

# ALESSANDRO MARIO AMOROSO

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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International lawyer with more than six years of experience in the areas of international law related to armed conflict, in particular international humanitarian law, human rights law, international criminal law, and the law of the use of force. Combines experience as a practitioner in international organizations and as a researcher in academia. Selected as one of the “Emerging voices in IHL” in 2021, regularly publishes in international journals and has acted as a consultant for public institutions and civil society organizations.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Postdoctoral researcher and lecturer in International Law

Nov 2023 – ongoing

Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

- *Responsibilities*: Conducting research on international humanitarian law, human rights law, international criminal law, use of force. Teaching assignments: International Humanitarian Law (postgraduate); Introduction to International Law (undergraduate). Research project: The international protection of human dignity through criminal law.
- *Focus*: Military assistance; partnered military operations; non-State armed groups; counterterrorism; international criminal justice; protection of human dignity; national implementation of international law.

### Doctoral researcher in Human Rights and Global Politics

Oct 2019 – Jul 2023

Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

Visiting fellow: University of Cambridge – Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and Gonville & Caius College (Jan-Mar 2023); Université Libre de Bruxelles – Centre de droit international (Oct-Dec 2022).

- *Responsibilities*: Conducting research on international humanitarian law, human rights law, use of force. Research project: State military assistance to armed groups under international law.
- *Achievements*: 2022 SIDI Award for the best paper in international law; selected as one of the “Emerging voices in International Humanitarian Law” by the *International Review of the Red Cross* in 2021; served as Editor for a journal’s special issue on the Juba Peace Agreement; participated in the Italian Navy’s military exercise “Mare Aperto 21” as a Legal adviser.

### Legal Adviser

Jun 2019 – Apr 2020

International Committee of the Red Cross, Paris

- *Responsibilities*: Conducting research and analysis on international humanitarian law, human rights, the repression of international crimes, and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights related to armed conflict; providing legal advice on counterterrorism, migration, detention, and returning foreign fighters.
- *Achievements*: Led a project on arms transfers and the Arms Trade Treaty; promoted the first workshop on IHL for judges and prosecutors in the Genocide Network; provided legal advice during detention visits of foreign fighters; represented the ICRC at the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court.

### Security and Law Programme Officer

Dec 2017 – Jun 2019

Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva

- *Responsibilities*: Conducting research and drafting legal and policy analyses on international law and security, focusing on international humanitarian law, human rights law, and use of force; promoting capacity building in the implementation of IHL and IHRL; fostering dialogue among NATO legal advisers.
- *Achievements*: Authored a guide on compliance with international law by the weapons industry and private security companies; conducted a study of the Leuven Manual on the International Law of Peace Operations; coordinated the XII Legal Seminar of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War.

- Associate** Sep 2017 – Dec 2017  
International Committee of the Red Cross, Paris
- *Responsibilities*: Conducting research and analysis on the national implementation of IHL in Europe.
- Assistant** May 2017 – Jul 2017  
United Nations Office at Geneva, Geneva
- *Responsibilities*: Reporting on the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the International Law Commission; assisting in the organization of the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Law Seminar.
- Intern** Feb 2017 – May 2017  
TRIAL International, Geneva
- *Responsibilities*: Conducting research on universal jurisdiction cases and national and international prosecutions of international crimes; contributing to the Trial Watch database.

## EDUCATION

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- PhD in Human Rights and Global Politics** Jul 2023  
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa
- *Specialism*: Public international law, international humanitarian law, human rights law, use of force.
  - PhD diploma *cum laude*; PhD thesis “State Support for Armed Groups under International Law. Strengthening Compliance through Primary Norms”.
- LLM in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights** Oct 2017  
Geneva Academy (Graduate Institute and University of Geneva)
- *Specialism*: International humanitarian law, international human rights law, international criminal law, international refugee law, counterterrorism law.
  - LLM diploma *cum laude*; LLM thesis “The assessment of complementarity by the International Criminal Court in case of criminal prosecution by the courts of non-State actors”.
- Master’s degree in Law** Jul 2016  
University of Naples “Federico II”
- *Specialism*: Public international law (focus: human rights law; international criminal law).
  - Law degree *summa cum laude*; graduation thesis “The principle of the good administration of justice in international law”.

## ADVANCED EDUCATION

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- Comprehensive E-learning Course for OSCE Electoral Observers** 25 Feb 2024  
OSCE/ODIHR (online)
- The Faces of War** 9 Jan 2024  
University of Pavia (online)
- School on Student Entrepreneurship** 25-27 Sep 2023  
IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore di Pavia
- The Hague Academy’s Summer Courses on Public International Law** 11 – 29 Jul 2022  
The Hague Academy of International Law
- Train the Teachers course** 8 Mar – 8 Apr 2022  
Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Pisa
- “Just war” in the Modern Age. Historical, Philosophical and Legal Foundations** 12 – 15 Feb 2019  
Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici
- Weapons Law and the Legal Review of Weapons** 4 – 8 Dec 2017  
Geneva Centre for Security Policy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Scholarly publications**

- Amoroso, “A Legal Analysis of the Juba Agreement for Peace in Sudan and its Darfur Component”, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 12, no. 2 (2022), 23-48.
- De Guttry, Ndiloseh, Amoroso, “Introduction. A comprehensive path to peace in Sudan”, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 12, no. 2 (2022), 1-4.
- Amoroso, “Il contributo delle misure restrittive UE contro la Russia allo sviluppo del diritto internazionale delle sanzioni”, *Diritti Comparati* (blog), 31 May 2022.
- Amoroso, “Criminal repression of CBRN-related violations which do not amount to international crimes” in de Guttry, Frulli, Casolari, Poli (eds), *International Law and Chemical, Biological, Radio-Nuclear Events: Towards an All-Hazards Approach*, Brill (2022), 599-618.
- Amoroso, “Closer to Home: How National Implementation Affects State Conduct in Partnered Operations”, *International Review of the Red Cross* 102, no. 914 (2021, Emerging voices in IHL), 515-537.
- Amoroso, Vestner, “Book review: Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations”, *International Review of the Red Cross* 100, no. 907-909 (2019), 429-436.
- Amoroso, “Mali: The Overlap and Combination of Separatist, Jihadist and Intercommunal Conflicts”, in Bellal (ed), *The War Report. Armed Conflicts in 2018*, The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (2019), 102-116.
- Amoroso, “Should the ICC Assess Complementarity with Respect to Non-state Armed Groups? Hidden Questions in the Second *Al-Werfalli* Arrest Warrant”, *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 16, no. 5 (2018), 1063-1091.
- Amoroso, “The Israeli strikes on Iranian forces in Syria: a case study on the use of force in defence of annexed territories”, *EJIL: Talk!* (blog), 8 June 2018.
- Amoroso, “Case note: Corte Costituzionale, 21 September 2016, No. 219”, *The Italian Yearbook of International Law* 26 (2017), 562-566.

### **Other publications**

- Amoroso, “Per combattere la Wagner serve un codice dei crimini internazionali”, *Formiche*, 21 March 2023.
- Amoroso, “Perché nessuno riesce a fermare la guerra tra Armenia e Azerbaijan (per ora)”, *Linkiesta*, 7 October 2020.
- Amoroso, “Virtù e rischi dell’ideologia dell’internazionalizzazione”, *AREL La rivista* 2/2020, 112-114.
- Amoroso, Vestner, “Weapons Systems Supply and Operational or Logistical Support under the PSSA”, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, March 2019.

## **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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- La dignità umana: un viaggio dai margini al centro del diritto internazionale – Seminar “La nozione di dignità umana tra obblighi internazionali di tutela e diritto penale”, University of Ferrara, 19 September 2023.
- Can States “lawfully” support armed groups? – Visiting fellows seminar, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, 7 March 2023.
- Gestione di crisi e regole di ingaggio: la principale esercitazione della Marina Militare italiana – Event organized by Blutopia: Forum Mediterraneo (online), 26 January 2022.
- Models for national implementation of international law governing partnered operations – Conference “Partnered Operations and International Law”, European Society of International Law and American Society of International Law (online), 24 September 2021.
- Status giuridico della nave da guerra in situazioni di crisi internazionale – Seminars “Mare Aperto 21”, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, 26 July 2021.
- Criminal repression of CBRN-related violations which do not amount to international crimes – Seminar “Mapping international obligations applicable to CBRN events” (online), 14 April 2021.
- The exercise of criminal jurisdiction by armed non-state actors: Benefits or simply risks? – XII Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, 20 June 2019.

## **COURSES AND LECTURES**

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Terrorism and Insurgency in War and Peace (International Humanitarian Law module), Master in International Security Studies, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, a.y. 2023-2024.

Current challenges to IHL in light of the 2023-2024 Gaza war – Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 8 February 2024

Crash course in international law. Sources and actors of international law – Master in International Security Studies, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 20 September 2023.

Weapons of mass destruction and international law – Master in International Security Studies, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 5 April 2023.

The law of belligerent occupation – Master in International Security Studies, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 3 April 2023.

Rebel detention and rebel justice: Armed groups wannabe States? – Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 24 May 2021.

Conduite des hostilités et méthodes et moyens de guerre – Master in Relations internationales - Action humanitaire, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, 26 September 2019.

Integrating the Law in Military Operations – IHL course for officers of the armed forces, Thessaloniki, 18-19 September 2019.

IHL: Principles, scope of application, conduct of hostilities and means and methods of warfare – IHL course, Summer school of the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 22-23 July 2019.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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PhD diploma *cum laude*, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa (2023).

SIDI Award for the best journal article in international law, Italian Society of International Law (2022).

Emerging voices in IHL, selected by the *International Review of the Red Cross* (2021).

LLM diploma *cum laude*, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (2017).

Master's degree in Law *summa cum laude*, University of Naples Federico II (2016).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Affiliations:** European Society of International Law – Member; Società Italiana di Diritto Internazionale – Member; The Italian Review of International and Comparative Law – Member of the Editorial Committee.

**Language skills:** **Italian** native; **English** excellent (IELTS Academic 8.0); **French** excellent (Attestation de niveau de Français avancé); **Spanish** advanced (DELE C1).

**IT:** Mastery of Microsoft and Apple operating systems and the Microsoft Office package; proficiency in the use of reference management software (Zotero, Mendeley) and document management systems (SharePoint, Dropbox, Google Drive).

## **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

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**Arabic language:** level A1/A2 course (currently enrolled).

**Scuba diving:** PADI Open Water diver (August 2023).