una lettura critica" (*The Communication to the International Criminal Court on European leaders' responsibility for crimes against humanity in the Mediterranean and in Libya*), in *Diritto, Immigrazione e Cittadinanza*, 2020. [Link](#).

**Article:** "Gli strumenti penali alla prova dei crimini di guerra" (*Criminal law tools and war crimes challenges*), in Veglio et al., *L'attualità del male*, Torino, 2018.

**Article:** "Criminalità organizzata in Kosovo e comunità internazionale" (*Organized crime in Kosovo and international community*), in *Rivista di Studi e Ricerche sulla Criminalità Organizzata*, Milan, 2018.

**Article:** "Bureau du Procureur pour Crimes de Guerre (Serbie)" in *Dictionnaire encyclopédique de la justice pénale internationale*, Paris, 2017.

**Series of articles:** "Un an de droit pénal international" (*A year of International criminal law*), in *Revue de Droit Penal* (2013, 2014 and 2015 editions).

**Book:** "Mutuo riconoscimento delle decisioni penali: prove di federalismo. Modello europeo e statunitense a confronto" (*Mutual recognition of criminal decisions and federalism: a comparison between the European and the United States systems*), 326 pages, Milan, October 2007.

**Article:** "Il mutuo riconoscimento delle decisioni penali nel mandato d'arresto europeo e nella *rendition* statunitense" (*Mutual recognition of criminal decisions in the European arrest warrant and in the US rendition procedure*), in *Rivista di diritto internazionale privato e processuale*, issue no. 4/2005.

## RECENT PUBLIC LECTURING

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**October 2022 – Lampedusa (Italy):** Seminar on the right to leave one's country in international human rights law

**June 2021 and June 2022 – ISPI (Milan, Italy):** Master class on "climate refugees" at the course for diplomatic career preparation

**October 2021 – Child Friendly Justice European Network:** presentation on challenges faced by unaccompanied foreign minors in the Italian criminal justice system

**March 2021 – CESPI:** Presentation on smuggling of migrants along the Balkan route

**April 2018- November 2021 – University of Milan:** Annual master classes on Organized crime and Trafficking in human beings

**May 2019 – Sabir festival, Lecce:** Presentation on Safe Countries of Origin concept under the new Italian law on refugees

**March 2019 – UNICRI, Torino:** Master class on "Transitional justice in post-conflict situations: monitoring of war-crime trials"

**February 2019 – ASGI, Catania:** Presentation on accelerated procedures under the new Italian law on refugees

**February 2019 – Contromafie festival, Trieste:** Presentation on organized crime exploitation of migrants along the Balkan route

**May 2018 – Bar association in Turin:** Presentation on crimes against humanity in in Libyan detention camps

**April 2018 – University of Pavia:** Lecture on organized crime in Kosovo ten years after the declaration of independence

**November 2016 and November 2017 – University of Milan:** Master class on organized crime in Serbia and Kosovo

**2007 to 2016 – University of Pavia:** Annual lectures on transitional justice and international law

## RECENT SPECIALIZATION COURSES

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2021-ongoing: Specialization school on migration law

2020-2021: School for ex officio defence counsel – *Bar association (Torino, Italy)*

April 2018: Intensive course on inclusion in refugee law - *EASO (Rome, Italy)*

August-September 2017: Summer school on migration studies – *IOM (Prague)*

March 2017: Intensive management course "Leading for success" (*OSCE - Vienna*)

January 2017: Intensive course on international protection of asylum seekers and migrants - *ASGI (Rome, Italy)*

January 2015: "EU IPA Funds Project Cycle Management" (*ECORYS - Belgrade, Serbia*)

August 2011: "Salzburg Law school on International criminal law" (*Salzburg, Austria*)

March 2008: "Transitional Justice Essentials" - *International Centre for Transitional Justice (Paris, France)*

June 2006: "The doctrinal basis and characteristics of International Criminal Law" (*ISISC - Siracusa, Italy*)

## LANGUAGES

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| • English (fluent)                  | • Spanish (good)          |
| • French (fluent)                   | • Albanian (fair)         |
| • Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (fluent) | • Italian (mother tongue) |