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EMPLOYMENT

2020-present **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY- SHANGHAI**, Assistant Professor of Global China Studies

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

2021-present **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Asia Center, Associate

2019-present **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Adjunct Associate Research Scholar

2019-present **OXFORD UNIVERSITY**, Non-resident Research Associate, 'China, Law and Development'

PAST EMPLOYMENT

2017-2020 **KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN**, Marie Curie Fellow

2019 (spring) **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**, Italian Academy Fellow

2017-2018 **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, Postdoctoral Research Associate

2016-2017 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, Global Hauser Postdoctoral Fellow - Law

2015-2017 **EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE**, Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow - Law

EDUCATION

2012- 2016 **THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**, Ph.D. in Law

2010- 2011 **UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA**, M.A. in Political Science

2007- 2010 **UNIVERSITY OF VENICE CA' FOSCARI**, MA with honors, Languages, Economic, and Legal Institutions of East Asia

2004- 2007 **UNIVERSITY OF ROMA LA SAPIENZA**, B.A. with honors, Chinese Language and Culture

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

SOVEREIGNTY IN CHINA. A GENEALOGY OF A CONCEPT SINCE 1840, Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law, Cambridge University Press, 2019.

CO-EDITED BOOKS

Carrai, Maria Adele & Surabhi Ranganathan (ed.), *International Law in Asia, Vol. II*, in Randal Lesaffer (ed.), THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (SERIES), Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2024.

Carrai, Maria Adele, Jennifer Rudolph & Michael Szonyi (ed.), THE CHINA QUESTIONS 2: CRITICAL INSIGHTS INTO US-CHINA RELATIONS, Harvard University Press, forthcoming 2022.

Carrai, Maria Adele, Jean-Christophe DeFraigne & Jan Wouters (ed.), THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, Edward Elgar Publisher, 2020.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED ACADEMIC JOURNALS

The China Model and Its Reach in Africa: Toward a New Partnership? THE BROWN JOURNAL OF WORLD AFFAIRS 27, 1 (2021).

Adaptive Governance along the Chinese financed railroads in East Africa, WORLD DEVELOPMENT 141 (May 2021).

China, the BRI and the International Order, MONDO CINESE 167 (2020).

The Politics of History in the late Qing Era: W.A.P. Martin and a History of International Law for China, THE JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW / REVUE D'HISTOIRE DU DROIT INTERNATIONAL. 22.2-3 (2020).

Chosen by JHIL's editorial board as JHIL's Spotlight Article 2020

Outward FDI under China's Belt and Road Initiative: Between regulation and adaptation, COLUMBIA CENTER ON SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT'S FDI PERSPECTIVES SERIES 289 (2020).

The Rise of Screening Mechanisms in the Global North: Weaponizing the Law against China's Weaponized Investments? THE CHINESE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW (forthcoming 2020).

Chinese Political Nostalgia and Xi Jinping's Dream of Great Rejuvenation, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES (2020).

China's Malleable Sovereignty Along the Belt and Road Initiative: The Case of the 99-year Chinese Lease of Hambantota Port, N.Y.U. JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLITICS 51 (2019).

- It Is Not the End of History: The Financing Institutions of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Bretton Woods System*, TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT 3 (2017).
- Learning Western Techniques of Empire: Republican China and the New Legal Framework for Managing Tibet*, 4 LEIDEN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 30 (2017).
- Current Chinese Approaches to a Global History of International Law*, 22 STORICA 64 (2017).
- Yijie 'quanwei': zai 'zhuquan' yu 'tianxia' zhong xunqiu gong du xing*, 译介「权威」：在「主权」与「天下」中寻求公度性, 2 ZHENGZHI SIXIANG SHI 政治思想史 7 (2016).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- History of International Law and China: Eurocentrism, Multi-Normativity and the Politics of History*, in Chris Shei (ed.), THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF CHINESE STUDIES, Routledge, forthcoming 2021.
- La Jurisdicción del Mar: Reclamaciones chinas a derechos históricos en el Mar del Sur de China*, in Basia Steipen (ed.), MARE NOSTRUM-NUESTRO MAR: ESTUDIOS SOBRE EL DERECHO DEL MARE, Tirant lo Blanch, 2019.
- It Is Not the End of History: The Financing Institutions of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Bretton Woods System*, in Julien Châsse and Jędrzej Górski, THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE: LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS, Brill, 2018.
- China's Unilateral Abrogation of the Sino-Belgian Treaty: A Case Study of a Deviant Transplantation*, in Michael Ng and Zhao Yun (ed.), CHINESE LEGAL REFORM AND THE GLOBAL LEGAL ORDER: ADOPTION AND ADAPTATION, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- Translating Authority: In Search of Commensurability between Tianxia World Order and Western Sovereignty*, in Lawrence Wang-chi Wong (ed.), TRANSLATION AND MODERNIZATION IN EAST ASIA IN THE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY, Hong Kong: Research Centre for Translation and the Chinese University Press, 2017.
- Asian Values*, in Andreas Joh. Wiesand, Kalliopi Chainoglou and Anna Śledzińska-Simon (ed.), CULTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, THE WROCLAW COMMENTARIES, De Gruyter Publishers, 2016.

RESEARCH, TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

HONORARY AND VISITING APPOINTMENTS

- THE COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY - *Young Leader cohort member* (2021-2022)
- JAMESTOWN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM - *Cohort member* (2020-2021)
- THE HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2020-2021) *Researcher*, Online Centre for Studies and Research on the topic of Epidemics and International Law
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2018-2021) *Asia Center, Fellow*
- EAST CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW, Shanghai, PRC (June 2019) *Visiting Professor*, 'Introduction to Common Law'
- UNIVERSITY OF 'ROMA TRE', Rome, Italy (May 2019) *Visiting Professor*, 'Comparative Administrative Law'
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL (2019-2020) *Global Legal Transformation, Affiliate*
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY FAIRBANK CENTER (2017-18) *Visiting Scholar*
- MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (summer 2014) *Visiting scholar*

TEACHING

- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SHANGHAI:
- HISTSHU 312 - China Encounters the World (Spring 2022)
 - SOCSSHU 401 - Social Science Capstone Seminar (Spring 2022)
 - CCSFSHU 101L Global Perspectives on Society (Fall 2022)
 - SOCSSHU 150 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2021)
 - SOCSSHU 411 - Social Science Honors Independent Study (Spring 2021)
 - SOCSSHU 997 - Independent Study (Spring 2021)

REVIEWER

The Chinese Journal of Global Governance, Princeton Undergraduate Research Journal, Cambridge University Press, European Journal of International Law, Ephemerides Iuris Canonici, Public Culture, ORAU Ralph E Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards, Routledge, Journal of Asian and African Studies, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Leiden Journal of International Law, Brill, Oxford University Press, Anthem Press, The Journal Of The History Of International Law, China: An International Journal, Journal of Civic Engineering and Management, Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2020 ‘Hong Kong in Turmoil: Defining the Contours of Sovereignty in China Today,’ **Columbia University** (February 13); ‘Italy and China’s MoU on the Belt and Road’ with Michele Geraci, **SIPA Columbia University** (February 4); Roundtable Series ‘China’s Rise and the Future of the Transatlantic Relationship,’ **Harvard University** (September 2019- May 2020).
- 2019 Legal Pluralism: Histories of International Law(s), **Harvard University** (September);
- 2018 The Belt and Road Initiative and Global Governance, **The Royal Academy of Science, Brussels** (August 31); Workshop China’s quest for sovereignty: Histories of international law in China, **Princeton University** (May 29)
- 2017 Member, Scientific Committee for the organization, 10th Social Issues for Social Sciences Conference, Dimensions of Equality, Effectiveness and Efficiency—Past and Future, **European University Institute** (2015-16).

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Shanghai Eastern Scholar Program, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission SMEC (2021-24)
 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship, KU LEUVEN (2017-20)
 Global Ideas Scholars Fellowship, OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION (2018-19)
 Orrick Fellowship, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL (summer 2019)
 Italian Academy Fellowship, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (spring 2019)
 TED residency, TED HQ (fall 2018)
 Princeton-Harvard China and the World Fellowship, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (2017-18)
 Global Hauser Fellowship, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (2016)
 Max Weber Fellowship, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (2015-2017)
 Award for Outstanding Postgraduate Research Student for 2015-16, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (2017)
 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (2012-15)
 Swire Scholarship, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (2013-2015)
 Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Scholarship to study at ZHONGNAN CAIJING ZHENGFA DAXUE, Wuhan (2009-10) & ZHONGYANG CAIJING DAXUE & ZHONGGUO ZHENGFA DAXUE, Beijing (2008-09)
 Erasmus Scholarship to study at the SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (2006-07)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Institute For Advanced Studies, Princeton, Nankai University (Nanjing) (Webinar), , Harvard University (Webinar), , Chinese University Of Hong Kong (Webinar), , China In Europe Research Network & CEU Democracy Institute, (Webinar), Nepal Institute For International Cooperation And Engagement, NIICE Global Conclave (Webinar), UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE, (Webinar), Australian and New Zealand Society (webinar), University of Malay (webinar), Columbia University (webinar), New York University, NY (webinar), University of Helsinki (webinar), Oxford University (webinar).
- 2020 The Society of International Economic Law (webinar), China Town Hall (webinar), Nepal Institute for International Engagement (webinar), John Cabot University (webinar), Italian Consulate of New York, Harvard Yenching Institute, Duke University, Università degli Studi di Milano.
- 2019 Taihe Think Tank – Beijing, Tongji University, New York University Law School, Freie Universität GEAS, New York University Shanghai, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, KU Leuven, Columbia University, Venice International University, ASEAN Studies Center of Chulalongkorn University- Bangkok, East China University of Political Science and Law,, University of Roma Tre, Harvard University, Harvard Club of New York, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.
- 2018 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 8th Edgar Snow Symposium - Kansas City, University of Lancaster, University of Roma Tre, Harvard East Asia Society 21st Annual Graduate

2017 Conference, The University of Hong Kong, The National Autonomous University of Mexico, China Town Hall - Kansas City, Columbia University, European University Institute, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Harvard University IGLP Conference & IGLP Scholars, Princeton University.

2016 Vienna University, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, European University Institute, University of Cambridge, New York University, China University of Political Science and Law- ISCLH Conference, University of Helsinki.

Chia European University Institute, Humboldt University-ICONS Conference, University of Oxford.

LANGUAGES

Italian (native); English (fluent); Mandarin (fluent); French (fluent); Arabic (basic); Japanese (basic)