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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- 2020- **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY- SHANGHAI** *Assistant Professor of Global China Studies (on tenure-track)*
- NON-RESIDENT POSITIONS:
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2021-2022) *Asia Center, Associate*
 - COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (2019-2022) *Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Adjunct Associate Research Scholar*
 - OXFORD UNIVERSITY (2019- 2024) *Non-resident Research Associate, 'China, Law and Development'*

PAST EMPLOYMENTS

- 2017-20 **KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN** *Marie Curie Fellow*
- 2019 (spring) **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY** *Italian Academy Fellow*
- 2017-18 **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY** *Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, Postdoctoral Research Associate*
- 2016-17 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** *Global Hauser Postdoctoral Fellow - Law*
- 2015-17 **EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE** *Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow - Law*

EDUCATION

- 2016 **THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG** *Ph.D. in Law (June 2016)*
- Visiting Scholar, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL (2014-15)
- 2011 **UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA** *M.A. in Political Science*
- 2010 **CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY** *MA with honors, Languages, Economic, and Legal Institutions of East Asia*
- ZHONGNAN CAIJING ZHENGFA DAXUE, Wuhan (2009-10)
 - ZHONGYANG CAIJING DAXUE & ZHONGGUO ZHENGFA DAXUE, Beijing (2008-09)
- 2007 **UNIVERSITY LA SAPIENZA** *B.A. with honors, Chinese Language and Culture*
- SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, LONDON (2006-07) *Erasmus Scholarship*

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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

Reviews:

Zhuo Yang Sophie, *Asia Pacific Law Review* (2020); Yu Xingzhong, *Pacific Affairs* (2020); Jenny Huangfu Day, *The Journal of Asian Studies* (2020); Congyan Cai, *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (2020); Linlin Sun, *Chinese Journal of International Law* (2021) Sung Hee Ru, *Asian Studies Review* (2021); Suzanne Ogden, *The China Journal* (2021).

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), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105388>.
- 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), <https://doi:10.1163/15718050-12340152>.
- Chosen by JHIL's editorial board as JHIL's Spotlight Article 2020.**
- Outward FDI under China's Belt and Road Initiative: Between regulation and adaption*, 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 (2020).
- Chinese Political Nostalgia and Xi Jinping's Dream of Great Rejuvenation*, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES (2020).
- Historiographies of International Law from a Chinese Perspective*, CLIO @ THEMIS: REVUE ÉLECTRONIQUE D'HISTOIRE DU DROIT/EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC JOURNAL IN LEGAL HISTORY 18 (2020).
- Confucian Constitutionalism and Democracy and the Risk of Inventing Traditions*, HONG KONG JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (HKJLPA) 1 (2019).
- 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).
- Which Humanity? From Cultural to Racial Ethnocentrism: The Chinese Perspective on Universal History on the Threshold of the Twentieth Century* TELOS 186 (Spring 2019).
- Prospettive cinesi sulla storia del diritto internazionale*, JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY 38 (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), URL: www.transnational-dispute-management.com/article.asp?key=2471.
- 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 'zhunquan' 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

- Promoting the One-China policy: The PRC's economic statecraft in Africa*, Sabella Abidde (ed.), China and Taiwan in Africa: The Struggle for Diplomatic Recognition and Hegemony. Springer Nature 2021.
- The Politics of History in the late Qing Era: W.A.P. Martin and a History of International Law for China*, Raphael Schäfer & Anne Peters (ed.), POLITICS AND THE HISTORIES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND JUSTICE, Leiden, Brill Nijhoff, 2021.
- Law as an Instrument of Power: the Chinese Socialist Rule of Law*, Barbara Faedda (ed.), RULE OF LAW: STRATEGIES, EXPERIENCES, AND INTERPRETATION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, Ronzani Editore, 2021.
- The Historical Emergence of International Health Regulations*, Suzanne Zhou & Shinya Murase, EPIDEMICS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, The Hague Academy of International Law, 2021.
- History of International Law and China: Eurocentrism, Multi-Normativity and the Politics of History*, in Chris Shei & Weixiao Wei (ed.), THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF CHINESE STUDIES, New York, NY: Routledge, 2021.

- Measuring China's Influence in Europe: Contextualizing the Impact of the Belt and Road Initiative*, in Suthiphand Chirathivat (ed.), CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE IN ASEAN - GROWING PRESENCE, RECENT PROGRESS, AND FUTURE CHALLENGES, World Scientific, Singapore, 2021.
- China's Foreign Direct Investments Screening and the Future of Global Investment*, in Giulio Napolitano, THE GLOBAL RUSH TO FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT SCREENING, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2020.
- Chinese Sovereign Revolution: Temporal acceleration toward a better future?* in JoAnn Scurlock and Richard H. Beal (ed.), WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES TIME MAKE? PAPERS FROM THE ANCIENT AND ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST AND CHINA IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDWEST BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY, Oxford: Archaeopress Publishing, 2019.
- 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 Chaisse 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.
- Zhongguoshi ziranfa: lun lizhouwei ziranfa duiyingti de juxian, 中国式自然法：论‘礼’作为自然法对应体的局限*
[Chinese Natural Law: On the Limits of the Association of Li to Natural Law] in Qu Wensheng (ed.), LEGAL TRANSLATION AND LEGAL TRANSPLANTATION, China Law Press, 2014.

REVIEWS

- Review of Yi Edward Yang & Wei Liang (ed.), Challenges to China's Economic Statecraft: A Global Perspective. Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development. Lanham; Boulder; New York; London: Lexington Books, 2020*, 4 PACIFIC AFFAIRS JOURNAL 93 (2020).
- Review of Natalie Lichtenstein, A Comparative Guide to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018*, 1 PACIFIC AFFAIRS JOURNAL 92 (2019).
- Confucianism reconstructed: the violence of history and the making of constitutionalism in East Asia* (review essay of Jiang Qing. *A Confucian Constitutional Order: How China's Ancient Past Can Shape Its Political Future*. Princeton University Press, 2012 & Son Ngoc Bui. *Confucian Constitutionalism in East Asia*. Routledge Law in Asia, 2016) 1 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 16 (2018).
- Review of Dennis Davis, Alan Richter and Cheryl Saunders (eds.), An Inquiry into the Existence of Global Values: Through the Lens of Comparative Constitutional Law, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 2015*, 2 ASIAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 6 (July 2016).
- Review of Marta Cartabia and Andrea Simoncini (eds.), Pope Benedict XVI's Legal Thought, A Dialogue on the Foundation of Law, Cambridge University Press, 2015*, L'IRCOCERVO. RIVISTA ELETTRONICA ITALIANA DI METODOLOGIA GIURIDICA, TEORIA GENERALE DEL DIRITTO E DOTTRINA DELLO STATO 2 (2016).
- Review of B. F. Pigbin, Chiesa e Stato in Cina: dalle imprese di Costantini alle svolte attuali, Marzianum Press, 2010*, L'IRCOCERVO. RIVISTA ELETTRONICA ITALIANA DI METODOLOGIA GIURIDICA, TEORIA GENERALE DEL DIRITTO E DOTTRINA DELLO STATO 1 (2011).
- Review of Li Buyun, Lan renquan 论人权 [On Human Rights] Social Sciences Academic Press, 2010*, L'IRCOCERVO. RIVISTA ELETTRONICA ITALIANA DI METODOLOGIA GIURIDICA, TEORIA GENERALE DEL DIRITTO E DOTTRINA DELLO STATO 1 (2010).

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

- [Questioning the Debt-Trap Diplomacy Rhetoric surrounding Hambantota Port](#), GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (June 5, 2021).
- [China's role in transatlantic relations: Time for a new strategy](#), HINRICH FOUNDATION (August 24, 2021)
- [These Two African railway megaprojects tell us a lot about China's development model](#), THE WASHINGTON POST, MONKEY CAGE (March 6, 2021).
- [China's Adaptive Governance: A Tale of Two BRI Railroad Megaprojects in East Africa](#), SOAS CHINA INSTITUTE BLOG (January 19, 2021).
- [African Sovereign Debt at a time of Pandemic: Legal justifications for suspension or cancellation](#), AFRONOMICS ANALYSIS (May 2020).
- [How Will China Shape Global Governance?](#) CHINAFILE CONVERSATION (May 2020).
- [Corporate Social Responsibility along the Chinese Financed Railway Mega-Project in East Africa](#), OXFORD UNIVERSITY, CHINA LAW AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH BRIEF NO. 3/2020.
- [The Novel Coronavirus and its impact on China-Italy relations](#), TAIHE INSTITUTE (March 15, 2020).
- [Chinese Weaponized Investments and the Rise of Screening Mechanisms in Europe](#), OXFORD UNIVERSITY, CHINA LAW AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH BRIEF NO. 6/2019.
- Italy joins China's Belt and Road Initiative: A Grand Awakening for the EU?* 4 CHINA'S WORLD 1 (2019).
- [Conversation on EU-China relations](#), CHINAFILE CONVERSATION (April 2019).
- [From Defensive to Assertive: China's White Paper on Human Rights](#), VERFASSUNGSBLOG (March 2019).
- [Will the Belt and Road Initiative change China's stance on sovereignty and non-interference?](#) GLOBTAXGOV, Leiden University (Feb. 8, 2019).
- The China Model and its Discourses*, 3 CHINA'S WORLD 2 (2018).
- [In the Eye of the Beholder: The China Model as a discourse](#), FAIRBANK CENTER BLOG, Harvard University (May 2018).
- Sogni cosmopoliti: il costituzionalismo globale e le sfide dell'eccezionalismo cinese*, 8 ORIZZONTE CINA 5 (2017).
- China's Dream of Great Rejuvenation: Deconstructing Its Historical Myth*, 2 CHINA'S WORLD 2 (2017).
- Global constitutionalism and Chinese exceptionalism*, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE WORKING PAPERS (2016).
- Il riconoscimento del Market Economy Status alla Cina e l'interpretazione dell'Art. 15 del Protocollo di Accesso: sfide e possibilità per l'Unione Europea*, OSSERVATORIO COSTITUZIONALE AIC (2016).

MEDIA EXPOSURE

- 2021: [Interview, El Pais](#); [Charter Cities Institute](#); [E-International Relations](#); The Looking Glass (SAIS Review's podcast at Johns Hopkins University); [The BM1](#); Social Sciences in China Press (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences).
- 2020: [VOX](#); [HONG KONG ECONOMIC JOURNAL](#).
- 2019: [Sovereignty in China](#), COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WEAI; [Sovereignty in China](#), CHINAFILE'S VIRTUAL LIBRARY; [Italy offers clue on EU's China policy /Trade a focus of Beijing forum](#), [Interview with Tian Wei for CGTV](#); [Chinese President Xi's visit to France](#), [Interview with CGTN America](#)
- 2018: [TED Residency fall 2018 & talk](#), TED Headquarters, New York City
- 2017: Interview, 'Lin Zexu's contribution to Modern China' Podcast WIR—Whose International Relations

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*

FURTHER TRAINING

"Writing for Impact" – Researcher Workshop, CHINA-AFRICA RESEARCH INITIATIVE- JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (2021)

Teaching Certificate, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (2015-16)

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)

GUEST LECTURER

'China and Africa,' PRINCETON SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (March 23, 2021)

'Individual Rights and China,' in online course Political and Moral Ethics and Dilemmas, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (July 24, 2020).

'China and Africa,' in Prof. Joanna W. Cohen's China Encounters the World HIST-SHU 313, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY-SHANGHAI (March 3 & 5, 2020).

'China and global legal history,' in Prof. Madeleine Zelin's Colloquium on Chinese Legal History, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (March 4, 2020).

'Sovereignty in China and the Long Legacies of History,' in European and International Legal History taught by Prof. Randall Lesaffer, Faculty of Law, KU LEUVEN (November 19, 2019)

'Sovereignty and Legitimacy in China,' DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, (October 4, 2019)

'China's Belt and Road Initiative: Reality and Myth of China's ascendancy,' NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, (November 2018)

'Chinese approaches to sovereignty and history of international law,' in International Law Workshop taught by William Alford and Gabriella Blum, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL (October 2018)

'China-EU partnership and trade and financial integration: towards a Free Trade Agreement?' Tenth Euro Asia Summer School, KU LEUVEN, Leuven Center for Global Governance (August 2018)

'Partnership between China and EU,' Summer School, UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES (July 2018)

'Is China reshaping the world? The Belt and Road Initiative as a case study,' Worldview Institute, UNITED NATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, Chinese Institute, NYC (May 2018)

'Chinese Foreign Aid,' as part of Topics in Policy Analysis: New Directions in Foreign Aid, Master of Public Affairs by Ethan B. Kapstein, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (April 2018)

'Chinese Economic Statecraft and US responses,' as part of the Seminar in International Relations: Contesting Globalization: Actors, Interests, and Outcomes by Ethan B. Kapstein, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (April 2018)

'History of International Law in China,' as part of Chinese Law from a European Perspective by Jan Wouters, KU LEUVEN (March 2018)

'Global Constitutionalism: A Chinese Perspective,' Ninth Euro-Asia Summer School, KU LEUVEN, Leuven Center for Global Governance (August 2017)

'Asian values,' HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY (Spring 2016)

ADVISING

Advised Capstone students at NYUSH (2020-22); Advised MA Students' thesis on EU-China relations, KU LEUVEN (2017-20)

EXTERNAL 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, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, China Program at Routledge of Taylor & Francis Group, International Quarterly for Asian Studies, European Journal of International Relations.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY FAIRBANK CENTER JUNIOR FACULTY PANEL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATES, (Webinar), October 22, 2020.

AREA RUHR DOCTORAL WORKSHOP (Webinar), Comments on Jihoon Chun PhD dissertation project, September 25, 2020.

HARVARD EAST ASIA SOCIETY 21ST ANNUAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE (De)constructing Boundaries, Discussant, Panel *Reframing Regionalism in Asia*, February 2018.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Commentator for Mikaela Edige, *Mega-regionalism and Power Projection in the Greater East Asia Co-Prospersity Sphere, 1938-1945*, IILJ Emerging Scholarship Conference, April 2016.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Oriental Society; Asian Society of International Law; ICON Society; International Studies Association; International Society for Law and Chinese History; American Political Science Association; Association for Asian Studies; Asian Law Institute.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL EDUCATION COMMISSION - *Shanghai Eastern Scholar Program* (2021-24)

KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN -*Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship* (2017-20)

UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE FOR REFUGEES AND AT-RISK MIGRANTS & OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION -*Global Ideas Scholars Fellowship* (Global Compact for Migration, Marrakesh, December 2018) (2018-19)

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL - *Orrick Fellowship* (summer 2019)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - *Italian Academy Fellowship* (spring 2019)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY - *Princeton-Harvard China and the World Fellowship* (2017-18)

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG - *Award for Outstanding Postgraduate Research Student for 2015-16* (2017)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY - *Global Hauser Fellowship* (2016)

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE - *Max Weber Fellowship* (2015-2017)

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG - *Swire Scholarship* (2013-2015)

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT - *Hong Kong PhD Fellowship* (2012-15)

ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - *Scholarships to study in the PRC* (2008-10)

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES - *Erasmus Scholarship* (2006-07)

GRANTS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, 1,300 USD funds for the Roundtable 'Hong Kong in Turmoil: Defining the Contours of Sovereignty in China Today' (February 2020).

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER, 17,500 USD funds for the conference, *Legal Pluralism: Histories of International Law(s)*, (September 2019)

FLEMISH RESEARCH FOUNDATION, approximately 5,000 USD grant for conference *The Belt and Road and Global Governance* at the Royal Academy of Science, Brussels (August 2018)

- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, China and the World Program, approximately 3,000 USD funds for the workshop *China's quest for sovereignty: Histories of international law in China* (May 2018)
- EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, approximately 2,000 USD grant for organizing the conference *Frontiers, Foreigners, and Legal Frameworks: Transnational and Historical Perspectives* (June 2016)

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- TERAMO, (scheduled for December 15, 2021).
- ROMA TRE (scheduled for December 13, 2021).
- INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, PRINCETON (scheduled for November 22, 2021).
- NANKAI UNIVERSITY (NANJING), Webinar, October 16-17, 2021..
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Africa-China Engagement: Then and Now (Webinar), October 15, 2021.
- CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, (Webinar), July 7, 2021.
- CHINA IN EUROPE RESEARCH NETWORK & CEU DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE, (Webinar), July 5, 2021.
- NEPAL INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ENGAGEMENT, NIICE Global Conclave (Webinar), June 25, 2021.
- UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE, The New Sanctions Decade, the turn to unilateralism and thematic measures (Webinar), June 15, 2021.
- HISTORY AND THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW INTEREST GROUP WITH THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (ANZSIL), (Webinar), June 1, 2021.
- RENMIN UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR GLOBAL LAW AND STRATEGY, COVID-19: Universal Challenge or Challenge of Universality? (Webinar), May 19, 2021.
- UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, INSTITUTE OF CHINA STUDIES (ICS), (Webinar), April 28, 2021.
- US-CHINA BETTER RELATIONS COALITION (UCBRC) V-BRYGE (VANGUARD-BETTER RELATIONS YOUTH GLOBAL EXCHANGE) CONFERENCE AS A GLOBAL GOVERNANCE (Webinar), April 17, 2021.
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, CHINA AND THE WORLD PROGRAM (Webinar), Adaptive Governance along Chinese-financed BRI Railroad Megaprojects in East Africa, April 12, 2021.
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI (Webinar), Belts and Roads in Environmental Perspective, April 8, 2021.
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON SOCIETY (Webinar), China's Belt & Road Initiative: Power Grab or Development Pact? March 30, 2021.
- UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI (Webinar), The Making of Belt and Road Initiative Projects in African States, March 26, 2021.
- THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY CHINA AFRICA NETWORK (OUCAN) (Webinar), Adaptive Governance along Chinese-financed BRI Railroad Megaprojects in East Africa, March 18, 2021.
- THE SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW (Webinar), The Impact of Covid-19 on the Belt and Road Initiative, November 19, 2020.
- CHINA TOWN HALL (Webinar) United States National Committee on US-China Foreign Relations, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, November 10, 2020.
- NEPAL INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT (Webinar), The Belt and Road Initiative in the Post-Pandemic World, September 9, 2020.
- JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY, ROME, (Webinar), The US, China and the World Health Organization: Politics of Fighting COVID-19, May 26, 2020.
- ITALIAN CONSULATE, NEW YORK, Foreign Investments and Governmental Screening in the United States and in Italy: New Trends and main legal issues, February 25, 2020.
- HARVARD YENCHING INSTITUTE, Is US-China Engagement Dead? Post-Mortem, Prognosis, or Resuscitation February 28, 2020.
- DUKE UNIVERSITY, 10th Annual Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit (CLS), 'Reframing China: Past, Present, Future,' February 22, 2020.

- UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO, 'China, Belt and Road Initiative, and Development in East Africa,' January 17, 2020.
- TAIHE THINK TANK, Beijing, 'In Search for a Common Future: The BRI in Europe and East Africa,' December 2019.
- TONGJI UNIVERSITY, Shanghai, Global Emerging Scholars Forum, 'China-EU Relations: How big is Chinese Influence in Europe?' December 2019.
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, New York, 'China and the history of International Law through the lenses of sovereignty,' November 2019.
- FREIE UNIVERSITÄT GEAS, Berlin, Graduate Conference, Keynote speaker 'Sovereignty in China. The Conceptual History of an Idea since 1840,' November 22, 2019.
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Shanghai, 'Sovereignty in China and the Legacies of History,' October 2019.
- S. RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, Singapore, Workshop *The Belt & Road Initiative: Impacts on Recipient Countries and Global Governance*, 'Adaptive Governance along the Chinese financed railroads in East Africa,' October 7, 2019.
- KU LEUVEN, 'Sovereignty in China and the legacies of history,' October 1, 2019.
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, 'Eurasia and China's Belt & Road Initiative: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms and their Implications,' September 20, 2019.
- VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 'Uncovering Pathways of Change along the Belt and Road' Keynote speaker, September 1, 2019.
- ASEAN STUDIES CENTER OF CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, BANGKOK, 'The Geopolitics and Geoeconomics of the Belt and Road Initiative in Europe: Toward a New EU's China Multi-Faceted Strategy?' June 2019.
- EAST CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW, PRC, June 2019:
- *EU-China relations: Opportunities and Challenges along the Belt and Road*, June 11, 2019.
 - *The populist turn in Europe and its effects on Constitutionalism*, June 14, 2019.
 - *Sovereignty in China and the legacies of history*, June 17, 2019.
- CHIOMENTI LAW FIRM, ROME, 'The Belt and Road Initiative and the EU: Investment opportunities and risks,' May 2019.
- UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE, 'The Global Rush Towards National Screening Systems on Direct Foreign Investments,' May 2019.
- Sovereignty in China:*
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, WEATHERHEAD EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE (Faculty Chair: Prof. Madeline Zelin), April 2019.
 - COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (Faculty Chair: Prof. Thomas Christensen), May 2019.
 - HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASIA CENTER, (Faculty Chair: Prof. William P. Alford, Commentator: Prof. Anne Orford), May 2019.
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Moderator 'China-US Economic Policy: Opportunities & Outlook,' April 2019.
- CHINA TOWN HALL featuring Condoleezza Rice, United States National Committee on US-China Foreign Relations: *China's Belt and Road Initiative: Myth and Reality*, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, October 2018.
- 8TH EDGAR SNOW SYMPOSIUM, '80 Years of Exchange:' *China's Belt and Road Initiative: Myth and Reality*, Kansas City, October 2018.
- UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER: Symposium on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) *The Belt and Road Initiative and Authoritarian Spillovers in Central and Eastern Europe*, September 2018.
- UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE: invited by Marco Fioravanti, Collège International de Philosophie of Paris, *Current Chinese Approaches to a Global History of International Law*, June 2018.
- THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG: invited by Michael Ng, *Learning Western techniques of empire: Republican China and the New Legal Framework for Managing Tibet*, January 2018.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY: *Is there a China International Model? The Belt and Road Initiative as a Case Study*, November 2017.

THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO: *Mare Nostrum-Nuestro Mar: Estudios Sobre el Derecho del Mare, The Juridification of the Sea: Chinese Claims to Historic Rights in the South China Sea*, Mexico City, November 2017.

CHINA TOWN HALL featuring Susan Rice, United States National Committee on US-China Foreign Relations: *China's Belt and Road Initiative: Challenges and possibilities for the US*, Kansas City, October 2017.

COLD WAR INTERNATIONAL LAW IV, Tbilisi: organized by Matthew Craven and Gerry Simpson, *The Normative Power of the Spheres of Influence: Peaceful Coexistence and the Juridification of the Cold War in East Asia*, Georgian Writers'House, September 2017.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: China Law Works-in Progress Workshop II organized by Benjamin Liebman, *The Pedagogy of Imperial Legalism: The American Lessons to Foreign Educated Chinese that Went Wrong*, April 2017.

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, Commentator for First Year and LLM Students' Paper Workshop, March 2016, March 2017.

VIENNA UNIVERSITY: From European to Global Orders: International Law and Normativity in Context, organized by Milos Vec, *A History of International Law and China's Search for a Modernity of its own*, November 2016.

ÉCOLE DES HAUTES ÉTUDES EN SCIENCES SOCIALES: 4th EurasiaTrajeco International Conference Paris organized by Francois Gipouloux, *The Imperial Maritime Customs Service and the making of an Inter-national China, 1854-1912*, November 2016.

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE: Workshop on the History of International Law, *Equalities and Hierarchies: Republican China's Search for Juridical Sovereignty*, commentator Martti Koskenniemi, June 2016.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE: Workshop Law in International Orders—Past Present, Lauterpacht Centre, organized by Benedict Kingsbury, *A Chinese perspective on the international legal order: past, present and future*, May 2016.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG: Symposium on Chinese Legal Reform and the Global Legal Order, Centre for Chinese Law, organized by Michael Ng and Zhao Yun, *China's unilateral abrogation of the Sino-Belgian Treaty: A case study of a Deviant Transplantation*, June 2015.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

HARVARD CLUB OF NEW YORK, New York, Book Talk 'Sovereignty in China. A Genealogy of a Concept since 1840,' November 11, 2019.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Boston, Book Talk 'Sovereignty in China. A Genealogy of a Concept since 1840' commented by Prof. Iain A. Johnston, introduced by Steven Wang, November 4, 2019.

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: Conference on Politics and the Histories of International Law, *W. A. P. Martin as a Legal Historian and the Politics of History in Late Qing-China*, Heidelberg, February 2019

The lite regulatory framework of the Belt and Road Initiative:

- EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE: Max Weber Conference, Florence, June 2018
- LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION: Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 2018
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY: IGLP Conference, June 2018
- HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IGLP Scholars Workshop: Bangkok, January 2018

HARVARD UNIVERSITY: *The Belt and Road Initiative and Authoritarian Spillovers*, commentators Iain Johnston (Harvard University) and Marc Wu (Harvard University), April 2018

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY: Contemporary China Graduate Colloquium, *The China Model?* March 2018

CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW: ISCLH Conference, *The Pedagogy of American Legal Imperialism, and Chinese Foreign Educated Students in the Republican Period*, July 2017

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, Law between Global and Colonial: Techniques of Empire, *Learning Western Techniques of Empire: Republican China and the New Legal Framework for Managing Tibet*, October 2016

- EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE: Frontiers, Foreigners, and Legal Frameworks: Transnational and Historical Perspectives, *Imagining National Boundaries within a ShenꝈhou: Constructing a Sovereign China through a Secularized Geography 1830-1870*, June 2016
- HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY: ICONS Conference, *Global Constitutionalism and Legitimacy: Where Does Chinese Exceptionalism Fit?* June 2016
- UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD: Fifth Oxford Young Scholars Conference of Contemporary China, *International legal Orders and Chinese Exceptionalism*, May 2016
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: JSD Forum, *Globalization: Possibilities and Challenges for Chinese Sovereignty: 1989-Today*, April 2015
- TELOS PAUL PICCONE CENTRE CONFERENCE, NYC: Telos Conference on Universal History, *Which Humanity? From Cultural to Racial Ethnocentrism: Chinese Anthropological Perspective on Universal History in the 19th Century*, February 2015
- STANFORD UNIVERSITY: American Oriental Society Annual Meeting 2014, *Chinese Sovereign Revolution: Temporal Acceleration Toward a Better Future?* October 2014
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY: 8th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies, *Changing Paradigms in Assessing Sovereignty in China in the 21st Century: From Selective Adaptation to Heterogeneous Use*, October 2013
- CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG: The Translation and Modernization in East Asia Conference, *Translating Authority: In Search of Commensurability Between Tianxia World Order and Western Sovereignty*, May 2013

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Host, 'China's Global Development Finance & US-China Relations' by Austin Strange, NCUSCR CTH (October 19, 2021)
- Organizer, 'The Decline and Rise of Democracy' by David Stasavage, New York University Shanghai (March 21, 2020)
- Organizer, 'U. S.-China Economic Tensions-Past, Present, and Future' by Yukon Huang, Harvard University (March 9, 2020).
- Organizer and moderator, 'Triangular Economic Relations: China: The EU and the United States,' Harvard University (March 9, 2020).
- Organizer and moderator, 'The Global Rush to Foreign Direct Investment Screenings,' Columbia University (February 24, 2020).
- Organizer and moderator, 'Hong Kong in Turmoil: Defining the Contours of Sovereignty in China Today,' Columbia University (February 13, 2020).
- Organizer and moderator, 'Italy and China's MoU on the Belt and Road' with Michele Geraci, SIPA Columbia University (February 4, 2020).
- Co-organizer, Roundtable Series 'China's Rise and the Future of the Transatlantic Relationship,' Harvard University (September 2019- May 2020).
- Organizer and moderator, Roundtable, *The Transatlantic Alliance in an Increasingly Non 'Atlantic' World*, Harvard University (September 2019).
- Organizer, *Legal Pluralism: Histories of International Law(s)*, Harvard University (September 2019).
- Co-organizer, International conference *The Belt and Road Initiative and Global Governance*, The Royal Academy of Science, Brussels.
- Organizer, Workshop *China's quest for sovereignty: Histories of international law in China*, Princeton University.
- 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).
- Co-organizer, *Workshop Frontiers, Foreigners, and Legal Frameworks: Transnational and Historical Perspectives*, European University Institute (June 2016).

LANGUAGES

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