



Alessandra Narciso
ISEM-CNR Research Fellow

Alessandra Narciso has more than 15 years of experience in international development in capacity building, academic and institutional training, negotiations, monitoring and evaluation sectors covering intellectual property in development, food laws and agriculture, SMEs training, human rights. Alessandra designed and managed projects in several field missions in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Balkans primarily with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Development Cooperation Directorate (current AICS) but also with UN and international NGOs. She also worked at the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural and Food Policies where she dealt on international negotiations regarding intellectual property cases, agro-food regulations, food security, migration and development cooperation.

Alessandra has solid legal - analytical research skills with a strong background in European and International project/programme drafting and management.

Studies

2008 - D.Phil. in Intellectual Property Law with a Thesis on the Legal Protection of Folklore: Can copyright assist or is a *sui generis* right necessary, University of Leeds, UK (supervisor: Prof. Graham Dutfield)

2001 - LL.M in European and International Trade Law, University of Leicester, UK

1997 - Diploma di Laura in Giurisprudenza, University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy .

1994 - 1995 -1 year of study abroad at the Law Faculty on European Law, International Arbitration and Conflict mitigation, Catholic University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium

Main professional experience

2001-2002 Part-time lecturer in Company Law with focus on corporate social responsibility (CSR) at De Montfort University, Leicester UK

2004-2010 Capacity and institution building expert in various countries in the Balkans, Eastern Europe, Africa and Eastern Asia working on issues related to human rights management and development cooperation included human rights, trade and intellectual property primarily with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with some UN agencies (FAO, UNDESA and WIPO).

2011-2014 Analyst at the Cabinet Ministry of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural Policies as direct collaborator of the Diplomatic Counsellor working on bilateral and international negotiations on issues related to international trade and development cooperation, migrations, food security and food safety, food certifications and standards.

Recognitions and awards

1999 - Winner a national competition held by three Departments of University La Sapienza (Economic, Law and Political Sciences) for the full coverage of her LL.M at the University of Leicester

2002 - Winner of a competition held by the Department of Law and Business at Leeds University for the full coverage of her PhD studies

2015 - Selected as an Italian candidate for the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), a premier professional exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Under that sponsorship, she visited the USA in March - April 2015 taking part in the project "International Trade in a Changing Global Economic Landscape".

Jan. 2018 - Dec .2020 (ISEM fellow)

Aug 2020 -July 2021 (ISEM fellow)

Research conducted on two funded projects on Migration-Agrifood on the themes of agri-food historical and social development through Geographical Indications and appellation of origin.

Interests and currently working areas

Geographical indications and agri-food development; migration-food culture and identity; folklore and traditional cultural knowledge; food security and food laws; international organisations laws and regulations; IP and human rights/development cooperation.

She is currently working on agri-food development in Lusophone Africa; Sardinian GIs: culture, territories and symbols; Foreign migration: Food culture, identity and hybridization; EU Green Deal: Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy;

Alessandra is also consulting with AICS, the Italian Government Agency for Development Cooperation on international guidelines and standards to protect and safeguard vulnerable categories. She aims to conduct future studies on the impact generated by the employment of vulnerable categories in the agri-food sector and local development.

Languages

Italian mother tongue. Alessandra speaks English fluently and has an intermediate knowledge of French, Spanish and Portuguese. She is currently studying Russian.