

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal information

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## Current position

December 2010- Lecturer in International Law at the University of Perugia (Faculty of Law)

## Work experiences in the academic field

2012-2013: aggregate professor (“professore aggregato”) of European Union Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Perugia.

2011-2012: aggregate professor of European Union Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Perugia.

2010- lecturer in International Law at the University of Perugia (Faculty of Law)

2011-2012: aggregate professor of International Law, for the online master “Legal Profiles of International and European Integration”, University of Perugia and *Academia Diplomática y Consular José Falcón - Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de la República del Paraguay*.

2010-2011: aggregate professor of International Organization at the Faculty of Law of the University of Perugia.

2009-2010 research fellow (“assegnista di ricerca”) in International Law at the University of Florence.

2008-2009: contract professor teaching a post-graduate course on International Cooperation at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Florence;

contract professor teaching a post-graduate course on International Economic Law at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Florence.

2005-2010 assistant (“culture della materia”) in International Law, European Law and International Organization Law at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Florence.

2004: contract with the University of Verona to do editing activities for the publication of the proceedings of a conference on "Biotechnologies in International and European Law".

## Education and Training

- 2008: Specialization course on “Claims to the European Court of Human Rights”, organized by the University of Florence;
- PhD degree in International Law and European Union Law at the University of Florence (Tutor: Prof. Marina Spinedi; Coordinator of the PhD Program: Prof. Luigi Condorelli);
- Course of the Neapolitan School on the Rights of Peoples, sponsored by the Lelio Basso Foundation and by the Italian Institute of Philosophical Studies.
- 2007: Research period in Washington, DC as visiting scholar at Georgetown University.
- 2006: Summer School of the Hague Academy of International Law (session of Public International Law).
- 2005: Courses of Private International Law and European Union Law, organized by the Florence School of Specialization for Legal Professions (Prof. Giorgio Gaja and Prof. Adelina Adinolfi);
- Seminar on Search & Documentation Working Methods, organized by the European Patent Office (The Hague).
- 2004: Degree in Political Sciences (International Law) with top marks (110/110 *cum laude*) at the University of Florence.
- 2002–2003: Studied at the *Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po)* in the framework of the European Erasmus Program.
- 1998: *Maturità scientifica* with top marks (60/60).
- 1997: One of 120 Italian students selected to participate in the “University Orientation Week” organized every year by the *Scuola Normale* of Pisa.

## Scholarships and research grants

- 2011: scholarship to participate to the works of the Centre for Studies and Research of the International Law and International Relations of the Hague Academy of International Law (session on Remedies for the Actions of International Organizations, Prof. Ian Sarooshi).
- 2009-2010: awarded a 12 month research grant to do a research on the Reparations of victims of war crimes (supervisor of the project: Prof. Paola Gaeta).
- 2008: scholarship awarded by the Italian Institute on Philosophical Studies to participate in the annual Course of the Neapolitan School on the Rights of Peoples.

- 2007: three month research grant awarded by Georgetown University to do a research as visiting scholar.
- 2004-2007: awarded (first place) a three year PhD scholarship in International and European Law at the University of Florence.
- 2004 awarded (first place *ex aequo*) a three year PhD scholarship in International and European Law at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Faculty of Law (scholarship not undertaken as PhD scholarship in Florence chosen instead).
- 2002-2003: scholarship in the framework of the Erasmus Program, to spend 9 months studying at *Sciences-Po (Institut d’Etudes Politiques* of Paris).

## Prizes

- His PhD dissertation on “The Agreements of the World Bank Group’s Institutions” has won the “Riccardo Monaco” Prize 2009, awarded by SIDI (Italian Society of International Law).
- His graduation dissertation on “Biodiversity, biopiracy, biosecurity in International Law” has been awarded the following prizes:
  - a) "Nobile" Prize 2004 on documentary recovery and research, awarded by *Area Science Park* of Trieste (first place);
  - b) Prize on Technological Innovation, awarded the Chamber of Commerce of Torino, Legal Category (first place);
  - c) "Laura Conti" Prize 2005, awarded by *Ecoistituto del Veneto*, Special Prize on Food.

## Speeches in conferences

- Exeter, 26 June 2012: report on “Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture between the Sovereignty and the Global Commons Paradigm”, presented in the *ECPR's Standing Group on Regulation and Governance Conference 2012* organized by the University of Exeter.
- Perugia, 17 November 2011: Workshop organized by the University of Perugia on “The European Convention between effectiveness of guarantees and Integration of the Legal Orders” (report on “The EU and its Member States before the Strasbourg Courts; Considerations on the Co-respondent-mechanism”).
- Perugia, 28 February 2011: Conference organized by the University of Perugia (Faculty of Law), on “The Explosion of Global Commons: from Water to the Intangible”.
- Florence, 5 October 2009: Workshop on “The Protection of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights in the UN System”, organized by the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Florence;
- Milan, 18 September 2007: Annual Meeting of the Young Italian International Lawyers, organized by the University “Milano Bicocca”;

Siena, 4 June 2007: International Conference on “The Identity of Indigenous Peoples: Legal, Anthropological and Linguistic Problems”, organized by the University of Siena and by the Italo-Latin American Institute;

Verona, 2 July 2004: Workshop “Le biotecnologie: profili di diritto internazionale e comunitario”, organized by the University of Verona;

## Main fields of interest

- The universal and regional systems for the protection of human rights
- Human rights and indigenous peoples’ rights
- International financial institutions
- Responsibility of international organizations
- External relations of the EU
- Governance of global commons
- Intellectual property rights and the protection of TK
- Biogenetic resources and the right to food

## Publications

### Monographs

S. Vezzani, «Gli accordi delle Organizzazioni del Gruppo della Banca Mondiale» (*The Agreements of the World Bank Group’s Financial Institutions*), Giappichelli Editore, Torino, 2011, XVI-446 (published in the collection “Studi di diritto internazionale” edited by Professors Giardina, Nascimbene, Ronzitti, Villani).

### Journals’ articles

S. Vezzani, «Conoscenze tradizionali e attività inventiva: due recenti decisioni del *Board of Appeal* dell’Ufficio europeo dei brevetti riaccendono il dibattito sulla “biopirateria”» (*Traditional Knowledge and Inventive Step: Two Recent Decisions of the European Patent Office Board of Appeals Relight the Debate on “Biopiracy”*), in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, vol. 88, n. 3, pag. 773-777 (2005);

S. Vezzani, «Quale riparazione per il danno da “bioinquinamento”? Riflessioni in margine alle recenti legislazioni europee in tema di *GM crops liability*» (*Which Reparation for Biopollution? Some Reflections about European Legislations on GM Crops Liability*), in *Rivista di diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo*, vol. 8, n. 3, pag. 1384-1400 (2006);

S. Vezzani, «Protocollo I alla Convenzione europea dei diritti umani e tutela della proprietà intellettuale di popoli indigeni e comunità locali» (*Protection of Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Intellectual Property and the First Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights*), in *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, vol. 1, n. 2, pag. 305-342 (2007);

- S. Vezzani, «Nuovi orientamenti della Corte di cassazione in tema di riparazione del danno non patrimoniale per durata irragionevole del processo: la sentenza nel caso Zullo» (*New Orientations of the Cassation Court Concerning Reparation for Damages Caused by the Excessive Length of Process: the Zullo Judgment*), in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, vol. 91, n. 3, pag. 830-836 (2008);
- S. Vezzani, «*Pacta sunt servanda?* La sentenza della Corte di Giustizia nell'affare *Intertanko* (caso C-308/06) e l'adattamento dell'ordinamento comunitario al diritto internazionale pattizio», (*Pacta sunt Servanda? The Intertanko Judgement of the European Court of Justice (Case C-308/06) and the Adaptation of Community Law to International Conventional Law*), in *Studi sull'integrazione europea*, vol. 4, n. 1, 233-253 (2009);
- S. Vezzani, «Questioni vecchie e nuove in tema di protezione degli organi» (*Old and New Questions Concerning the Protection of Organs*), in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, vol. 91, n. 3, 717-770 (2009);
- S. Vezzani, «Preliminary Remarks on the Envisaged WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the Sharing of Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits», in *The Journal of World Intellectual Property*, vol. 13, n. 6, 675-696 (2010);
- S. Vezzani, «L'unicorno esiste (ed è africano): il diritto allo sviluppo nella decisione della Commissione Africana dei diritti umani e dei popoli nel caso degli Endorois» (*The Unicorn Does Exist (And It Is African): the Right to Development in the Decision of the African Commission of Human and peoples' Rights in the Endorois Case*), in *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, vol. 4, n. 3, 603-614 (2010);
- S. Vezzani, «Sul fondamento del diritto dell'individuo al risarcimento dei danni subiti in conseguenza della violazione degli obblighi posti dalla Convenzione europea» (*On the Foundation of the Right of the Individual to Obtain Redress as a Consequence of a Violation of Obligations Steeming from the ECHR*), in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, vol. 93, n. 4, 1148-1154 (2010);
- S. Vezzani, «L'ordinanza sulle misure cautelari della Corte africana dei diritti dell'uomo e dei popoli nell'affare libico» (*The Decision on Precautionary Measures Issued by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in the Lybian Case*), in *Federalismi.it. Rivista di diritto pubblico italiano, comunitario e comparato*, 2011, n. 6, pp. 1-10;
- S. Vezzani, «Sul previo esaurimento dei mezzi di ricorso interni in situazioni di occupazione territoriale illegittima» (*On the Prior Exhaustion of Local Remedies in Unlawful Territorial Situations*), in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, vol. 94, n. 3, 799-820 (2011);
- S. Vezzani, «Invenzioni biotecnologiche e tutela dell'ordine pubblico e della morale nel diritto europeo dei brevetti: il caso Brüstle» (*Biotechnological Inventions and the Protection of Ordre Public and Morality in European Paten Law: the Brüstle case*), in *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, 2012, n. 2, pp. 447-453.

#### Chapters in books

- S. Vezzani, «Normative brevettuali e accesso alle risorse biologiche e genetiche: ripartizione giusta ed equa dei vantaggi o "biorazzia"?» (*Patent Law and Access to Biological and*

- Genetic Resources: Just and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits or “Bio-pillage”?*), in *Bioetica e biotecnologie nel diritto internazionale e comunitario. Questioni generali e tutela della proprietà intellettuale* (ed. N. BOSCHIERO), Giappichelli Editore, Torino, 2006, pag. 261-281;
- S. Vezzani, «*Bioprospecting* nelle Ande. Considerazioni in merito alle decisioni 391/1996 e 486/2000 della Comunità andina» (*Bioprospecting in the Andes. Considerations on Decisions n. 391/1996 and 486/2000 of the Andean Community*), in *Atti del Convegno internazionale sull’identità dei popoli indigeni: aspetti giuridici, antropologici e linguistici* (eds. A. L. PALMISANO and P. PUSTORINO), Roma, 2008, pag. 63-76;
- S. Vezzani, «Sciamani e “cacciatori di geni”: proprietà intellettuale e diritti dei popoli indigeni» (*Sciamans and “Gene Hunters”: Intellectual Property and Indigenous Peoples’ Rights*), in *Atti del V incontro di studio dei giovani cultori delle materie internazionalistiche* (ed. I. PAPANICOLOPULU), Giuffré Editore, Milano, 2008, pag. 85-123.
- S. Vezzani, «I saperi tradizionali e le culture popolari alla luce del paradigma dei “beni comuni”», (*Traditional and Popular Knowledge in the light of the ‘Common’s Paradigm*), in *Oltre il pubblico e il privato. Per un diritto dei beni comuni* (ed. M. R. MARELLA; preface by S. RODOTÀ), Ombre Corte, Verona, 2012, pp. 149-160;
- S. Vezzani, «L’attuazione nell’ordinamento italiano delle sentenze della Corte europea dei diritti dell’uomo che rilevano la contrarietà alla Convenzione di situazioni interne di portata generale» (*The Enforcement in the Italian Legal Order of the ECHR’s Judgments Requiring the Adoption of Measures of a General Character of the ECtHR’s Judgements*), in *Diritti, principi e garanzie sotto la lente dei giudici di Strasburgo* (ed. L. CASSETTI), Jovene, Napoli, 2012, pp. 43-74;
- S. Vezzani, «The Relevance for Criminal Prosecution of Fact-finding by Human Rights Courts and Bodies», to be published in *War Crimes and the Conduct of Hostilities: Challenges to Investigation and Adjudication* (eds. F. POCAR, M. PEDRAZZI, M. FRULLI), Edward Elgar, 2012;
- S. Vezzani, «Le règlement par voie d’arbitrage des différends portant sur la responsabilité des organisations internationales», approved for publication in a volume edited by D. Sarooshi;
- S. Vezzani, «The UE and Its Member States before the Strasbourg Court: a Critical Appraisal of the Co-respondent Mechanism», *work in progress*;
- S. Vezzani, «Countermeasures by Member States against International Organizations», *work in progress*.

### Online publications

«Biodiversità, biopirateria, biosicurezza: il diritto internazionale frammentato» (*Biodiversity, Biopiracy, Biosecurity: International Law Fragmented*), in <http://images.to.camcom.it/f/PatLib/Ve/Vezzani.pdf>.

## **Linguistic Skills**

- Italian: mother tongue
- English: proficient user
- French: proficient user
- Spanish: basic user
- Russian: basic user

## **Memberships**

Member of the Italian Society of International Law