

MARGHERITA PENNA

PhD Candidate in Legal Studies for Innovation

EDUCATION

PHD CANDIDATE IN DEFENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES (XXXIX CYCLE)

Università di Torino – Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa (CASD-SSU)

Curriculum: Legal Studies for Innovation

Three-years Research Project, International Law, International Humanitarian Law

Subject: Military Use of Space, International Humanitarian Law Application in Space.

Supervisor: Professor Andrea Spagnolo.

1 NOV 2023 – ON GOING
TORINO/ROMA, ITALY

MASTER

Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale (SIOI)

Master in Diplomatic Studies.

SEPT 2022 – MAY 2023
ROMA, ITALY

MASTER'S DEGREE IN EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES

Università di Torino

Final dissertation in International Institutional Law with the title: «*The International Criminal Responsibility of High-level Officers in the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict: Crime of Aggression and Command Responsibility*».

Supervisor: Professor Edoardo Greppi

Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

SEPT 2020 – NOV 2022
TORINO, ITALY

SECOND LEVEL MASTER'S DEGREE

Scuola di Studi Superiori Ferdinando Rossi di Torino

Final dissertation: «*Samuel P. Huntington: democrazia, scontro delle civiltà, identità americana*» (*Samuel P. Huntington: Democracy, Clash of Civilisation, American Identity*).

Supervisor: Professor Francesco Tuccari.

Final grade: 70/70 *cum laude*.

SEPT 2017 – DEC 2023
TORINO, ITALY

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Centre for Transnational Legal Studies, King's College London

Average grade: 4.0/5.0.

JAN 2022 – MAY 2022
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

ERASMUS +

SciencesPo Strasbourg

Average grade: 15/20.

SEPT 2019 – MAY 2020
STRASBOURG, FRANCE

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Università di Torino

Final dissertation in Comparative Constitutional Law, with the title: «*Il nuovo costituzionalismo in Ecuador e Bolivia: opportunità o utopia?*» (*The New Constitutionalism in Ecuador and Bolivia: opportunity or utopia?*).

Supervisor: Professor Anna Mastromarino.

Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*.

SEPT 2017 – SEPT 2020
TORINO, ITALY

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

VISITING SCHOLAR (PHD)

University of Utrecht, Research Platform on Peace, Security and Human Rights

Research project on the application of jus ad bellum and jus in bello in the space context, under the supervision of prof. Luca Pasquet.

FROM 1 MAY 2026
UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS

RESEARCH PROJECT

"EU Space Policy: What Contribution to European Integration in the Field of Security and Defence?"

Financed by Centro Studi sul Federalismo (CSF).

1 MAR 2024 – 31 JAN 2025
TORINO, ITALY

VISITING SCHOLAR (PHD)

Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Facultad de Ciencias Juridicas y Sociales

Research project on interactions among International Space Law, Environmental Obligations and the Law of Armed Conflicts.

Seminar on « *Los desechos espaciales : regulación internacional en tiempos de paz y de conflicto armado* ».

14 AUG 2024 – 14 SEP 2024
SANTA FE, ARGENTINA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL ADVISOR (LEGAD)

Italian Military Navy

Participation, on board the aircraft carrier CVH 550 Cavour, in the role of legal advisor in the Navy exercise "Mare Aperto 24-1", jointly with the French Navy exercise "POLARIS".

5 – 25 MAY 2024
MAR MEDITERRANEO, ITALY

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

READER

Università di Torino

«*War in Space: Space as a strategic domain and the use of force in outer space*» lecture in the International and EU Space Law seminar (Prof. Alberto Miglio and Prof. Andrea Spagnolo), Law Department.

26 NOV 2025
TORINO, ITALY

ACADEMIC TUTOR AND READER

Centro Studi per la Difesa (CASD-SSUOSD)

in the Course on «*Foundations of International Law applied to Space Operations*»:

Academic tutor (a.y. 2024-2025);

Reader with a lecture on «*Le attività militari nello spazio e il rispetto del diritto internazionale umanitario*», 22 January 2026 (a.y. 2025-2026).

Scientific Coordinator: Prof. Nicola Colacino.

OCT 2024 – JAN 2026
ROMA, ITALY

READER

Università di Torino

«*New Space, New Rules? Law, Economics and Sustainability in Outer Space*» lecture in the International Law course (Prof. Gustavo Minervini), Law Department.

26 NOV 2025
TORINO, ITALY

READER

Università di Torino

International Space Law (2 hours) in the Seminar on Law and Space (Prof. Dario Elia Tosi), Law Department.

16 OCT 2025
TORINO, ITALY

ACADEMIC TUTOR**Università di Torino**

Academic Tutor in the Strategic Litigation: Human Rights Legal Clinic (a.y. 2024-2025; a.y. 2025-2026).

Scientific Coordinator: Prof. Andrea Spagnolo.

OCT 2024 – ON GOING**TORINO, ITALY****READER****Università di Torino**

Introduction to International Space Law (3 hours) in the International Law course (Prof. Gustavo Minervini), Global Law Bachelor's Degree.

15 MAY 2025**TORINO, ITALY****READER****Università di Torino**

Introduction to International Space Law (3 hours) in the International Law course (Prof. Andrea Spagnolo), Law Degree.

10 APR 2025**CUNEO, ITALY****READER****École de l'air et de l'espace**

Common Security and Defence Policy and Space Law (2 hours) in the EMILYO CSDP Module (a.y. 2024-2025).

Scientific Coordinator: Prof. Philippe Guillot.

26 MAR 2025**SALON-DE-PROVENCE, FRANCE****READER****Università di Torino, Scuola Universitaria Interdipartimentale in Scienze Strategiche (SUISS)**

International Protection of Human Rights (6 hours) in the Master course "Legal Advisor to Military Commanders" (a.y. 2023-2024).

International Protection of Human Rights (10 hours) in the Master course "Legal Advisor to Military Commanders" (a.y. 2024-2025; a.y. 2025-2026).

JUN 2024 – ON GOING**TORINO, ITALY****TEAM ADVISOR****Università di Torino**

Team Advisor in the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition (a.y. 2023-2024).

2023 – 2024**TORINO, ITALY****TEACHING ASSISTANT****Università di Torino**

Professor: Andrea Spagnolo.

Examiner and thesis tutor in International Law, International Humanitarian Law.

2023 – ON GOING**TORINO, ITALY**

PUBLICATIONS

1. PENNA M. (2023), *Osservazioni sulla protezione della centrale nucleare di Zaporizhzhia* in GARGIULO P., INGRAVALLO I. (a cura di), Osservatorio sulle attività delle organizzazioni internazionali e sovranazionali, universali e regionali, sui temi di interesse della politica estera italiana, Società Italiana per la Organizzazione Internazionale, Working Paper 1-2023, pp. 71-81, ISBN 979-12-5976-711-0.
2. MIGLIO A., GROSSIO L., CIVITELLA A., NOTA C., PENNA M. (2024), *Space and Defence: A Hybridisation of EU Space Policy and CSDP*, CSF Research Paper, December 2024.
3. GROSSIO L., PENNA M. (2024), *Il futuro dell'integrazione europea in materia di difesa e spazio*, *Commento n. 309* in *Commenti CSF*, 19 December 2024, <https://www.csfederalismo.it/it/pubblicazioni/commenti/il-futuro-dellintegrazione-europea-in-materia-di-difesa-e-spazio>.
4. PENNA M. (2025), *Il "rosso pianeta bolscevico e traditor": considerazioni sul principio di non-appropriazione alla luce delle recenti affermazioni del Presidente Trump*, in *SIDIBlog*, 11 February 2025, <http://www.sidiblog.org/2025/02/11/il->

[rosso-pianeta-bolscevico-e-traditor-considerazioni-sul-principio-di-non-appropriazione-alla-luce-delle-recenti-affermazioni-del-presidente-trump/](#).

5. NOTA C., PENNA M. (2025), *Recensione del volume 'Sicurezza e Difesa Comune dell'Unione europea' (a cura di M. Vellano e A. Miglio)*, Strategic Leadership Journal, December 2025, www.unicasd.it - https://www.unicasd.it/pluginfile.php/41518/mod_page/content/32/SLJ%20n%C2%B0%207.pdf.
6. PENNA M., *The Legal Conundrum of Mega-Constellations: A Call for a Sustainable Governance Framework*, CEAS-AIDAA Conference 2025, Conference proceedings, **under publication**.
7. PENNA M., *ISRU, Non-Appropriation and the Artemis Accords: An Impossible Love?*, **under review**.
8. PENNA M., *Il lato nascosto degli Accordi Artemis: un'analisi critica*, DPCE online, **under review**.
9. PENNA M., *Pretese di occupazione nella prassi degli USA? Riflessioni sulla condizione giuridica del "rosso pianeta bolscevico e traditor"*, Quaderni SIDIBlog, **under review**.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- *Militarisation of Outer Space: A Comparative Look at the Military Doctrines of France, Germany and Italy under International Law*, **Winner Essay of the ESPI Essay Competition** within the 18th ESPI Autumn Conference «Scaling European Space Capabilities for Security & Defence: From Ambition to Implementation», Vienna, 01-02 October 2024.
- Participation in the **2024 UN Conference on Space Law and Policy**, organised by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Activities (UNOOSA), Vienna, 19-21 November 2024.
- *Foundations of International Space Law*, lecture for the workshop «The Law in Space. Actors, Challenges and Prospects», within the Second Level Master's Degree in Security and Global Strategy (IASD-SUISS-CASD/SUOSS), held at Università di Torino, Turin, 10 January 2025.
- Participation as part of the **IISL delegation to the 64th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UNCOPUOS**, Vienna, 5-13 May 2025.
- Participation in the **closed-door workshop «Towards a safe cislunar space: Policy priorities for engagement» organised by ESPI**, Vienna, 12 May 2025.
- Speaker at the conference «The Autonomous Access to Space: the Challenges of the Orbits. The Law in Space. Actors, Challenges and Prospects», organised by the research unit DIDUES (Diritto internazionale e diritto dell'Unione europea per lo spazio) of the Law Department, held at Università di Torino, Turin, 3 June 2025.
- Participation as a speaker at the **Young Scholars Conference on Space Law 2025**, organised by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and by the Athens Public International Law Center, held at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, 5-6 September 2025.
- Participation as a speaker in the 3rd session of the seminar cycle «Chi governerà la Luna?», organised by Piattaforma Aerospazio of the University of Turin, Turin, 28th October 2025.
- Participation in the **closed-door NATO ACT virtual Workshop «Long Term Vision of Space 2046»**, held online, 30th October 2025.
- Participation as a speaker at the **CEAS-AIDAA Conference 2025**, presenting a paper titled «The Legal Conundrum of Mega-Constellations: A Call for a Sustainable Space Governance Framework», 1-4 December 2025, Lingotto Fiere, Turin.
- **Discussant in the open lecture held by Dr. Günes Ünüvar** (University of Exeter), on «The Quiet Transformation of Space Resource Law», 27 March 2026, Law Department, University of Turin.

OTHER PROJECTS AND AWARDS

- Special Mention in the XV Graduation Award "Giuseppe Barile e Pietro Verri" sponsored by the Italian Red Cross Society, for the Master thesis on «The International Criminal Responsibility of High-level Officers in the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict: Crime of Aggression and Command Responsibility».

MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Member of the Italian Society for International Law and European Union Law (SIDI - ISIL).

Member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL).

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCES

Member of the Italian Red Cross Society.

LANGUAGE

Italian: Native speaker

English: Proficiency level (IELTS Band Score 8.0, C1)

French: Advanced level (DELFI, B2)

Spanish: Basic level

Arabic: Basic level