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Education

- Sept 2013-Dec 2021 PhD researcher at the Law Department of the European University Institute, Florence, Italy
PhD thesis topic: Regulating Child and Adolescent Sexuality. Autonomy, Vulnerability and the Duty of Care. An International and Comparative Analysis.
- Sept 2013-Jun 2014 LLM in Comparative, European and International Laws, University Institute, Florence, Italy
- Sept 2008-Jul 2009 Master 2 in EU Law, specialisation in EU criminal law, Strasbourg University, Strasbourg, France
- Sept 2006-Jul 2007 European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation, The European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy
- Oct 2001- Jun 2006 Master's degree in law, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland

Work Experience

- Jan 2022-present Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
-design and teaching of courses in Comparative Law (for undergraduate students, in English) and Human Rights Law (in French, for postgraduate students), supervision of Master theses, preparation and correction of exams.
- Apr 2018-Aug 2021 Desk officer for the EU PNR Directive, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
-oversight of the implementation of the EU Directive 2016/681 across the EU, including fundamental rights and data protection aspects, legal analysis and policy development, relations with national authorities and other stakeholders
- May 2009- Apr 2013 Assistant Lawyer, the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France
-analysis of applications lodged against Poland, admissibility assessment, correspondence with applicants and national authorities, drafting notes, decisions, communications and judgments.

Non-degree Courses and Training

- Sept 2020-Dec 2021 Visiting researcher at the European Law Centre, Université Libre de Bruxelles

- Sept-Nov 2015 Visiting PhD Researcher, the School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland
- Jun 2013 The EUI Human Rights Law Summer School on Freedom of Religion, Secularism and Human Rights, Florence, Italy
- Oct 2004-Jun 2005 Socrates-Erasmus exchange student, the Southampton Solent University, UK

Conference and Workshop Organisation

- 4 Mar 2021 *Polish abortion ban and the European Union: institutional reactions and social mobilisations*, in the series “Apéro du droit européen” of the European Law Centre of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, with the participation of Robert Biedroń MEP, dr Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska and Karolina Więckiewicz.
- 28 Jan 2015 *Third party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights*, with the participation of Prof. Eva Brems, Prof. JHH Weiler and dr Paul Harvey.

Publications

Book chapters and articles

Aborcja a Konwencja o Prawach Dziecka: prawa zarodkow, prawa plodów czy prawa dzieci? [Abortion and the Convention on the Rights of the Child: the rights of embryos, the rights of foetuses or the rights of children?], in: M. Grzyb, E. Plebanek, K. Sękowska-Kozłowska (eds.), *Kobieta-cięża-zarodek-dziecko. Prawne aspekty przerywania ciąży*, Jagiellonian University Press [forthcoming].

The Construction of Fatherhood. The Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights by Alice Margaria, a book review, in: *Child and Family Law Quarterly*, vol.4 2020.

Poland as the success story of clinical legal education in Central and Eastern Europe. Achievements, setbacks and ongoing challenges, in: A. Alemanno, L. Khadar (eds.), *Reinventing Legal Education. How Clinical Education Is Reforming the Teaching and Practice of Law in Europe*, Cambridge University Press 2018.

Blog posts and shorter articles

Anti-vaxxers before the Strasbourg Court: Vavříčka and Others v. the Czech Republic, a blog post published on the Strasbourg Observers Blog (June 2021), available at: <https://strasbourgobservers.com/2021/06/02/anti-vaxxers-before-the-strasbourg-court-vavricka-and-others-v-the-czech-republic/>

Diktat catholique et droit à l'IVG en Pologne, in : *Espace de libertés*, Vol. 494 (Dec 2020).

Sexuality Education in Poland: At the Heart of an Ideological War, a blog post published on the Feminist Review Blog (June 2020), available at: <https://femrev.wordpress.com/2020/06/22/sexuality-education-in-poland-at-the-heart-of-an-ideological-war/>

“Stop Abortion” in Poland: Is the Polish Legislation to Become Even More Restrictive?, blog post published on the website of the Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies and Health, University of Sussex (January 2018), available at: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/corth/publications/blog/2018-01-30>

Conference Presentations

- 6-7 Sept 2021 “Human Rights in Pandemic Times. Political Exceptionalism, Social Vulnerability & Restricted Freedoms- International and European Perspectives”, Brussels: *Child’s right to education in pandemic time: state obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*
- 20 Jan 2021 Transgender in early and later life, Tea Time at Atelier Genre(s) et Sexualité(s), Université Libre de Bruxelles [event online], *The rights of transgender children and adolescents under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*
- 24-26 Oct 2019 Gender Studies 2019 Conference, “On violence”, Helsinki University, Helsinki: *Beyond law: the impact of Polish Constitutional Court on women’s rights.*
- 26-27 Nov 2018 Biennial Conference of the International Association for the study of Religion and Gender (IARG) "Sexual and Gendered Moralities", Gent University, Ghent: *Is it possible to have a (morally) neutral sexual education?*
- 11 Dec 2017 Workshop on Children's Right to Health, Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies and Health (CORTH), School of Global Studies & Sussex School of Law, Politics and Sociology, Sussex University, Brighton: *The Rejection of Adolescents’ Agency as the Main Obstacle to the Implementation of Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Adolescent Girls in Poland.*
- 19 May 2017 The Annual Law and Religion Scholarship Network Conference, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam; *The Margin of Appreciation, National Policy Choices and the Right to Religious Freedom. A Worrying New Trend in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights?*
- 21-22 Nov 2016 The 4th TAU Annual Workshop for Junior Scholars in Law, Law in A Changing Society, Tel Aviv University: *Regulating Adolescent’s Sexuality: Between the Need for Protection and the Recognition of Autonomy.*
- 14-15 Oct 2015 The 3rd Children's Rights Research Symposium, Antwerp University, Antwerp: *A building without solid foundations: How unresolved theoretical questions affect the application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.*
- 2-4 Dec 2014 The University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law and European University Institute Joint Doctoral Training Course in Human Rights and Constitutional Law, Florence: *The Right of the Child to Autonomy and Bodily Integrity in the UNCRC.*

Earlier Teaching Training and Experience

Feb-Jun 2016 Lecturer, Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Poland (course designed and taught: Human Rights and Current Controversies in Europe)

Jun 2015 Teaching Skills Training, EUI

Traineeships and Other Related Experience

Founding member of Law in Action, an EUI working group dedicated to clinical legal education and strategic litigation

Jan-Mar 2008 Trainee, the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Oct 2007 Trainee, the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland

Languages

Polish: mother tongue

English: Certificate of Proficiency in English passed with grade A.

Other languages: self-assessment based on the Common European Framework of Reference

Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken Interaction	Spoken Production	Writing
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1