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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Cincinnati, OH, USA**

*J.D., 2021, cum laude (3.75 cGPA) – Passed the New York Bar (UBE), Feb. 2020*

- International Legal Studies Concentration
- Arthur Russel Morgan Fellow – Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights
- Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry Fellow
- Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) Fellow

### **University of Cincinnati, Department of Political Science, Cincinnati, OH, USA**

*Ph.D. Student, 2023 (3.82 cGPA)*

- Research Interest: International Law, International Human Rights, Indigenous Rights, Feminist International Relations, Comparative Politics, Governance, and Institutions.

### **University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Cincinnati, OH, USA**

Aug. 2017 – May 2018

*LL.M., 2018, with honors*

- International Law and Business Concentration
- Member of the 2018 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team

### **University of Trento, Faculty of Law, Trento, ITA**

Sept. 2010 – July 2016

*Master's Degree, 2016, score: 106/110 – European (Civil) Law and International Law (public and private)*

- Master's thesis: "Indigenous Rights and Federal Power: A Comparison between the U.S. and the Australian Legal Systems." Supervisor: Prof. Jens Woelk.

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH**

Aug. 2018 – Present

*Teaching and Research Assistant*

- Lecturer for the course "Law, Politics, and Society," and introduction to law and political science.
- Worked with Professor Rebecca Sanders to perform research on religious freedom and women's rights. Guest lecturer in the course "International Human Rights" for the Indigenous Rights segment.
- Worked with Professor Will Umphres and Andrew Lewis as a TA for the course "Law, Politics, and Society." Guest lecturer for the International Law, International Human Rights, and European Law segment.
- Worked for Professor Ivan Dinev Ivanov conducting research on NATO and EU Peacebuilding Missions.

### **Valsugana News Magazine, Trentino, ITA**

Nov. 2016 – Present

*Freelance Writer and Contributor, sections of news, foreign politics, and culture*

### **General Electric – GE Additive, Cincinnati, OH**

Jan. 2020 – June 2021

*Law Clerk*

- Policy drafting, research, contract drafting and analysis using US, EU, and private international law.
- Provided in-depth analysis of complex legal issues arising from GE Additive domestic and international presence.

### **Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Georgia, Tbilisi, GEO**

May 2018 – August 2018

*Urban Morgan Institute of Human Rights Fellowship*

- Worked for Deputy Minister Natia Mezvrishvili in conjunction with the Human Rights Protection Department. Conducted international legal research on cybercrime, violence against women, hate crime, and community policing.
- Wrote law & politics blog entries for the Urban Morgan Institute and the Georgian Press.

### **Brussels EU Liaison Office of the Autonomous Province of Trento, Brussels, BEL**

Jan. 2017 – April 2017

*Post-graduate internship*

- Researched off-the-shelf financial instruments and wrote report for publication.
- Monitored decision-making processes at the EU level, which involved attending conferences and writing minutes
- Participated in organization of conferences on EU issues of priority interest for the Province of Trento.

- Worked for the ‘Working Investment & Innovation Group’ of the EU Regions Research and Innovation Network.

**European Structural Funds Office of the Autonomous Province of Trento**, Trento, ITA Dec. 2016

*Post-graduate internship*

- Researched EU regulations on European Structural Funds, focusing on EU Regional Development Fund.

**Government of South Australia**, Adelaide, AUS

May 2015 – Aug. 2015

*Internship*

- Researched South Australian international research and development. Wrote report for publication titled: “South Australian International Engagement Through Research & Development - Engaging with New Geopolitical Areas: A Global Challenge through R&D South Australian Government.”
- Provided support to the director of the R&D Office, utilizing linguistic skills between Italian and English.

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## **LANGUAGES**

<b>Italian</b>	Native Speaker	<b>Spanish</b>	Fluent	<b>French</b>	Basic
<b>English</b>	Fluent	<b>German</b>	Intermediate		

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Francesca Gottardi, *Down Syndrome in the U.S. and Italy: A Comparison Between the U.S. and the Italian Legal Systems*, MILAN LAW REVIEW, Feb. 2022.
  - Francesca Gottardi, *Indigenous Rights and Federal Power in the International Legal Framework: A Comparison between the United States and Australia* in WALKING TOGETHER IN INDIGENOUS RESEARCH. Manitoba University Press, May 2021.
  - Francesca Gottardi, *Modern Challenges in International Law, and Indigenous Rights: The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Women's Activism, and the Issue of Violence Against Indigenous Women*, TRENTO STUDENT LAW REVIEW, Dec. 2020.
  - Francesca Gottardi, *Indigenous Peoples and Sacred Sites in the U.S. and Australia: A Contemporary Public Policy International Debate*, RELIGIONS (Aug. 2020).
  - Francesca Gottardi, *The Right to Say No Marital Rape and Law Reform in Canada, Ghana, Kenya and Malawi* (Melanie Randall, Jennifer Koshan, & Patricia Nyaundi eds.), Book Review, HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY (May 2019).
  - Francesca Gottardi, *The Art of Networking: How to Maximize your Doctoral Experience*, MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, February 2019 (Online).
  - Francesca Gottardi, *FESR 2014-2020: Gli strumenti finanziari come opportunità complementare di investimento*, AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF TRENTO, March 2017 (Online).
  - Francesca Gottardi, *South Australian International Engagement Through Research & Development - Engaging with New Geopolitical Areas: A Global Challenge through R&D South Australian Government*, GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, August 2015, (Online).
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## **CONFERENCES**

- Sept. 2021, “Modern Challenges in International Law, and Indigenous Rights: The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” APSA, Seattle, USA.
- May 2021, “Indigenous Rights and Federal Power in the International Legal Framework: A Comparison between the United States and Australia,” Manitoba University.
- Feb. 2021, “Modern Challenges in International Law and Human Rights,” University of Trento, Italy.
- Feb. 2021, “Istituzioni Resilienti: Buone prassi per fronteggiare la crisi pandemica,” University of Trento, Italy.
- July 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19), “Federalism and Indigenous Rights in the International Legal Framework: Comparing the United States and Australia,” International Political Science Association (IPSA), Lisbon, Portugal.
- Apr. 2020, “Environmentally Sustainable Development and Indigenous Women Activism,” “Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Conference, Los Angeles, USA.
- Apr. 2020, Presenter of “The Use of Native American Mascots in American Sports”; “Environmentally Sustainable Development and Indigenous Women Activism: A Look into the ‘Women of Standing Rock’ and ‘Idle No More’ Grassroot Social Movements”, “Indigenous Rights and Federal Power: A Comparison Between the U.S. and the

Australian Legal System”. Discussant of the panel “Human Security.” 78th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

- Oct. 18, 2019, “Scholarly Organizations: Having a Successful Conferencing Experience,” University of Cincinnati.
- Sept. 26, 2019, Presented on “The Civil Law System, a Comparison with the Common Legal Tradition,” U.S. Commercial Service Cincinnati “Doing Business in the European Union: Legal and Practical Considerations.”
- Apr. 4-6, 2019, Poster on “The Use of Native American Mascots in American Sports,” Discussant for the panel “Human Rights Legacy”. Mentee of Professor Matthew Hall (Notre Dame University), 77th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- Apr. 15-19, 2019, International delegate for the Trentino-South Tyrol Italian Region. Presenter of “The Italian Emigration to the United States: A focused analysis on the Emigration of Young Trentino People to the U.S.” Young Italians in the World International Conference, Palermo, ITA.
- Mar. 16, 2019, “Indigenous Rights and Federal Power, a Comparison between the American and the Australian Legal Systems,” Rising Up, University of Manitoba, CA.
- Mar. 13, 2019, “The Use of Native American Mascots in American Sports”. HumanitiesNOW Annual Conference, The Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati, OH, USA.

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## **SEMINARS**

- LGBTQ Safe Zone Ally Seminar, Cincinnati, OH, USA Oct. 2019
  - “Alpeuregio Summer School on the Institutions and Policies of the EU” Brussels, BEL July 2017
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## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- College of Law Scholarship, University of Cincinnati, USA, 2017-21.
- Ph.D. Full tuition award and Graduate Scholarship, University of Cincinnati, USA, 2018-21.
- Recipient of the UC International Programs Scholarship to take part in the law school short course “Colombia and the Law: An Overseas Study”, October 2019.
- Recipient of the 2019 Law Student Diversity Scholarship, Frost Brown Todd LLC, October 2019.
- Recipient of the Arthur Russel Morgan Fellowship, University of Cincinnati College of Law, USA, 2019-21.
- Recipient of the 2019 Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) Scholarship, USA, June 2019.
- Recipient of the Weaver Fellowship, University of Cincinnati College of Law, USA, 2019-21.
- Taft Graduate Student Travel award to present “The Use of Native American Mascots in American Sports” and to be a discussant for the panel “Legacy of Human Rights Violations” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Taft Research Center, Cincinnati, USA, April 2019.
- Outstanding LL.M. Student Award, University of Cincinnati, USA, April 2018.
- Summer internship fellowship, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, University of Cincinnati, USA, March 2018.
- Scholarship to participate to the 2018 Vis East Moot Competition in Hong Kong, University of Cincinnati – College of Law, USA, February 2018.
- Prize for best project in the legal field, Fondazione Cassa Rurale di Trento, ITA, December 2017.
- Scholarship to attend the “Alpeuregio Summer School on Institutions and Policies of the EU” in Brussels, Autonomous Province of Trento, ITA, July 2017.
- Merit Award for best graduates, University of Trento, ITA, June 2017.
- LL.M. Honor Scholarship, University of Cincinnati – College of Law, USA, December 2016.
- Scholarship to intern at the South Australia Government, University of Trento, ITA, November 2014.
- Scholarship to study at Vermont Law School, USA, March 2014.
- Full scholarship for outstanding academic merit, University of Trento, ITA. 2010-2016.
- Scholarship for outstanding academic merit, *Cassa Rurale Pinetana Fornace e Seregno*, Baselga di Pinè, ITA, 2013-2016.
- Scholarship awarded by the Province of Trento to students who distinguished themselves for graduating high school with the highest grades, Trentino Region, ITA, August 2008.
- Scholarship awarded by the Trentino Region to attend the fourth high school year abroad at the Carlow Vocational School, Ireland, Spring 2008.

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## **LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- **Representative (“Consultore”) of the Autonomous Province of Trento** Oct. 2021 – 2023  
Representative of the Autonomous Province of Trento for the North American area.
- **Human Rights Quarterly** Sept. 2017 – Jun. 2021  
*Editorial Board, Senior Articles Editor*  
In charge of editing the articles for publications. This includes checking the accuracy of the cites and putting them into Blue-Book format.
- **Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)** Aug. 2018 – Present  
*Board Member*  
Served as the treasurer for PSGSA at the Graduate Student Governance Association in 2018-19. Currently serving as a Board Member. Organized both academic and social activities throughout the academic year to enrich the environment and experience of graduate students in the Department.
- **Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), National Leadership Honor Society** Mar. 2020  
*Accepted As 2020-21 Member*  
To be selected as a member of ODK, one must stand among the top thirty-five percent of all students at that institution.
- **International Law Club** Sept. 2018 – 2020  
*External Vice-President*  
Founding cohort of the International Law Club at the University of Cincinnati – College of Law.
- **Graduate Student Government Association Excellence Awards Review Committee** Sept. 2018 – May 2019  
*Reviewer*  
In charge of reviewing and evaluating applications for the 2019 Excellence awards.
- **Student Bar Association (SBA)** Sept. 2017 – May 2018  
*LL.M. Representative*

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- New York Bar Dec. 2020 – Present
- Order of Journalists (“Albo dei Giornalisti Pubblicisti”) Oct. 2020 – Present
- American Bar Association (ABA) Apr. 2017 – Present
- American Society of International Law (ASIL) Apr. 2017 – 2021
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Feb. 2019 – 2020

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## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Cincinnati Bar Association. Hamilton County Youth Court Program, OH, USA Oct. 2017 – Jun. 2019
- American Society of International Law (ASIL), Washington DC, USA Apr. 2018

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## **INTERESTS**

- Marathon distance running, hiking, reading