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Academic Career

Current position	Assistant Professor in Private Law at Nova School of Law in Lisbon Module Leader for the Comparative Contract Law, International Commercial Law, Risk Management in Financial Contracts and Business and Human Rights modules.
Current position	Associate Research Fellow in Business and Human Rights at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law Involved in various research projects on Business and Human Rights.
2018-2019	Max Weber Research Fellow at the European University Institute Research Project: The Regulation of Multinational Corporations for Human Rights and Environmental Abuses
2015-2018	Lecturer at the London School of Business and Management Module Leader for Land Law, Equity and Trust and Personal Development Planning Coordinator within the LLB.
2014-2015	Associate Lecturer at the Oxford Brookes University Delivered and assessed European Law, and Private Law modules.
2013-2015	Research Assistant , at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford Involved in Comparative Private Law research projects on alternative resolution schemes in Europe coordinated by Professor Christopher Hodges
2012-2013	Adjunct Professor , Spring Hill College , Bologna Centre Module Leader for a Business and Human Rights module.
2012-2013	LL.M Programme Coordinator , European University Institute Involved in redesign of LL.M programme and the restructuring of the first year of the PhD programme, administered and promoted the EUI's various course offerings
2010-2012	Research Assistant , European University Institute Involved in the preparation of several postgraduate courses in both Public and Private International Law.

Education

2008-2013	European University Institute, Ph.D. Dissertation: <i>Access to Civil Justice and Corporate Human Rights Abuses</i> Jury panel: Marie-Ange Moreau (EUI, supervisor), Horatia Muir-Watt (Sciences Po, co-supervisor), Olivier De Schutter (Catholic University of Louvain and UN Special Rapporteur), Francesco Francioni (EUI).
2007-2008	University of La Sorbonne, LL.M (Private International Law and International Commercial Law) Distinction
2003-2007	University Paris-Est, Double bachelor in French and English Laws (with a two-year exchange in Sheffield) First Class Honours

Other Academic Qualifications:

2010-2011	University of Urbino , Postgraduate Diploma in Comparative Law
2004-2007	University Paris-Est , Certificate in Spanish Legal Studies in Spanish

Academic Awards

Prizes:

2016	1st Prize, eLearning Practitioner awarded by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for use of innovative methodologies in the development and delivery of undergraduate courses online
2007-2008	La Sorbonne Merit Prize awarded in recognition of academic excellence
2007	Russell, Jones and Walker Prize awarded to "the best student in all years" upon completion of the LL.B

Grants and Scholarships and Funded Research

2019	Research Project commissioned by the European Commission on Human Rights Due Diligence in Supply Chains
2018-2019	Research Project commissioned by the European Parliament on Access to Legal Remedies for Victims of Corporate Human Rights Abuses in Third Countries
2018-2019	Post-Doctoral Research Grant awarded by the European University Institute
2009-2012	Doctoral Research Grant awarded by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research
2010	Salvador de Madariaga Grant awarded by the Spanish Government to undertake comparative doctoral research
2008	Hague Academy of International Law Scholarship awarded on a merit basis to participate in the Summer Course in Private International Law

Skills

French: Native Speaker
English, Italian and Spanish: Fluent
Portuguese: Beginner

Other Academic Roles

2015-2018	Personal Development Planning Coordinator within the LLB <i>Encourages, facilitates and develops the students' reflection upon their learning performance and achievement and helps students to plan for their personal, educational and career development.</i>
2015-2018	Member of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team , London School of Business and Management <i>Involved in the reviewing of the LSBM policies and procedures from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective</i>
2015 -2018	Member of the Editorial Board of the LSBM Working Paper Series

Commissioning, reviewing and editing articles for publication

2015-2018 **Member of the Course Development Committee**

*Participated in the development of the LL.B - drafting module and assessment briefs.
Involvement in the validation process of the new LSBM degree in Law*

2009-2012 **Member of the Editorial Board** of the European Journal of Legal Studies

Commissioned, reviewed and edited articles for publication in the Comparative Law section of the journal.

2009-2012 **Co-founder and coordinator of the Working Group on Private International Law and International Commercial Law**, European University Institute

Organised seminars, workshops and conferences with a number of high profile international academics

Professional Memberships

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Member of the Société Française pour le Droit International [French Society for International Law]

Member of the Society of Legal Scholars

Member of the European Society of International Law

Member of the Global Business and Human Rights Scholars Association

Member of the Oxford Business and Human Rights Network

Member of the BHRights Initiative for Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching on Business and Human Rights: <http://www.cbs.dk/en/research/departments-and-centres/departments-of-intercultural-communication-and-management/the-bhright-initiative>

Research

Monograph:

L'accès à la justice civile en cas de violations des droits de l'homme par des entreprises multinationales [Access to Civil Justice and Corporate Human Rights Violations]. [Online], Cadmus. Florence: European University Institute, 2013. Available here: <http://hdl.handle.net/1814/29602>

Studies and Reports

'Study on due diligence requirements through the supply chain', Study for the European Commission, February 2020, (co-authored with L. Smit, R. McCorquodale, M. Bauer, H. Deringer, D. Baeza-Breinbauer, F. Torres-Cortés, F. Alleweldt, S. Kara, C. Salinier and H. Tejero Tobed, available at:

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8ba0a8fd-4c83-11ea-b8b7-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

'Access to legal remedy for victims of corporate human rights abuses in third countries' Study requested by the DROI committee, European Parliament (co-authored with Prof. Axel Marx and Jan Wouters from the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies), available

at: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2019/603475/EXPO_STU\(2019\)603475_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2019/603475/EXPO_STU(2019)603475_EN.pdf)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Hardening Soft Law: the Implementation of the UNGPs in Domestic Legislations", co-authored with Chiara Macchi, in M. Buscemi, N. Lazzerini and L. Magi, *Legal Sources in Business and Human Rights - Evolving Dynamics in International and European Law* (forthcoming, Brill, 2020).

"Creating a legislative level-playing field in Business and Human Rights at the European level: is the French Duty of Vigilance Law the way forward?", EUI Working Paper, EUI MWP 2020.01, 1-10.

"Corporate Accountability Mechanisms in EU Member States for Human Rights Abuses in Third Countries", co-authored with A. Marx, N. Pineau and J. Wouters, *European Yearbook of Human Rights*, 2019.

"L'accès à la justice et les droits fondamentaux des travailleurs: aspects de droit international privé" [Access to Justice and Fundamental Workers' Rights: Private International Law Aspects], co-authored with Professor Marie-Ange Moreau, In Isabelle Daugareilh (ed.), *L'accès à la justice sociale: La place du juge et des corps intermédiaires, Approche comparative et internationale* (Bruylant, 2019), 213-233.

The Civil Liability of the Parent Company for the Acts or Omissions of Its Subsidiary: The Example of the Shell Cases in the UK and in the Netherlands, in A. Bonfanti (ed.) *Business and Human Rights in Europe: International Law Challenges* (Routledge, 2018), 212-222.

"The ONIAM Model", co-authored with C. Hodges, in S. Macleod and C. Hodges (eds.), *Redress Schemes for Personal Injuries* (Hart Publishing, 2017), 427-437.

"Le devoir de diligence de la société mère dans la jurisprudence anglaise [The Duty of Due Diligence of the Parent Company in English case-law], 10 *Droit Social*, 2017, 828-833.

"Quelques réflexions à propos de l'affaire Shell aux Pays-Bas" [Some Reflections on the Shell Case in the Netherlands], in Société française pour le droit international, *L'entreprise multinationale et le droit international* (A. Pédone, 2016), 127-142.

L'esercizio extraterritoriale della giurisdizione civile con riferimento ai gravi violazioni dei diritti umani da parte delle imprese [The Exercise of Extraterritorial Civil Jurisdiction in Relation to Serious Human Rights Violations Committed by Multinational Corporations] (2015/44 *EUI Working Papers*, 2015), 1-10.

"The Implications of the Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Case for the Exercise of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction", In A. Di Stefano, C. Salamone and A. Coci (eds.), *A Lackland Law? Territory, Effectiveness and Jurisdiction in International and EU Law* (Giappichelli, 2015), 165-181.

"Corporations and Social Environmental Justice: the Role of Private International Law", co-authored with Dr Benedict Wray, In Antoine Duval and Marie-Ange Moreau (eds.). *Towards Social Environmental Justice?* (*EUI Working Papers*, 2012), 75-94.

La excepción de orden público internacional como fundamento de denegación del reconocimiento del repudio islámico [The public policy exception to the recognition of foreign judgments on islamic “talaq”], *Anuario español de derecho internacional privado* [Spanish Yearbook of Private International Law] 2010, 717-729.

Invited contributions to online symposia and blog posts

Access to Legal Remedies for Victims of Corporate Human Rights Abuses in Third Countries, CORE, March 2019, available at: <https://corporate-responsibility.org/access-legal-remedies-victims-corporate-human-rights-abuses-third-countries/>

Foreign Direct Liability Cases in England After Vedanta, Opinio Juris Online symposium on the *Vedanta v Lungowe* case, available at: <http://opiniojuris.org/2019/04/26/vedanta-v-lungowe-symposium-foreign-direct-liability-cases-in-england-after-vedanta/>

Conference Papers

A Comparative Analysis of the Legislations and Legislative Initiatives on Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence, presented in the framework of the Web conference: HRDD in Belgium: legal options and predicaments, University of Leuven, 27 March 2020.

Recent Trends in Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence in Europe, presented at the Conférence on *Le devoir de vigilance des sociétés mères et des entreprises donneuses d'ordre: quelle mise en oeuvre par les entreprises multinationales françaises?*, Paris La Sorbonne, 13 January 2020.

Human Rights Due Diligence and Corporate Liability: A Systematic Linkage?, presented with co-author (Nicolas Bueno) at *Interdisciplinary Research Workshop on Business and Human Rights*, jointly organised by the BHRights Initiative, IABS and the ESIL Interest Group on Business and Human Rights, Geneva, 23-24 November 2019.

Human Rights Due Diligence: Limitations of Existing Frameworks and Practices in the ‘Trans-Local’ Migration and Construction Industries in Qatar, *Global Business and Human Rights Scholars Association Annual Workshop*, University of Essex, 12-13 September 2019.

Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights and Corporate Liability, *UN Guiding Principles in Business and Human Rights in Legal Practice Roundtable*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 11 September 2019

Due Diligence as an Instrument of Sustainable Supply chains, presentation delivered in the framework of the *Workshop on Asia and the Global Reach of European Union Law*, European University Institute, 10-11 June 2019

Ensuring Access to Justice for Human Rights Abuses in Global Value Chains, presentation delivered in the framework of the *Workshop on Human Rights, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility*, University of Bolzano, 27 May 2019.

Corporate Accountability for Human Rights Abuses in Global Value Chains - Lessons from the KiK Case, presentation delivered in the framework of the *Workshop on Multinational Corporations and the Politics of International Trade*, European University Institute, 23 April 2019.

Civil Liability in the Zero Draft Treaty, presentation delivered as the Chair Rapporteur of the panel on civil liability in the framework of the *Expert Meeting on art. 9 and 10 of the Zero Draft of the Legally Binding Instrument to Regulate, in International Human Rights Law, the Activities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises*, jointly organised by FIDH, SOMO and the Asser Institute (The Hague, 1 February 2019).

The Implications of Brexit for Child Protection, paper presented to judges and practitioners of EU Member States in the framework of the *e-NACT Transnational Training Workshop on The Best Interest of the Child in the Context of Transnational Movements - National Courts and the EU charter of Fundamental Rights* (University of Florence, 3-4 December 2018).

Creating a Legislative Level-Playing Field in Business and Human Rights at the European Level: Is the French Law on the Duty of Vigilance the Way Forward?, paper presented in the framework of the *Global Business and Human Rights Research Workshop* organised by the BHRights Initiative (United Nations, Geneva, 22 November 2018).

Addressing Human Rights Issues in Global Supply Chains, paper presented in the framework of the *Workshop organised by the UK Business and Human Rights Scholars' Network* (University of Essex, 12 July 2018).

Some Reflections on the French Law on the Duty of Vigilance of Parent and Subcontracting Companies, paper invited for presentation in the framework of the *Symposium on Business and Human Rights Reporting and Redress* organised by the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights (Oxford, All Souls College, 5 June 2018).

Improving Corporate Accountability through Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence, paper presented in the framework of the conference on *La sfida dei diritti umani per l'attività d'impresa. La prospettiva del diritto internazionale e dell'Unione europea*, (University of Florence, 23 April 2018).

The Role of the Concept of Human Rights Due Diligence in Fostering Corporate Accountability, paper presented in the framework of the *7th Annual Conference of the Cambridge International Law Journal* (Cambridge 3-4 April 2018).

The Civil Liability of the Parent Company for the Acts or Omissions of Its Subsidiary: The Example of the Shell Cases in the UK and in the Netherlands, paper presented in the framework of the Oxford Business and Human Rights Discussion Group (Bonavero Institute for Human Rights, Oxford, 27 March 2018).

A New Architecture for Business-Related Human Rights Claims, paper presented by co-author at the *UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights* (Geneva, 11 January 2017).

Tackling Human Rights Issues in the Value Chain: The Role of the Concept of Due Diligence, paper presented in the framework of the *International Conference on Business and Human Rights* (Seville, 20-21 October 2016).

Quelques réflexions à propos de l'affaire Shell aux Pays-Bas [The Shell case in the Netherlands], L'entreprise multinationale et le droit international, *Annual Conference of the Société Française pour le Droit International* [French Society for International Law] (Paris: 19-21 May 2016).

Human Rights Due Diligence and Corporate Accountability, *International Law Working Group*, European University Institute (Florence: 12 May 2016)

The Implications of Kiobel for Corporate Civil Liability, *Vth Journal of Private International Law Conference* (Madrid: 12-13 September 2013)

L'accès à la justice et les droits fondamentaux des travailleurs: aspects de droit international privé [Access to Justice and Fundamental Workers' Rights: Private International Law Aspects], paper presented by co-author, *Justice Sociale* (University of Bordeaux: 5-6 June 2013)

La responsabilità civile dell'impresa multinazionale per violazioni dei diritti umani [Civil Liability of Multinational Corporations for Human Rights Abuses], *La promozione della responsabilità sociale delle imprese* (University of Florence: 7 May 2013)

L'esercizio extraterritoriale della giurisdizione civile con riferimento a gravi comportamenti lesivi di diritti umani imputabili ad imprese multinazionali [The Exercise of Extraterritorial Civil Jurisdiction in Relation to Serious Corporate Human Rights Violations], *10th Young International Lawyers Research Forum* (University of Catania: 24-25 January 2011)

A Forum of Necessity for Victims of Corporate Human Rights Abuse, *Global Governance and Transnational Human Rights Obligations Doctoral School* (Florence: European University Institute, 1-3 December 2011)

Public Policy as an Obstacle to Full Recognition of Civil Status and Parenting Rights of Same-Sex Couples?, *Equality and Justice – LGBTI Rights in the XXI Century* (Florence: 12-13 May 2011)

La protection des droits de l'homme et le droit international privé [Human Rights Protection and Private International Law], *Multinational Corporations and International Law Doctoral Workshop* (European University Institute, 2 May 2011)

The Role of Access to Justice to Provide Human Rights Protection in Private International Law, *IVth Journal of Private International Law Conference* (Milan: 14 April 2011).

La excepción de orden público internacional como fundamento de denegación del reconocimiento del repudio islámico [The Public Policy Exception to the Recognition of Foreign Judgments on Islamic "Talaq"], *Private International Law Conference* (Madrid: University Complutense, 24-25 March 2010)

From "Bhopal" to "Kiobel": Corporations and Social Environmental Justice in the Courts, *Towards Social Environmental Justice?*, (Florence: European University Institute, 26 November 2010)

Jus Cogens and Conflict Rules on Jurisdiction, *Private International Law Working Group* (Florence: European University Institute, 14 May 2009)

Overriding Mandatory Rules and Globalization, *Private International Law Working Group* (Florence: European University Institute, 21 November 2008)

Invited Academic Presentations

Business and Human Rights, course delivered in the framework of the European and International Law LL.M, University of Minho, (Braga, 2 March 2020).

Corporate Complicity in Human Rights in Global Value Chains, course delivered in the framework of the Business and Human Rights Summer School, Temple University (Rome, 28 June 2019).

Corporate Complicity in International Crimes and Human Rights Violations, Course to be delivered in the framework of the Master on Global Economics and Social Affairs, Ca' Foscari University (Venice, 4 April 2019).

La question de l'extraterritorialité et le risque de conflits de lois et de juridictions dans le cadre du projet d'instrument juridique contraignant sur les entreprises et les droits de l'homme [The Issues of Extraterritoriality,

Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws in the Zero Draft Treaty on Business and Human Rights], Presentation to be delivered to the sub-committee on Business and Human Rights of the French National Committee on Human Rights (Paris, 4 February 2019).

Business and Human Rights, course delivered in the framework of the Venice Summer School of Human Rights, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (Venice, 13 June 2018).

The Implications of Brexit for Fundamental Rights - Guest Lecture to undergraduate and post-graduate students at the University of Florence (Florence, 20 April 2017)

Commencement address - LSBM graduation 2017, Senate House (London, 25 November 2016).

Corporate Social Responsibility, Guest Lecture to Foundation Year students as part of the Contemporary Themes module at the *London School of Business and Management* (London, 3 October 2016 and 30 January 2017)

The Refugee Crisis in Europe, Guest Lecture to Foundation Year students as part of the Contemporary Themes module at the *London School of Business and Management* (London, 18 April 2016)

The Concept of Equity in Common Law and Civil Law Systems, Guest Lecture to undergraduates students at the University Paris-Dauphine - London Campus (London, 11 April 2016)

Corporate Governance, Guest Lecture to Foundation Year students as part of the Contemporary Themes module at the *London School of Business and Management* (London, 1 February 2016)

The Migrant Crisis in Calais, Guest Lecture to Foundation Year students as part of the Contemporary Themes module at the *London School of Business and Management* (London, 11 November 2015)

The Alien Tort Statute and Transnational Human Rights Litigation, Guest Lecture to postgraduate students at the *London School of Economics* (London, 11 December 2013)

Corporate Human Rights Abuses and the Regulatory Gap, Guest Lecture to postgraduate students at *Gonzaga University - Florence Center* (Florence, 6 June 2012)

Triggerring Corporate Responsibility through Universal Civil Jurisdiction, Guest Lecture to postgraduate students at *Gonzaga University - Florence Center* (Florence, June 2011)

Universal Civil Jurisdiction as a Tool to Provide Access to Justice Guest Lecture to postgraduate students at *Gonzaga University - Florence Center* (Florence, June 2010)