

Education

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies 2018

Degree: Ph.D. in International Law
Supervisor: Professor Andrew Clapham
Grade: Summa cum laude avec felicitations du jury

University of Milan (Università degli Studi di Milano) 2012

Degree: Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico: 5 years degree in International Law
equivalent to BA+MA
Grade: 110 cum laude

University of Helsinki (Helsingin Yliopisto) 2010

Program: Erasmus
Research on: International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law

Professional experience

IDLO, Ukraine Office 2024 - date

Position: IHL and ICL expert
Projects: - Member of the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group
- Advising the OPG on cases concerning international crimes
- Organising trainings and workshops for the OPG

University of Geneva 2024 - date

Position: Senior Research Fellow
Grant: Ambizione grant, Swiss National Fund
Projects: Leading a project on peace in international law

Journal on the Use of Force in International Law (JUFIL) 2024 - date

Position: Co-editor in chief

University of La Sabana (Colombia), Law School 2021 - date

Position: Visiting Professor
Courses: International Law and the Use of Force; International Humanitarian Law

Diakonia IHL Centre 2022 - 2024

Position: Senior Legal Adviser
Projects: - Leading a project on IHL compliance
- Reports on IHL for UN human rights mechanisms

Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights 2018 - 2023

Position: Research Fellow
Projects: Rule of Law in Armed Conflicts (RULAC)
Disruptive Military Technologies, joint project with the ICRC

Inter-American Court of Human Rights 2022 - 2023

Position: Expert witness for a case on IHL and indigenous people

Université Catholique de Lille, Law School	2020 - date
Position: Adjunct Professor	
Courses: International Criminal Law; Public International Law War, Terrorism, and Violence in International Law	
International University in Geneva	2020 - date
Position: Adjunct Professor	
Courses: The Laws of War; Public International Law	
University of Aix-Marseille, Law School	January 2022
Position: Visiting Professor	
Courses: Interventions, Use of Force, and International Law; IHL	
Council of Ethics, Norwegian National Bank	2022
Position: Consultant to write a report on States compliance with IHL	
Harvard Law School	2019
Position: Visiting Research Fellow	
Project: The Humanisation of the Crime of Aggression	
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies	2015-2017
Position: Teaching Assistant	
Programmes: Masters in International Law and in International Affairs	
Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	2014
Position: Consultant	
Research on: Arms Trade Treaty	
Global Migration Centre	2013-2014
Position: Researcher	
Institution: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies	
Research on: The intersection between IHL and refugee law	
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Beijing (China)	2013
Position: Protection Unit, Refugee Status Determination (RSD)	
Main duties: Conducting registrations and preliminary interviews of asylum seekers	
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh)	2012
Position: Protection Unit, Community Services	
Main duties: Providing community services in the refugee camps	

Academic Publications

Book

Intervention in Civil Wars: Effectiveness, Legitimacy, and Human Rights
Hart Publishing, 2021

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

'The United Nations and the Reinvention of Peace: Which Peace and for Whom?'
Italian Yearbook of International Law (2025)

'Targeting Drug Lords: Challenges the IHL between *Lege Lata* and *Lege Ferenda*'
Co-authored with Carlos Arevalo, *International Review of the Red Cross* (2023)

'Military Intervention on Request in *Jus ad Bellum* and *Jus in Bello* and the Question of Recognition of Governments', *Goettingen Journal of International Law* (2022)

'The Crime of Aggression as a Violation of the Rights of One's Own Population'
co-authored with Frédéric Mégret (2022) 9 *Journal on the Use of Force and International Law*

'La guerra contra las drogas: desafíos para el derecho internacional humanitario'
(2021) 3 *Anuario de Derecho Internacional Humanitario* 132

'The Human Dimension of Peace and Aggression'
(2020) 96 *International Law Studies* 603

'The Right to Rebel against Violations of Human Rights: A New Role for the Responsibility to Protect?'
(2017) XIX *Palestine Yearbook of International Law* 9

'Small Islands Developing States and Climate Change: An Overview of Legal and Diplomatic Strategies'
co-authored with Valentina Baiamonte (2017) 28 *Journal of Public and International Affairs* 6

Encyclopaedia Entries

'Revolution'
Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law, Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2022

Book Chapters

'Alla ricerca della pace perduta' in P. Beccegato, W. Nanni and F. Strazzari, *conflitti dimenticati* (Edizioni San Paolo, 2023)

'Risorse naturali tra conflitti e disuguaglianze nel diritto internazionale'
in P. Beccegato, W. Nanni and F. Strazzari, *Falsi equilibri e guerre diseguali* (Il Mulino editore, 2021)

'Engaging with Drug Lords: Protecting Civilians in Colombia, Mexico, and Honduras'
in Annyssa Bellal (ed), *The War Report: Armed Conflicts in 2014* (Oxford University Press 2015)

'Protecting Civilians in Populated Areas during the Conduct of Hostilities after the *Gotovina* Case'
co-authored with Stuart Casey-Maslen, in Stuart Casey-Maslen (ed), *The War Report: Armed Conflicts in 2013* (Oxford University Press 2014)

Blog Posts

'Al Hassan Symposium: Towards the Acceptance of the Aggregated Violence Approach?' *Articles of War*, 7 February 2025

'Criminal Organizations Party to an Armed Conflict and the Question of Targeting' Co-authored with Carlos Arevalo, *Articles of War*, 19 January 2024

'Intervention in Civil Wars and the Dangers of Legitimacy'
Opinio Juris, 15 July 2021

'A common enemy: aggregating intensity in non-international armed conflicts'
ICRC Humanitarian Law and Policy Blog, 22 April 2021

'The US Elections, Alleged Fraud, and International Law'
Opinio Juris, 17 November 2020

'Towards the Recognition of a Right to Remedial Rebellion in International Law?'
Dhaka Law Review, 7 October 2020

'Venezuela and the Role of Domestic Constitutional Order in International Law'
Opinio Juris, 23 April 2019

'Non-state Violence and the Right to Protect Oneself Against Excessive State Use of Force'
C. Pison Hindawy (ed.), *Responsibility to Protect and Palestine*, June 2019

Organization of Conferences

Peace in International Law: Myth, Reality, or Legal Obligation? University of Geneva, Faculty of Law	6-7 November 2025
Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Military Decision-making ICRC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	7-8 November 2022
Ukraine and Russia IHL Talk, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	15 March 2022
Current Challenges in Armed Conflicts (CIAC) Conference Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	19 November 2021
Cyber Operations and the Protection of Water: Setting the Context and Challenges Symposium on Cyber Operations and the Protection of Water Geneva Water Hub and Geneva Academy	23 June 2021
Digitalization of Conflict: Humanitarian Impact and Legal Protection ICRC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	18-19 February 2021

Organization of International Competitions

ICRC and Geneva Academy student essay competition	May 2021
Title: Avoiding civilian harm during military cyber operations	
Position: Organizer and member of the jury of experts	

Invited Lectures (selection)

Conflict Classification Workshop University of Johannesburg, Faculty of Law	10 June 2025
Monitoring War Crimes in the context of Ukraine University of Johannesburg, Faculty of Law	6 June 2025
Assistance short of direct use of armed force Use of Force course, Professor Andrea Bianchi, Graduate Institute Geneva	15 April 2025
Classification of armed conflict scenarios IHL in Focus: Induction workshop, Geneva Academy of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	27 June 2024
Classification of armed conflict scenarios Advanced IHL Seminar for Academics and Policymakers, ICRC	28 August 2023
Introduction to IHL Summer School on International Law, University of Geneva	3 July 2023
Recent Challenges to Classifying Conflicts Worldwide Marco Sassòli's course on IHL, University of Geneva	17 October 2022
Classification of Armed Conflicts: Current Challenges 15th Advanced Seminar for Academics and Policy Makers ICRC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	3 February 2022
Digitalization of Warfare 14th Advanced Seminar for Academics and Policy Makers ICRC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	22 June 2021
International Humanitarian Law Research Methodology 14th Advanced Seminar for Academics and Policy Makers ICRC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	27 May 2021
Classifying Armed Conflicts: New Challenges for IHL Annual Seminar on International Humanitarian Law for Diplomats	4 February 2021

ICRC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Human Rights Obligations of Non-state Actors

25 November 2020

University of Tbilisi, Faculty of Law (Georgia)

Is There a Non-international Armed Conflict in Mexico?

3 April 2020

Universidad de La Sabana, Faculty of Law, Bogota

Annual Lecture on Natural Resources and Armed Conflicts

2019-2023

University of Geneva, Institut des Sciences de l'Environnement

Energy, Security, and Armed Conflicts

12 December 2019

University of Geneva, Faculty of Law

The Human Dimension of the Crime of Aggression

18 October 2019

Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (PILAC)

Harvard Law School

Peace and the Crime of Aggression

2 October 2019

McGill University, Faculty of Law

Military Interventions in Internal Conflicts

11 March 2019

upon Invitation of the Government

Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (PILAC)

Harvard Law School

Fighting Rebels in Non-international Armed Conflicts

7 November 2018

Örebro University, Faculty of Law

Rohingya: Stateless and Refugees

22 February 2016

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

The Legal Framework in Refugee Camps:

22 April 2015

Durable Solutions and Sustainable Development

LL.M. in Sustainable Development, University of Milan

International Protection of Refugees in China

27 July 2013

International Forum on Humanitarian Aid, Beijing

Presentations at Conferences (selection)

Enforced Disappearances: Colombian Perspective

12 November 2025

Enforced disappearances, civil resistance and the rule of law

Human Rights Week, University of Geneva

The ius ad bellum and ius in bello perspective

22 October 2025

Recent conflicts in the Middle East and related international law questions

Military Academy, Bruxelles

Desafíos del DIH en los modelos de justicia transicional: "¿existe un jus post bellum?"

24-25

July 2025

Conversatorio Nacional "Justicia y Paz: 20 años un sistema tejido por sus jueces

San Andrés, Colombia

The UN and the Reinvention of Peace: Which Peace and for Whom?

28-19 November 2024

The United Nations on the Eve of its 80th Anniversary: Contestation, Resilience and Change,

University of Ferrara, Faculty of Law

Challenges related to the Implementation of IHL

22-23 November 2023

Global Alliance to Spare Water from Armed Conflicts: Closed Workshop, Geneva

AI and Related Technologies in Military Decision Making on Targeting

12 October 2023

Workshop on IHL and AI, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law

Targeting Drug Lords

27 June 2023

IRRC – Addressing the humanitarian cost of organized crime, ICRC, Geneva

IHL obligations with regard to conflict-related sexual violence

22 June 2023

Guidebook on CRSV Launch Event, United Nations Headquarters, Geneva

Teaching IHL Ethically

9-12 May 2023

EURISME Annual Conference

Armed Conflicts in Colombia: What Challenges for Transitional Justice? International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR) Conference, Bogotá	22 November 2022
Military Interventions in Civil Wars: Recent Developments HSE School of International Law, Moscow	1 November 2022
Ethical Aspects of the Changing Nature of Warfare International Society for Military Ethics in Europe (EuroISME)	20 May 2022
Selling Weapons to States that Commit Gross and Systematic Violations of IHL: Challenges and Opportunities Norwegian National Bank, Ethics Committee	27 April 2022
Ukraine and Russia: IHL Challenges IHL Talk, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	15 March 2022
The Taliban and the Future of Conflicts in Afghanistan IHL Talk, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	28 October 2021
Fighting Non-State Actors in Non-international Armed Conflicts Dealing with Tensions, Crisis and War in Accordance with International Law International Society for Military Law and the Law of War Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School	27 October 2021
Intervention in Civil Wars Semillero de Derecho Internacional Humanitario, La Sabana University (Colombia)	14 August 2021
Legal Implications, Gaps, and Humanitarian Protection Workshop on the Future of Digital Battlefield Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	12 August 2021
Accountability of Non-state Actors Involved in Energy Activities Non-State Actors, Energy, and International Law Université de Genève, Faculté de droit	30 June 2021
Interventions in Civil Wars: Effectiveness, Legitimacy, and Human Rights Book Launch American Red Cross and American Society of International Law (ASIL)	19 May 2021
La Implementación del DIH en México para la Jurisprudencia Mexicana e Interamericana Universidad de La Sabana, Faculty of Law, Bogota (Colombia)	2 December 2020
International Humanitarianism in the Early Twentieth Century Promethean, Arrogant, Provincial and Redemptive Colloquium avec le Prof. Davide Rodogno Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement	2 November 2020
Military Operations against the Islamic State: Legal Issues Workshop on the Resort to Force by Australia and the United States Harvard Law School	4 November 2019
The Human Dimension of the Crime of Aggression Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (PILAC) Harvard Law School	18 October 2019
Peace and the Crime of Aggression McGill University, Faculty of Law	2 October 2019
Military Interventions in Internal Conflicts upon Invitation of the Government Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (PILAC) Harvard Law School	11 March 2019
Mine Victims Assistance: International Humanitarian Law Perspectives 17th Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty United Nations Headquarters, United Nations, Palais des Nations, Geneva	28 November 2018

Interventions in Internal Conflicts: Testing Traditional Approaches against State Practice Hamburg Young Scholars' Workshop in International Law Institute for International Affairs, University of Hamburg, Faculty of Law	<i>15-16 September 2017</i>
Rehabilitation as a Form of Reparation: Challenges and Possible Solutions for Syrian Refugees Workshop on Health Implications of the Transnational Movement of People International Society for Health and Human Rights, Novi Sad	<i>24 November 2016</i>
Criminal Organisations Parties to Non-International Armed Conflicts: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law Yerevan International Conference on International Humanitarian Law Russian-Armenian University, Yerevan	<i>10-12 November 2016</i>
Understanding Strangers Inspire Dialogue Conference University of Cambridge	<i>17 September 2016</i>
Engaging with Drug Lords: Protecting Civilians in Colombia, Mexico, and Honduras Conference on Critical Perspectives on Latin America Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies	<i>22 April 2016</i>
Climate Change and Small Islands Developing States Oxford Symposium on Population, Migration, and Environment Wadham College, Oxford	<i>21-22 March 2016</i>
The responsibility to Protect Refugees Stemming from Foreign Interventions in their Country of Origin Workshop on The Responsibility to Protect and the Refugee Crisis: University of Leeds	<i>18 January 2016</i>

International Protection of Refugees in China International Forum on Humanitarian Aid, Beijing	<i>27 July 2013</i>
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Grants and Fellowships

Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship: Ambizione grant University: Fully funding a four year project at the University of Geneva	<i>2019</i>
Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship: Early Postdoc.Mobility University: Fully funding the Visiting Research Fellowship at Harvard Law School	<i>2019</i>
Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) Grant: Subvention de la direction du droit international public (Public International Law Board Grant) Project: Rule of Law in Armed Conflicts (RULAC) project Institution: Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	<i>2018-present</i>
University of Milan Grant: Erasmus Grant University: The grant funded the Erasmus exchange programme at the University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law	<i>2010</i>

Membership to Committees

International Law Association Position: Member of the Committee on the Use of Force Topic: Military Assistance on Request	<i>2019 - date</i>
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Position: Member of the Scientific Committee

Main duties: - Conceptualise and design the compulsory common course

Main duties: - Advising on and contribute to the scientific content of the programme

- Screening new applications and selecting new students

- Developing new research proposals and other ideas for future activities

Language Skills

Italian Mother tongue

English Fluent

French Fluent

Spanish Professional working proficiency