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### ***Personal information***

Born on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1983, Trieste, Italy. Italian citizenship, unmarried.

### ***Main fields of research***

Global and international public law, comparative constitutional law, democracy promotion, human rights, international organizations (with a particular focus on CoE and EU), European human rights law.

### ***Work experiences***

- 2017 – present      *Associate Professor (Maître de conférences) of Public International Law and EU Law*, tenure track, Lille Catholic University, France.
- 2017 - present      *Senior Research Affiliate*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL), Heidelberg, Germany (Professor Anne Peters' Team).
- 2014 - 2017          *Senior Research Fellow*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL), Heidelberg, Germany (Professor Anne Peters' Team).
- 2016 - present      *Associate Lecturer*, United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE), San José, Costa Rica.
- 2016 - present      *Associate Lecturer*, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy.
- 2015 - 2017          *Associate Lecturer*, Lille Catholic University, campus of Paris, France.
- 2014 - 2016          *Associate Lecturer*, University of Mannheim, Germany.
- 2013 - 2014          *Project Manager*, human rights area, @uxilia NGO, Udine, Italy.
- 2008 - 2012          *Pb.D. Candidate in Law and Legal Theory*, Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM), Naples (today Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa), Italy.
- 2008 - 2010          *Assistant Lecturer of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Department of Political Science, University of Trieste, Italy.
- 2007                   *Project Officer*, intern, Italian Embassy of Beijing, China (September – December).
- 2006                   *Parliamentary Assistant*, intern, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (January – June).

## **Education**

- 2008 - 2012 Ph.D. *summa cum laude* in *Law and Legal Theory* at the Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM) - today Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa - with a doctoral dissertation on Global Administrative Law and International Law: *Global Dimensions of Democracy* (supervisor Professor Sabino Cassese).  
Defense: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013.
- 2005 - 2007 LL.M. (Laurea Specialistica) 110/110 *summa cum laude* in *European, International and Comparative Legal Studies* at the University of Trieste with a dissertation on Comparative Constitutional Law: *The Role of the Venice Commission in the Eastern Europe's Constitutional Transition* (supervisor Professor Sergio Bartole).
- 2002 - 2005 J.D. (Laurea di Primo Livello) 110/110 *summa cum laude* in *Legal Science* at the University of Trieste, with a dissertation on Comparative Private Law: *The European Models of Civil Unions* (supervisor Professor Mauro Bussani).
- 2005 *Erasmus exchange student*, Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion, Robert Schuman, University of Strasbourg, France (Spring term).

## **Visiting positions and research stays**

- 2010 - 2011 Visiting researcher at the *Yale Law School*, New Haven, CT, USA.  
*Courses: Constitution. Philosophy, History, Law* (Professor Bruce Ackerman); *Human Rights & Difference* (Professor Ratna Kapur); *Law and Globalization* (Professors Seyla Benhabib & Alec Stone Sweet); *International Dimensions of Democratization* (Professor Nikolay Marinov) (August – June).
- 2010 Study Visitor at the *European University Institute (EUI) Library*, San Domenico di Fiesole, Florence, Italy (February – July).
- 2009 Study Visitor at the *Italian Constitutional Court Library*, Rome, Italy (July).
- 2007 Visiting researcher at the *European Commission for Democracy through Law - Venice Commission*, (supervisor Ms. Simona Granata-Menghini), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France (August-September).

## **Teaching experiences**

### *University courses*

- *Law and Global Governance*, Master in Management e Politiche delle Pubbliche Amministrazioni (M.A.M.A.), LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy, 2016/2017 and 2015/2016 (Spring term), 10h.
- *European Comparative Law*, European LL.B., Law School, Lille Catholic University, campus of Paris, France, 2016/2017, 2015/2016 and 2014/2015 (Spring term), 24h.
- *Global Law and Human Rights*, United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE), San José, Costa Rica, 2017/2018 and 2016/2017 (Fall term), 15h.
- *EU Fundamental Rights*, Master of Comparative Business Law (M.C.B.L.), University of Mannheim, Germany, 2015/2016 and 2014/2015 (Fall term), 28h.

- *Comparative Law in Global Perspective*, International Law Summer School, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing, China (July - August 2015), 36h.

#### *University lectures*

- *Becoming or Remaining Italians? The Paradoxes of the Italian Citizenship*, lecture, Comparative Constitutional Law, (Dr. Antonio Merlino), Law School, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria (December 2016).
- *Human Rights and the External Dimension of the EU*, lecture, EU Fundamental Rights, (Dr. Davide Paris), Master of Comparative Business Law (M.C.B.L.), University of Mannheim, Germany (December 2016).
- *European Illiberal Democracies? How to Face Rule of Law and Human Rights Backlashes in the EU*, lecture, European Economic Law, (Dr. Emmanuel Gardounis), Sciences Po, Paris, France (November 2016).
- *Global Dimensions of Democracy*, lecture, International and European Human Rights Law (Professor Iris Canor), Summer course, School of Law, College of Management - Israel, Heidelberg (September 2015).
- *Democracy as a Universal Value? The evolutionary meaning of democracy within the UN framework*, Colloquium. Current Developments in International Law, University of Heidelberg, Faculty of Law - MPIL (January 2015).
- *Socialist Legal Systems and the Problem of Democratic Transition*, lecture, Comparative Legal Traditions (Professor Mauro Bussani), Law School, University of Trieste (April 2013).
- *Raising Standards of Freedom of Expression: the Role of the Council of Europe*, lecture, Freedom of New Ideas (FONI), European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (October 2011).
- *The Dawn of the Italian Republic: From Liberation to Constitution*, seminar, Comparative Constitutional Law (Professor Roberto Scarciglia), Department of Political Science, University of Trieste (May 2009).

#### **Publications**

- V. Volpe – A. Peters – S. Battini (eds.), *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, forthcoming 2018.
- V. Volpe, *From Human Rights to the Rule of Law. The ECtHR and the Independence of the Judiciary*, in “Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law”, forthcoming 2017.
- V. Volpe, *Commissione di Venezia*, entry in *Digesto delle discipline giuridiche*, UTET, forthcoming 2017.
- V. Volpe – G. Rügge, *The Court Through the Looking-Glass - A Dialogue between Constitutional Justices. An Interview with Sabino Cassese and Daria de Pretis*, in “Heidelberg Journal of International Law”, Vol. 3, 2017.
- V. Volpe, *Realizing European Identity. The Role of the Enlargement Process*, in “Why Europe? German-Italian Reflections on a Common Topic”, I. Amodeo – C. Liermann - E. Pichler – M. Scotto (eds.), *Impulse - Villa Vigoni im Gespräch*, Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart, Vol. 11, 2017, pp. 73 – 81.

- A. Peters – V. Volpe, *In search for conciliation*, Introduction to the virtual conference *Remedies against Immunity?*, VerfassungsBlog, 2017/5/11, <http://verfassungsblog.de/introduction-in-search-for-conciliation/>, DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.17176/20170511-121937> .
- V. Volpe, *Drafting Counter-majoritarian Democracy. The Venice Commission’s Constitutional Assistance*, in “Heidelberg Journal of International Law”, Vol. 76, No. 4, 2016, pp. 811 – 843.
- V. Volpe – S. Ragone, *An Emerging Right to a “Gay” Family Life? The Case Oliari v. Italy in a Comparative Perspective*, in “German Law Journal”, Vol. 17, No. 3, 2016, pp. 451 – 486.
- V. Volpe – G. Rugge, *La Corte oltre lo Specchio: un Dialogo tra Giudici Costituzionali, con Sabino Cassese e Daria de Pretis*, in MPIIL Research Paper Series, No. 6, 2016.
- V. Volpe, *La Corte Europea dei Diritti dell’Uomo e l’Indipendenza del Potere Giudiziario*, in “Giornale di Diritto Amministrativo”, No. 1, 2015, pp. 43–51.
- V. Volpe, *Italia*, in M. Savino (ed.), *Oltre lo Ius Soli: la Cittadinanza Italiana in Prospettiva Comparata*, IRPA, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2014, pp. 35-65.
- V. Volpe, *The EU’s Enlargement Policy and the Promotion of Democracy. The Case of Turkey*, in *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook*, S. Cassese - B. Carotti - L. Casini - E. Cavalieri - E. MacDonald, with the collaboration of M. Macchia - M. Savino (eds.), Institute for Research on Public Administration (IRPA) - Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), Rome - New York, 2012, pp. 22-32.
- V. Volpe, *Guaranteeing Electoral Democratic Standards. The Venice Commission and the “Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters”*, in *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook*, S. Cassese - B. Carotti - L. Casini - E. Cavalieri - E. MacDonald, with the collaboration of M. Macchia - M. Savino (eds.). Institute for Research on Public Administration (IRPA) - Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), Rome - New York, 2012, pp. 57-67.
- V. Volpe, *Does Civil Society Promote Democracy? The Arab Spring and the EU’s “New Response to a Changing Neighborhood”*, in *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook*, S. Cassese - B. Carotti - L. Casini - E. Cavalieri - E. MacDonald, with the collaboration of M. Macchia - M. Savino (eds.). Institute for Research on Public Administration (IRPA) - Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), Rome - New York, 2012, pp. 149-157.
- V. Volpe, *Stanchi di Essere Vento: la Comunità Sinta a Trieste*, in R. Scarciglia (ed.), *Trieste multiculturale. Comunità e linguaggi di integrazione*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2011, pp. 109-124.
- V. Volpe, Editorial coordination, *Manuale di Diritto Costituzionale e Pubblico*, Authors: L. Pegoraro - A. Reposo - A. Rinella - R. Scarciglia - M. Volpi, Third edition, G. Giappichelli, 2009, pp. XXIV – 496.

### **Conferences organization**

2017 *Global Actors for Peace*, Masterclass, with, Judge Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska (ECtHR), Simona Granata, (Venice Commission), Charles-Philippe David (Université du Québec a Montreal), co-organizer with Dean Ioannis Panoussis, Lille (September).

- 2017 *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, co-organizer with Anne Peters (MPIL) and Stefano Battini (IRPA). Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (May).  
Website: <http://www.mpil.de/en/pub/news/conferences-workshops/remedies-against-immunity.cfm>
- 2014 *Europe 2014 - 1914: The Legacy of the Great Empires*, with Lucio Caracciolo and Mauro Bussani, Trieste (May).
- 2013 *Lawyers, Professors and Judges: The US experience*, with Guido Calabresi, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Law - Yale Law School, Trieste (March).
- 2012 *Antonio Cassese: The Dream of Human Rights*, memorial conference honouring Antonio Cassese with Sabino Cassese, Paola Gaeta and Mauro Bussani, Trieste (March).

### **Conferences and presentations**

- 2017 *Judging Democracy. The Role of European Courts in Protecting the Independence of the Hungarian Judiciary*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual Conference *Courts, Power, and Public Law*, University of Copenhagen, 5–7 July, Copenhagen, Denmark (July).
- 2017 *From Human Rights to the Rule of Law? The European Court of Human Rights and the Independence of the Judiciary*, Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference *Walls, Borders, and Bridges: Law and Society in an Inter-Connected World*, 20–23 June, Mexico City, Mexico (June).
- 2017 Introductory remarks, *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, conference's co-organizer with Anne Peters (MPIL) and Stefano Battini (IRPA). Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (May).
- 2017 *Narratives of European Integration. Why the Rome Manifesto?*, Ca' Foscari University, Venice (May).
- 2017 *European Illiberal Democracies? Facing Political Risk within the EU*, Law School, Lille Catholic University, Paris (February).
- 2016 *From Ends to Means. How to Protect the Rule of Law in the European Union*, Global Legal Network (GLN) Annual Meeting *Impacts of Legal Risks on Effectiveness of EU Law*, Tallinn, Estonia (October).
- 2016 *From Human Rights to the Rule of Law: The ECtHR Grand Chamber Judgment Baka v. Hungary*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (September).
- 2016 *International Actors in Constitution Building Processes: The Venice Commission in Africa*, Summer course on Constitution Building in Africa, Central European University, Budapest (July).
- 2016 *A Second Silent Brexit? Britain, Strasbourg, and Human Rights*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (July).

- 2016 *The Right to a “Gay” Family Life: The Role of Supranational and Constitutional Courts in Endorsing Social Change in Europe* (with Sabrina Ragone), Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Conference *At the Delta: Belonging, Place and Visions of Law and Social Change*, 2–5 June, New Orleans, U.S. (June).
- 2016 *Yes, we can! The Role of Global Actors in Human Rights Promotion*, Law School, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (May).
- 2016 *Legal (Trans)gender Recognition. The Italian Constitutional Court Facing Transsexual Rights: A Comment to Sentenza 221/2015*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (April).
- 2016 *Non-State Actors and Democracy Promotion*, Law School, Lille Catholic University, Paris (March).
- 2016 *Democracy and Human Rights: A European Identity?*, Workshop, *From Ideas on Europe to the European Citizen: Why Europe?*, Villa Vigoni, Lake Como (January).
- 2015 Chair and interviewer of the Italian Justices Professors Sabino Cassese and Daria de Pretis (with Giacomo Ruge) in *La Corte oltre lo specchio: un dialogo tra giudici costituzionali*, Dialoghi Italiani, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (November).
- 2015 *Global Dimensions of Democracy. Global Actors Raising Domestic Legal Standards*, poster presentation, project selected for the MPIL Academic Advisory Board (*Fachbeirat*) and Board of Trustees (*Kuratorium*) presentations, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (October - November).
- 2015 *If Mayors Ruled the World. An Alternative Path for Global Governance*, book presentation [Benjamin R. Barber, *If Mayors Ruled the World: Dysfunctional Nations, Rising Cities*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 2013], Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (November).
- 2015 *‘The Hard Impact of Soft Law’. How international organizations may promote democracy and human rights globally*, University for Peace (UPEACE), San José, Costa Rica (September).
- 2015 *The European Union’s Political Conditionality in the EU Enlargement Process as an Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights Promotion*, Diplomado Internacional Derechos Humanos, *El nuevo Derecho Público del Siglo XXI y la protección multinivel de los derechos humanos*, University for Peace, Heidelberg University, and Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Colegio de Abogados, San José, Costa Rica (September).
- 2015 *The European Court of Human Rights and Same-Sex Unions. Supporting the “European Consensus” or the right to a “Gay” Family Life? A Comment on the Case Oliari and Others v. Italy*, (with Sabrina Ragone), Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (September).
- 2015 *The Venice Commission Constitutional Assistance. Strengths and Limits of an Instrument for Democracy through Law*, Workshop *Parliaments, Constitutional Transitions and the Venice Commission*, Summer School - Jean Monnet Module on 'Parliamentary Democracy in Europe', *Parliaments of Europe: foreign policy and democracy promotion*, School of Government LUISS Guido Carli University, 14-24 July, Rome (July).

- 2015 *Rewarding, Drafting and Funding Democracy. The Role of International Organizations in Raising National Democratic and Human Rights Standards*, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S), Annual Conference *Public Law in an Uncertain World*, New York University School of Law, 1–3 July, N.Y.C., U.S. (July).
- 2015 *Lessons Learned. The Arab Spring and the Eastern European Democratic Transitions*, Invited commentator, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on *Comparative Arab Constitutional Law, Panel Comparative Survey of Constitutional Reform in the Arab Region since 2011*, 16–17 May, Cairo, Egypt (May).
- 2015 Chair and discussant, 4<sup>th</sup> Max Planck Masterclass in International Law with Emmanuelle Tourme-Jouannet on *Apprendre à repenser le droit international*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (May).
- 2015 *Drafting Democracy: il Ruolo della Commissione di Venezia nella Promozione della Democrazia attraverso il Diritto*, Law School, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (March).
- 2015 *Costruire la Democrazia: la Commissione di Venezia e il Mondo Nuovo del Diritto*, Law School, Università di Salerno, Fisciano, Italy (March).
- 2015 *The European Court of Human Rights and the Independence of the Judiciary. Ensuring Individual Rights or a Systemic Rule of Law? A Comment on the Case Baka v. Hungary*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (February).
- 2014 *No taxation without representation? La disciplina italiana in tema di acquisto della cittadinanza e i suoi paradossi*, Dialoghi Italiani, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (December).
- 2014 *Unveiling the Truth: the ECHR Judgment S.A.S. v. France*, seminar *ECHR case SAS v France on Banning of Burkas and Niqab*, Centro de Estudios Políticos and Constitucionales, Madrid (November).
- 2014 *Guido Calabresi: Un dialogo tra l'uomo e il diritto*, book presentation [Guido Calabresi, “Il mestiere di giudice”, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2013], Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Annual Conference 24-25 October, Sutri, Rome (October).
- 2014 *Is Islam an ECtHR (and European) taboo? The Case of S.A.S. v. France*, Referentenbesprechung, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (July).
- 2014 Chair and discussant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Masterclass in International Law with Martti Koskenniemi on *Critical Studies of International Law*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (April-May).
- 2014 *'Half He Pulled and Half She Sank'. The Transformative Power of International Organizations in Raising National Democratic Standards*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (February).
- 2010 *Exporting Democracy. How the Global Legal Order Promotes Democracy*, IRPA Lunch, Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Rome (April).
- 2010 *La Promozione della Democrazia e il Nuovo Ordine Globale*, Doctoral School in Comparative Public Law and EU Law of the University of Udine, Trieste (May).

### **Grants and awards**

- 2016 *Fritz Thyssen Foundation Grant*, Promotion of science and research events, *State, Economy and Society*, for the conference *Remedies against Immunity? Reconciling international and domestic law after the Italian Constitutional Court's Sentenza 238/2014*, (co-organized with Anne Peters and Stefano Battini) at Villa Vigoni, Lake Como, May 2017. Grant 25.000 euro.
- 2008 - 2011 *Doctoral fellowship grant*, Italian Institute of Human Sciences (SUM), Naples.
- Since 2008 *Cultore della Materia* (honorary title) in Italian and Comparative Constitutional Law, Political Science Department, University of Trieste.
- 2005 *Erasmus exchange grant*, Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion, Robert Schuman, University of Strasbourg, France (Spring term).

### **Participation in conferences at home and abroad (selection)**

- 2013 Antonio Cassese Summer School *Post-Conflict Justice and State Building*, Antonio Cassese Initiative – Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (July).
- 2010 *In the Name of the People or in the Name of the Constitution?* Seminar held by Professor Sabino Cassese, Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA), Rome (March – May).
- 2009 - 2008 - 2004 International *Summer Schools of Philosophy and Politics*, ItalianiEuropei Foundation, Rome (July).
- 2005 Training course *Women, Politics, and Institutions* (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of more than 150 participants), Ministry of Equal Opportunity, Superior School of Public Administration, University of Trieste (September - December).

### **Other professional activities**

- 2015 - 2017 Founder and coordinator of the *MPIL Internship Programme*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg.
- 2014 - 2017 Founder (with Giacomo Ruge) and co-organizer (with Sabrina Ragone) of the MPIL monthly discussion forum *Dialoghi Italiani*, about the Italian legal and political world (in Italian). Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg.
- 2008 - 2010 Participation in the two-year research project *The “difficult” communities: multiculturalism and immigration in the territory of Trieste. Criticalities and legal models’ circulation in the Euro-regional area*, director Professor Roberto Scarciglia, Political Science Department, University of Trieste.



## ***Memberships***

- Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Review *Heidelberg Journal of International Law/ Zeitschrift für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht (ZaöRV)*, MPIL, (since 2015).
- Member of the *International Society of Public Law (ICON-S)*, (since 2015).
- Member of the *Global Legal Network* (since 2015).
- Member of the *Istituto di Ricerche sulla Pubblica Amministrazione (IRPA)*, (since 2014).
- Member of the executive team of the *Antonio Cassese Initiative for Justice, Peace and Humanity*, Geneva Academy of International and Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (since 2013).
- Member of the local editorial board of the Review *Diritto Pubblico Comparato ed Europeo (DPCE)* office of Trieste, Association of Comparative and European Public Law, (since 2009).

## ***International cooperation and voluntary work experiences***

2013	Sri Lanka – Project officer, Project for the rehabilitation of former children soldiers and war widows of the Tamil minority, @uxilia NGO (March).
2008 - 2010	Italy – Educational support for children of the Roma and Sinti communities living in the “camps”, Trieste.
2004	India – Community building and preschool education in rural area, Kerala (September-October).

## ***Language proficiency***

Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (working knowledge), German (fair).