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Current Positions

- **Ph.D. Candidate in Law** — University of Bologna (Italy) and University of Antwerp (Belgium)
- **Junior Researcher** — Research Group on Government and Law, University of Antwerp
- **Teaching Assistant in Comparative Constitutional Law** — Department of Legal Studies, University of Bologna

Education

- 2019 – 2023 **Ph.D. in Law** (Concentration: Comparative Constitutional Law)
University of Bologna and University of Antwerp (Joint Ph.D.)
Title of Ph.D. thesis: “Comparative Constitutional Design for Divided Societies: A Model to Explain Constitutional Asymmetries”.
Supervisors: Prof. Susanna Mancini, Prof. Patricia Popelier.
- 2016 – 2018 **Master’s degree in International Relations** (*cum laude*)
University of Bologna – Department of Social and Political Sciences
- 2013 – 2016 **Bachelor’s degree in Social, Political and International Sciences**
University of Bologna – Department of Social and Political Sciences

Research Interests

Constitutional design for divided societies, minority rights, federalism and asymmetries in constitutional law, comparative research methodologies.

Research Stays and Visits

- Sept – Oct 2022 **Visiting Scientist**
EURAC Institute for Comparative Federalism – Bolzano/Bozen (Italy)
Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Palermo
- Feb – Apr 2022 **Visiting Joint Ph.D. Researcher**
Mar – May 2021 *Research Group on Government and Law – University of Antwerp, Antwerp (Belgium)*
Supervisor: Prof. Patricia Popelier
- Sept 2021 – Jan 2022 **Visiting Ph.D. Student**
Department of Law – European University Institute (EUI), Florence (Italy)
Supervisor: Prof. Gábor Halmai

Nov 2018 **Visiting Research Associate**
School of Law – Queen’s University of Belfast, Belfast (UK)
Supervisor: Prof. Christopher McCrudden

Work Experience and Internships

Jan 2020 – present **Editorial Board Member — Sant’Anna Legal Studies (STALS)**
Peer-reviewed and open access scientific journal based at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa (Italy) — ISSN: 1974-5656.
Directors: Prof. Giuseppe Martinico, Prof. Giacomo Delledonne, Dr. Filippo Fontanelli

Sept 2018 – present **Teaching Assistant in Comparative Constitutional Law**
Department of Legal Studies – University of Bologna, Bologna (Italy)
Chair: Prof. Susanna Mancini

Mar – May 2020 **Trainee**
Venice Commission – Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France)
Supervisor: Dr. Gaël Martin-Micallef

Nov 2016 – Jun 2017 **Academic Tutor**
School of Political Sciences – University of Bologna, Bologna (Italy)
Supervisor: Prof. Daniela Giannetti

Oct 2016 – May 2017 **Research Assistant**
Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD), Bologna (Italy)
Supervisor: Prof. Justin Orlando Frosini

Publications

Peer reviewed articles

- Bonifati, Lidia. “Constitutional Design and the Seeds of Degradation in Divided Societies: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina.” *European Constitutional Law Review* [under review]
- Bonifati, Lidia. “Towards a Comprehensive Theory on Self-Determination? Some Remarks Starting from a Recent Book by Pau Bossacoma Busquets” *Osservatorio AIC* 4/2021 (July 2021): 1-27.
- Bonifati, Lidia. “Molto Rumore Per Nulla? Dieci Anni Dalla Sentenza Sejdić-Finci” *Forum di Quaderni Costituzionali* 1/2020 (January 2020): 60-70.
- Bonifati, Lidia. “Democrazie Consociative e Trattati di Pace: Un’Analisi Comparata di Bosnia-Erzegovina, Irlanda del Nord e Macedonia del Nord” *Federalismi* 18/2019 (October 2019): 2-20.

Non-peer reviewed articles

- Bonifati, Lidia. “Il Parlamento Europeo: Dagli Stati ai Popoli?”, in “Il Divieto di Mandato Imperativo: Un Principio in Discussione” edited by Paolo Caretti, Massimo Morisi e Giovanni Tarli Barbieri, *Osservatorio sulle Fonti* 2/2019 (June 2019): 174-188.
- Bonifati, Lidia. “The Impact of Brexit on the Constitutional Status of Northern Ireland”, *Percorsi Costituzionali* 1/2018 (May 2019): 209-224.

Book chapters

- Bonifati, Lidia. “Constitutional Design v. Constitutional Degradation. Strengthening the Rule of Law in Bosnia-Herzegovina” in *Framing and Diagnosing Constitutional*

Degradation, edited by Tania Groppi, Valentina Carlino, and Gianmaria Milani (Consulta Online, 2022), 83-92.

Conferences and Seminars

“Seeds of Degradation? The Role of Imposed Constitutional Design and International Presence in Bosnia-Herzegovina”

- 8th Annual Conference of the International Society of Public Law – ICON-S (University of Wroclaw, Poland), July 4-6, 2022.
- 11th World Congress of the International Association of Constitutional Law – IACL (University of Johannesburg, South Africa), December 5-9, 2022.

“The Role of Causality in Comparative Legal Research and the Use of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)” (with Alberto Nicotina, University of Antwerp)

- International Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (Netherlands Academy for Empirical Legal Studies, Amsterdam), September 1-2, 2022.

“Comparative Constitutional Design for Divided Societies: A Model to Explain Constitutional Asymmetries”

- British Association of Comparative Law (BACL) Postgraduate Workshop (University of Kent), May 26-27, 2022.
- International Doctoral Seminar in Law IDSL 2020 (University of Ljubljana), September 10, 2020.

“Symmetry or Asymmetry, that is the Question. The Cases of Italy and Spain During the Pandemic”

- 3rd Annual Conference ICON-S Italian Chapter (University of Bologna), September 16-17, 2022 (with Nicolò Paolo Alessi, University of Verona/Fribourg).
- XXVI Biennial Colloquium of the Italian Association of Comparative Law “Comparative Law in Times of Emergencies” (University of Bologna), October 21-23, 2021.

“The Impact of European Integration and Disintegration of Power-Sharing Democracies”

- The Dust of Time? Towards a 21st Century Constitutionalism (European University Institute), October 7-8, 2021.

“Constitutional Design v. Constitutional Degradation: Strengthening the Rule of Law in Bosnia-Herzegovina”

- DIPEC Workshop “Framing and Diagnosing Constitutional Degradation: A Comparative Perspective” (University of Siena), June 22-23, 2021.

“Asymmetric Federalism and Divided Societies: A Synthesis Between Integration and Accommodation?”

- Rijeka Doctoral Conference RIDOC 2020 (University of Rijeka), December 4, 2020.

“A Diachronic Comparison of Brexit: The Transformative Role of the Speaker of the House of Commons in Constitutional Distress” (with Stefano Bargiacchi, University of Siena)

- Joint AIDC/YCC Young Scholars Conference “New Topics and Methods in Comparative Law Research” (University of Perugia), June 5-6, 2020.

Organized Workshops

- Conference “The Future of the State” 3rd Annual Conference ICON-S Italian Chapter (16-17 September 2022) – member of the organizing committee
- Conference “Sostenibilità e Innovazione: Prospettive di Diritto Comparato” AIDC Young Comparatists Group (13 May 2022) – member of the organizing committee

- Seminar “Migro perché sono” University of Bologna (A.Y. 2014/2015 and 2015/2016) – concept developer, organizer, and tutor

Teaching Experience

- Lecture in English (2 hours) on “Constitutional Asymmetries in Multi-Tiered Systems: A Comparative Perspective” (A.Y. 2021/2022).
- Lecture in English (2 hours) on “Consociational Democracies: A Comparative Analysis” (A.Y. 2021/2022, 2020/2021, 2019/2020, 2018/2019)
- Lecture in English (2 hours) on “SOGI Refugees and International Protection: Peculiar Aspects and Legal Framework” (A.Y. 2022/2023, 2021/2022, 2020/2021, 2019/2020, 2018/2019).
- Lecture in Italian (2 hours) on “Democrazie Consociative: Una Prospettiva Comparata” (A.Y. 2022/2023, 2020/2021, 2019/2020, 2018/2019).
- Lecture in English (2 hours) on “Brexit and The Constitutional Status of Northern Ireland” (A.Y. 2019/2020).
- Lecture in English (2 hours) on “Brexit and Parliamentary Procedures” (A.Y. 2019/2020).
- Lecture in Italian (2 hours) on “Brexit E Le Procedure Parlamentari nella Camera dei Comuni” (A.Y. 2019/2020).
- Lecture in Italian (2 hours) on “Il Divieto di Mandato Imperativo: Una Prospettiva Comparata” (A.Y. 2019/2020).

Trainings

Workshop “Social Science Methods for Legal Scholars” – European Society of International Law and Geneva Graduate Institute (online, Oct – Nov 2022).

Winter School “Advanced Qualitative Comparative Analysis” — European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (online, 14-18 Feb 2022).

Summer School “Qualitative Comparative Analysis” — European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (online, 9-13 Aug 2021).

Post-graduate Training Program “Territory and Institutions” — University of Rome Sapienza (online, Dec 2020 – Feb 2021)

MOOC “Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis” — University of Rotterdam (Dec 2020)

MOOC “Federalism and Decentralization” — University of Leiden (Sept 2020)

Winter School “Federalism and Language” — EURAC Institute for Comparative Federalism (Innsbruck/Bozen, 17-28 Feb 2020)

Seminar in Parliamentary Studies and Research “Silvano Tosi” – University of Florence (Florence, Jan – May 2019)

Summer School “Mediation Theory and Skills” — Central European University (Budapest, 2-6 July 2018)

Advanced Diploma “European Affairs” — Italian Institute for International Political Studies (Milan, Mar 2017 - Mar 2018)

Summer School “Fundamental Rights and EU Trade Agreements” — University of Bologna (Bertinoro, 25-30 June 2017)

Summer School “European Union and Legal Reforms” — Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (Igalo, 11-15 July 2016)

Languages

- Italian (mother tongue)
- English (C1)
- French (B2)

IT Skills

- Proficient user of Microsoft Office Package (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Proficient user of Google Package (Gmail, Drive, Calendar, Meet, GSuite)
- Proficient user of co-working platforms (Slack, Microsoft Teams, Webex, Zoom)
- Intermediate user of R (especially “QCA” and “SetMethods” packages)

Memberships

- International Society of Public Law — ICON-S (regular member; Italian Chapter)
- Associazione Italiana di Diritto Comparato — AIDC (member of the Young Comparatists Group)

Scholarships and Awards

- **2021: Research grant** (3 months) financed by the BOF Fellowship for Joint PhDs of the University of Antwerp
- **2020: Research grant** (3 months) financed by the Program “Marco Polo” of the University of Bologna
- **2019: Ph.D. scholarship** (3 years) financed by the Project “Department of Excellence” of the Italian Ministry of Education

Other Activities

2021-2022 – Ph.D. Student Representative (Ph.D. in Legal Studies, University of Bologna): preparation and collection of surveys on the educational offer of the Ph.D., liaison between Ph.D. students and the Ph.D. coordinator and faculty members, organization of Ph.D. students’ panels in various conferences (XXVI Biennial Colloquium of the Italian Association of Comparative Law; 3rd Annual Conference of the Italian Chapter of the International Society of Public Law).

From 2020 – External Reviewer (European Journal of Legal Studies – EJLS): listed among the external reviewers of the researcher-led, peer-reviewed and open access scientific journal based at the European University Institute, Florence (Italy) — ISSN: 1973-2937.

2017-2021 – Member of the Editorial Team of Lo Spiegone (online magazine on international politics): recurrent author for the Europe and Law desks (+40 articles published) on topics related to South-Eastern Europe politics, EU enlargement policy, comparative constitutional law, British and Northern-Irish politics. Positions held: Europe desk editor (2018-2019), Deputy Editor-in-Chief (2020), Head of Administration (2021).

References

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