

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFILE

I have nearly ten years of academic and research experience in international law, gained through my work as a PhD candidate and postdoctoral researcher. My work has primarily centred on international human rights law, climate change law, and disaster risk management. My monograph on these subjects has been published by Springer Nature in June 2025. My latest research focuses particularly on human rights-based climate change litigation, supported by active collaborations with international research networks. At the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, I have contributed to research, teaching and seminar activities within the international law research team and the interdisciplinary center on sustainability and climate. I have also spent significant time abroad as a visiting researcher. Previously, I worked as a research assistant to a member of the International Law Commission and Special Rapporteur on the 'Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters' and as a Blue Book trainee at DG ECHO (European Commission), where I contributed to the implementation of the 'rescEU initiative'.

WORK EXPERIENCE

November
2021–
present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in International Law

DIRPOLIS Institute, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (SSSA), Pisa, Italy

- ❖ Grant acquisition and management of three research projects:
 - [EUMA](#) "Creating a EUropean Higher Education Network for MAster's Programmes in Disaster Risk Management", funded by DG ECHO, European Commission (Jan 2024-ongoing)
 - Developing a joint interdisciplinary European Master Programme on International Disaster Management;
 - Organising six international workshops and two summer schools to test teaching contents and methods for the new Master's programme (two hosted at SSSA);
 - Writing an edited Handbook on Disaster Risk Management serving as the programme's textbook (responsible for the section on "The International Legal Framework for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Activities").
 - [F-LAWS](#) "Preventing and Managing Flood Events: A Technical-Legal Analysis of the Implementation of the Legislation on Hydrological Instability in Italy", funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (Jan 2022-Dec 2023)
 - Prepared and released a report on flood prevention in Italy;
 - Authored an academic interdisciplinary article (forthcoming);
 - Presented at an international conference on flood prevention and management.
 - [EIHRSDS](#), Jean Monnet Module "European and International Human Rights Standards in Disaster Settings", funded by the European Commission (Oct 2021-Oct 2023)
 - Organised three summer school editions and various online and in-person workshops;
 - Published academic articles on human rights standards in disaster settings.
- ❖ Collaborated on other research projects within the international law research area:
 - [HELP](#), "Health Emergencies and Legal Preparedness", funded by Italian Ministry of University and Research (Oct 2023-ongoing)
 - [EIHRSCaD](#), Jean Monnet Chair "European and International Human Rights Standards in Conflicts and Disasters", funded by the European Commission (Oct 2023-ongoing)
 - [AfricaConnect](#), a SSSA framework project (Jul 2021-ongoing)
- ❖ Co-Coordinator of the Seasonal Schools "[Climate Change and Human Rights](#) – New Developments in Law, Litigation and Beyond" (July 2023) and "[Climate Change and International Law](#): Interdisciplinary Perspectives" (July 2022)
- ❖ Teaching engagement across PhD, Master's, graduate and undergraduate levels at SSSA and other universities (see "Teaching activities" below)
- ❖ Acted as thesis supervisor, lecturer, graduation commission member, and selection committee member for the [Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management](#), and as Co-Supervisor of the PhD candidate in Law Alice Murgier, SSSA
- ❖ Served as an Observer, as part of the SSSA Delegation, at the UN Climate Change Conferences (COP26, Glasgow 2021, and COP27, Sharm el-Sheikh 2022)

February
2024–
present

Adjunct Lecturer

Department of Civilisations and Forms of Knowledge, University of Pisa, Italy

- Lecturer for the Foundation Course "[Introduction to EU Law](#)" (24 hours, 3 ECTS)

October
2017–
February
2021

PhD Fellow in International Law

DIRPOLIS Institute, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (SSSA), Pisa, Italy

- Conducted PhD research on "Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Human Rights in International Law" (PhD thesis completed, research monograph under publication)
- Assisted Prof Emanuele Sommario with various research and teaching activities

March–
July 2019

Bluebook Trainee

Unit A2 "Capacities and Operational Support", DG ECHO, European Commission, Brussels

- Assisted the "rescEU assets" team in implementing Decision (EU) 2019/420 on the Union Civil Protection Mechanism: coordinated with Member States on the initial steps for creating a European reserve of additional capacities to respond to major disasters, with a focus on establishing a wildfire response fleet

May–
August
2016

Research Assistant to the Special Rapporteur on "Protection of Persons in the Event of Disaster"

United Nations International Law Commission, Geneva

- Assisted the Special Rapporteur in drafting the Articles and Commentaries on the topic and supported daily activities at the Sixty-eighth session of the ILC

September
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December
2015

Stagiaire

Humanitarian-Migration Office, Permanent Mission of Italy to the International Organisations in Geneva

- Assisted the Italian diplomat responsible for the Office in organising and participating in institutional and informal meetings with various organisations and agencies, including OCHA, UNHCR, IOM, UNDRR, ICRC, and IFRC

April–July
2015

Research Assistant

Innovation and Governance Development Program, BRICS Policy Center, Rio de Janeiro

- Prepared policy briefs on sustainable development and innovation in the BRICS countries

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

January 2022–present

National Rapporteur for Italy

Peer Review Network of Climate Litigation, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School, Columbia University in the City of New York

- Updated the [global climate litigation database](#) with cases related to Italy
- Contributed to various activities of the Sabin Center, including workshops, collaborative research and writing (see below sections on conferences and publications)

July 2022–present

Contributor

IFRC Disaster Law Database, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

- Updated the [database](#) with cases and materials related to disaster events in Italy

December 2024

Short term Visitor

Florence School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

- Research meetings with Josephine van Zeven, Provost for Education and Academic Staff Development and Jacopo Bencini, Research Associate

April 2024–June 2024

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher (Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Scholarship)

Amsterdam Center for International Law, Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam

- Researched, drafted and presented a monograph on [climate change, disaster risk and human rights](#) (under contract with Springer Nature)

June 2023

Visiting Researcher and Lecturer (Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Scholarship)

School of Law, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

- Delivered a seminar on "Disaster Risk Management and Human Rights", and participated as a discussant in the Doctoral Colloquium in Law

January–March 2019

Visiting PhD Researcher

Faculty of Law and Center for Disaster Research, University of Copenhagen

- Conducted research and presented seminars on my PhD project

April 2022–present	Member of the Editorial Committee The Italian Review of International and Comparative Law
August 2024–present	Member of the Editorial Committee Yearbook of International Disaster Law
January 2021–present	Peer Reviewer for scientific journals Reviewed articles for journals including <i>Transnational Environmental Law</i> , <i>Environmental Law Review</i> , <i>European Law Journal</i> , <i>Australian Journal of Human Rights</i> .

TEACHING ACTIVITIES (selected)

February–present	Lecturer, “Introduction to EU Law”, 24 hours, Foundation Course, Department of Civilisations and Forms of Knowledge, University of Pisa
October 2021–present	Key teaching staff member, Jean Monnet Chair EIHRScaD and, previously, Jean Monnet Module EIHRSDS, Lectures on “Climate Change and Human Rights”, SSSA
February 2023–present	Faculty member of the Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management, Lecturer of the Course “Human Rights in Focus”, Lectures on “International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights” and “International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”, and “Climate Change and Conflict”, SSSA
July 2022–July 2023	Co-coordinator and Lecturer of the Seasonal Schools on “Climate Change and Human Rights” and “Climate Change and International Law”. Lectures on “The role of domestic courts in climate change and human rights”, “Negotiating on climate change”, “Litigating a climate case”, “Climate change and security: The approach of universal and regional organisations”, SSSA
March 2023	Lecture “Climate change and human rights: Rights-based litigation and the case ‘Giudizio Universale’”, PhD Program in Law, University of Siena
April 2022	Lecture “Provision of humanitarian assistance in armed conflicts and situations of disaster”, Course “Terrorism and Insurgency in War and Peace”, Master’s Program in International Security Studies, SSSA
March 2022	Lecture “Climate change and migration: A human rights perspective”, Winter School “Environmental Migration in International Legal and Policy Frameworks” (online)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (selected)

12 May 2025	“Insurance Mechanisms and <i>Loss and Damage</i> : A Public International Law Perspective”, Seminar on “The Insurability of Climate Risk: Interdisciplinary Perspectives” Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (in Italian)
11 November 2024	Organised and acted as Chair of the International Law Roundtable “Carr and the Climate”, with speaker Ingo Venzke (UvA)
27 May 2024	“Climate Change-Related Disasters and Human Rights: Towards a More Coherent International Legal Framework?”, Luncheon, Amsterdam Center for International Law (UvA)
24 April 2024	“Status, Impact and Prospects of Climate Change Litigation”, a seminar delivered for the Interdisciplinary Center for Sustainability and Climate, SSSA
29 September 2023	“Gender Inequality in the Climate Crisis and Access to Justice: Detecting Legal Actions for Comparative Analysis”, Discussant of the PhD project of Elena Nalato, PhD on Sustainable Development and Climate Change (online)
6 June 2023	“International Law and Disasters”, Seminar within the Course “UN Human Rights System”, Dr Yonas Birmeta, Addis Ababa University
24 May 2023	“States’ Obligation to Adapt to Climate Change: The Role of Human Rights between Law and Litigation”, International Conference “Climate Change Law and Litigation: States’ Obligations under International Law”, Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law, Università di Torino, European Society of International Law (online)
31 January 2023	“Just transition litigation in Latin America: Initial lessons”, Webinar, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia University, (online)

- 16 September 2022 “Litigating climate change adaptation: Challenges and prospects”, Workshop “What future for environmental and climate litigation? Exploring the added value of a multidisciplinary approach from international, private and criminal law perspectives”, University of Milan
- 1 June 2022 “International Human Rights Bodies and Climate Litigation: Don’t Look Up?”, IV International Conference of the Transatlantic Marine Environment Research Network (TRAMEREN) on “Enhancing Climate Action Beyond the State”, Center for International Law and Governance, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen and Frank Guarini Center, New York University School of Law
- 30 March 2022 “Institutionalizing Climate Security in Africa: The Approach of Regional Intergovernmental Organizations”, European Society of International Law Research Forum, University of Glasgow (with Chiara Tea Antoniazzi)
- 7 May 2021 “Human Rights-based Litigation to Advance Climate Change Adaptation: Realities and Prospects”, International Workshop “Climate change litigation and human rights arguments: Stocktaking and a look at the Future”, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa
- 12 June 2019 “Strengthening the Union Civil Protection Mechanism: A perspective on the new rescEU initiative”, The Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies (NEEDS2019), Uppsala University

PUBLICATIONS

(selected)

- R. Luporini, Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Human Rights in International Law, [Springer Law](#), 2025
- R. Luporini, Victim Status and Locus Standi before the European Court of Human Rights in Climate Change Cases: Where Next?, *European Convention on Human Rights Law Review* (forthcoming)
- A. Savaresi, et al., Conceptualizing just transition litigation, [Nature Sustainability](#), 2024
- M. Fermeiglia, R. Luporini, ‘Urgenda-Style’ Strategic Climate Change Litigation in Italy: a Tale of Human Rights and Torts?, [Chinese Journal of Environmental Law](#), 2023
- R. Luporini, Climate Change Litigation before International Human Rights Bodies: Insights from *Daniel Billy et al. v. Australia* (Torres Strait Islanders Case), [The Italian Review of International and Comparative Law](#), 2023
- R. Luporini, Strategic Litigation at the Domestic and International Levels as a Tool to Advance Climate Change Adaptation?, [Yearbook of International Disaster Law](#), 2023
- R. Luporini, A. Savaresi, International Human Rights Bodies and Climate Litigation: Don’t Look Up?, [Review of European Comparative & International Environmental Law](#), 2023
- M.A. Tigre, L. Zenteno, M. Hesselman, N. Urzola, P. Cisterna-Gaete, R. Luporini, Just Transition Litigation in Latin America: An Initial Categorization of Climate Litigation Cases amid the Energy Transition, [Sabin Center for Climate Change Law](#), 2023
- R. Luporini, The ‘Last Judgment’: Early reflections on upcoming climate litigation in Italy, [Questions of International Law](#), 2021
- R. Luporini, Cambiamento climatico, disastri e diritti umani nel diritto internazionale, [EUNOMIA](#), 2021
- R. Luporini, A. Kodiveri, The role of human rights bodies in climate litigation, Working Paper, [EUI Law](#), 2021
- R. Luporini, Liability for crimes against humanity in the offshore detention of asylum seekers: Some thoughts regarding the so-called ‘Australian model’ of refugee policy, *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, Vol. 3, Il Mulino, 2019

EDUCATION

- October 2017–May 2021 **PhD in Human Rights and Global Politics - Public International Law Reserch Area**
DIRPOLIS Institute, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy
- PhD thesis: “Adapting to Climate Change and Reducing the Risk of Climate-Related Disasters: The Role of International Human Rights Law”
 - Final Mark: 100/100 cum laude
- October 2014–March 2016 **Graduate Diploma in International Studies and Transnational Governance**
Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy
- Final Mark: 100/100 cum laude

October 2013–March 2016

Master's Degree in European and International Studies

School of International Studies, University of Trento

- Master's thesis: "The rights of indigenous peoples and other traditional local communities to land and natural resources: The case of mega-dam projects in the Brazilian Amazon"
- Thesis research, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro and field research, Belo Monte dam, State of Pará, Brazil (February–August 2015)
- Final Mark: 110/110 cum laude

September 2009–April 2013

Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences - International Studies

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- Bachelor's thesis: "The evolution of humanitarian intervention and the responsibility to protect doctrine"
- ERASMUS Programme, Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología, Universidad de Granada (February–July 2012)
- Final Mark: 110/110 cum laude

OTHER COURSES AND TRAINING

February–April 2022

Train the Teachers

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

- 32 hours course on effective teaching methods offered to SSSA lecturers

December 2019

PhD Course in Global Disaster Studies

Center for Disaster Research (COPE) and Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen

July 2018

Jean Monnet Summer School "Climate Change, Health and the Environment"

Faculty of Law, University of Salerno

June 2016

International Disaster Law Course

International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	A2
Portuguese	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Digital skills

- Good command Microsoft Office tools
- Good command of the most common Content Management Systems (Word Press, Joomla, etc.)
- Familiar with both Windows and Mac Operative Systems