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Work Experience

Assistant Professor

February 2021 - present

Alfred Nobel University, Dnipro, Ukraine

- ▶ teaching courses in economic diplomacy and international economic law
- ▶ supervising undergraduate students' theses

Lecturer

September 2022 - present

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

- ▶ teaching courses in international trade law, comparative public law and European social law
- ▶ supervising undergraduate/graduate students' theses

Associate Fellow

2020 - 2021

The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies

Bologna, Italy

- ▶ conducted independent research
- ▶ guest lecturer in selected EU topics

Contract Lecturer

September 2017 – September 2022

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

- ▶ teaching courses in international trade law, comparative public law and European social law
- ▶ supervising undergraduate students' theses

Summer Associate

2015

Brigard and Urrutia, Bogota, Colombia

- ▶ doing research for international trade and customs team

Junior Lawyer

2014 – 2015

Dentons, Kyiv, Ukraine

- ▶ negotiating financial transactions and cross-border finance-related matters
- ▶ sovereign debt restructuring (Ukrainian debt, 2015)

Public Prosecutor

2011 – 2012

Public Prosecutor's Office, Dnipro, Ukraine

- ▶ representing state interests in civil, administrative and commercial courts
- ▶ preparing claims on behalf of the state

Education**Ph.D. in Legal Studies**

2015 – 2019

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

PhD thesis 'The GATT security exception : a standard of review and systemic implications'

PhD supervisor - Professor Giorgio Sacerdoti

PhD external reviewers: Professors Joost Pauwelyn and Peter Tobias-Stoll

Visiting Scholar	2018
University of Cambridge, U.K. Lauterpacht Center for International Law	
Research Scholar with Grant	2017 – 2018
Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law Heidelberg, Germany	
LL.M. in International Economic Law and Policy	2013 – 2014
University of Barcelona, Spain	
LL.M. in Forensics, Criminology and Law	2012–2013
Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands	
Combined Bachelor and Master’s in law with distinction	2016–2011
Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine, Prosecutors’ Training Institute, Kharkiv, Ukraine	

Skills

Languages English (full proficiency)
Spanish (full proficiency)
Italian (full proficiency)
Ukrainian (mother tongue)
Russian (bilingual)

Awards Research grant from Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg, 2018
Orrick Rambaud Martel Scholarship, Arbitration Academy, Paris, 2016
Full scholarship for PhD studies at Bocconi University, 2015–2018
World Wide Studies Scholarship for studies at University of Barcelona,
Victor Pinchuk Foundation, 2013–2014
High Potential Scholarship of Maastricht University, 2012–2013

Letter of gratitude of the Head of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Dnipropetrovsk region, 2012

Scholarship of the Parliament of Ukraine, 2009-2010

Scholarship of the Rector of the Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine, 2007

Publications

1. NATO should stop biding time on Ukrainian membership promise, Kyiv Independent, 25 May 2023, <https://kyivindependent.com/viktoriiia-lapa-nato-should-stop-biding-time-on-ukrainian-membership-promise/>
2. Lapa, Viktoriia; Frosini, Justin: *Would Ukraine Breach its own Constitution if it Dropped its NATO Bid?*, *VerfBlog*, 2022/2/18, <https://verfassungsblog.de/would-ukraine-breach-its-own-constitution-if-it-dropped-its-nato-bid/>
3. J.Frosini, V.Lapa, Mere aspirazioni di un Paese in guerra? Le disposizioni euroatlantiche nella Costituzione dell'Ucraina, *Quaderni Costituzionali*, XLII, issue 3, 2022, pp.614-617 <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1439/104909>
4. 'Article XII of the GATT and Understanding on Balance of Payments' (co-author with Gary N.Horlick), *Max Planck Commentaries on World Trade Law, WTO-Trade in Goods*, Brill, Vol.6 (forthcoming 2023)
5. 'The WTO Panel Report in Russia – Traffic in Transit: Cutting the Gordian Knot of the GATT Security Exception?', *Questions of International Law, Zoom-In*, Vol.69, 2020, pp.5-27
6. 'GATT Article XXI as a Way to Justify Food Prohibitions Adopted as a Response to COVID-19?', *Global Trade and Customs Journal*, Vol.15, Issue 7, 2020, pp.340-345
7. 'The Historical and Legal Significance of Constitutional Preambles: a Case Study on the Ukrainian Constitution of 1996', (book chapter, pp.60-88) in 'Comparative Constitutional History, Volume 1: Principles, Developments, Challenges' (edited by F.Biagi, J.Mazzone and J.Frosini), co-author with Justin O.Frosini, Brill, 2020, 285p.
8. The Appellate Body Report, 'Indonesia – Safeguards on Certain Steel and Iron Products' (the case-note within "The WTO in 2017: Systemic Developments at the WTO and Dispute Settlement System and Review of the Appellate Body's Reports", edited by Giorgio Sacerdoti), *The Italian Yearbook of International Law*, Vol.28, 2019, pp.389-396

9. 'The Czechoslovakian Case of 1949 in the GATT: Luck in Misfortune?', *Czech Yearbook of Public and Private International Law*, Vol.9, 2018, pp.299-313
10. 'National Margin of Appreciation as a Standard of Review for Economic Sanctions: In Search of the Golden Fleece?', *The Italian Yearbook of International Law*, Vol.27, 2017, pp.53-75
11. The Appellate Body Report, 'Russian Federation-Measures on the Importation of Live Pigs, Pork and Other Pig Products from the European Union' (a case-note within "The WTO in 2017: Systemic Developments at the WTO and Dispute Settlement System and Review of the Appellate Body's Reports", edited by Giorgio Sacerdoti), *The Italian Yearbook of International Law*, Vol.27, 2017, pp.356-361
12. 'Security Exceptions under the GATT Article XXI: Did Russia Let the Genie Out of the Bottle?' (co-author with Olesya Kryvetska), *Ukrainian Journal of International Law*, No.3, 2017
13. 'The Appellate Body Report, Colombia-Measures relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear' (a case-note within "The WTO in 2016: Systemic Developments at the WTO and Dispute Settlement System and Review of the Appellate Body's Reports", edited by Giorgio Sacerdoti), *The Italian Yearbook of International Law*, Vol.26, 2016, pp.466-471

Selected conference presentations

1. "Russian national security narrative, clean hands doctrine and security exceptions in the WTO: is there hope in the madness?" ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group, Workshop of the ESIL IEL IG, Side-event to the 2023 ESIL Research Forum in Tartu, 25 April 2023 (online)
2. "Russian invasion against Ukraine from the perspective of international law" Universidad de Sergio Arboleda, Barranquilla, Colombia, 1 March 2022 (online)
3. "International law and national tribunals: strange bedfellows?" a lecture within the framework of the Course for preparation of judges, Universidad San Pablo, Tucumán, Argentina, 13 August 2022 (online)
4. "Understanding the Russo-Ukraine War: Geopolitics, History, and Law" HEC Paris, France, 20 April 2022 (online)
5. "Ukrainian Application for EU Membership: State of Play" European Union and Legal Reform and CSDI, Bologna, Italy, 7 July 2022 (online)

6. 'EU Trade policy, Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements for Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia', Autumn School, "EU and Legal Transformation in Eastern Neighborhood" CCSDD (Bologna, Italy) and State University of Moldova, Faculty of Law, Chisinau, 8 November 2022, (online)
7. "Easy to condemn, difficult to judge: how the Universal Jurisdiction deals with war crimes", Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 5 December 2022
8. "Expanding the Eurasian Economic Union – managed trade in a Russian way?" at the conference "Transformation of economic systems in a new geoeconomic context" that took place at Nobel University, Dnipro, Ukraine, 20–21 April 2021
9. "The Interpretation of Art. XX (g) of the GATT in the Context of the Ukraine–Wood Products Dispute", webinar series of the Italian Society of International Law, Interest Group on International Economic Law, 23 April 2021
10. One week training course on the human rights and rule of law for the students of the National University of Ostroh Academy (Ukraine) in the framework of the project "Supporting Legal Education Reform and Sustainable Human Rights School Education " within the Rule of Law and Human Rights Programme organized by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (28th May –4th June 2021)
11. International disputes between Ukraine and Russia at the meeting of the Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University, Public and Private Law Department, 20 May 2021
12. 'Food security as an essential security interest in time of pandemic: towards rethinking the concept of national security?' The 2020 ESIL International Economic Law Interest group Online Workshop, 'International Economic Law between Emergencies and Reforms', 9 September 2020
13. "The Politicization of the WTO Dispute Settlement System: Russian Roulette or a Silver Lining?", The 2020 ASIL International Economic Law Interest group conference "Designing International Economic Law: Challenges and Opportunities, "University of Miami, School of Law, 14–15 February 2020
14. "'Three of a Kind'? The Unique Nature of the TRIPS Agreement Security Exception Provision', International Economic Law and Security Issues, Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam, presentation, (co-author with G.Gagliani), 14–15 November 2020
15. G2 (The Graduate Institute, Geneva and Georgetown Law) Annual Conference on WTO Law and Global Economic Regulation, panelist, "Geopolitics and National Security in International Economic Regulation", Geneva, Switzerland, 7–8 June 2019
16. "Dealing with the GATT National Security Exception: Let the Sleeping Dogs Lie?", Society of International Economic Law, 7th SIEL PEPA Conference, "Nicosia, Cyprus, 13–14 April 2018

17. “The Arduous Road to Approving the 1996 Ukrainian Constitutional Preamble and its Legal Value Today”, conference “Constitutional History: Comparative Perspectives”, University of Illinois College of Law Program, University of Bologna School of Law, (co-presenter with Justin O. Frosini), Bologna, Italy, 13-14 November 2017
18. Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law, “Standard of Review for Economic Sanctions: In Search of the Golden Fleece?”, Heidelberg, Germany, Agora Meeting, 20 July 2017
19. Summer School, “EU and Legal Reforms”, Lecturer, Igalo, Montenegro, 13 July 2017
20. “National Margin of Appreciation as a Standard of Review for Economic Sanctions: In Search of the Golden Fleece?”, Society of International Economic Law, 6th SIEL PEPA Conference, Tilburg, Netherlands, 20-21 April 2017
21. “Security exceptions in international economic agreements: carte blanche to the States?”, European Society of International Law Annual Conference, Riga, Latvia, 7-10 September 2016

Bar Admission Ukraine, 2019

Other

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Lecturer for the Project “Supporting Legal Education Reform and Sustainable Human Rights School Education”, May 2021

Visiting lecturer, Bologna University, Italy, 2017-current

Arbitration Academy, Paris, France, 2016

PhD Summer School, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law (6 ECTS), 2016

Volunteer, Service Civil International, Vitry-sur-Seine, France, 2010

Summer exchange, Work and Travel USA, Los Angeles, US, 2009