

Paola Gaeta
Curriculum vitae

Personal information

Born: 8 February 1967, Salerno (Italy)
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Education

PhD in International Law, European University Institute (1997), Supervisor: Professor A. Cassese
Laurea in Scienze Politiche, *cum laude*, University of Florence, Specialization in International Law (1991)

Employment

Current employment

Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
(since 1 September 2015)

Previous employment

2015 – 2018	Adjunct Professor of International Law, Bocconi University, Law School (Milan)
2010 – 2015	Adjunct Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
2007 – 2015	Full Professor of International Criminal Law, University of Geneva, Faculty of Law (working time: 50%)
2005 – 2010	Full Professor of International Law, University of Florence, Faculty of Political Science <i>At the disposal of the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs for Employment at the University of Geneva (1.9.2007 – 15.7.2010)</i>
2001 – 2005	Associate Professor of International Law, University of Florence, Faculty of Political Science <i>On maternity leave 23.1.2003 – 26.6.2003</i>
1998 – 2001	Lecturer (<i>Ricercatore</i>) of International Law, University of Florence, Faculty of Political Science
1996 – 1997	Legal Assistant, Appeals Chamber, UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Visiting

2022 – 2024	International Fellow, National Institute of Military Justice
2021/Fall term	Visiting Professor of International Law (Département d'Études interdisciplinaires européennes), College of Europe (Natolin Campus, Poland)
2014 – 2015	Long – term visiting professor, Bocconi University, Law School (Milan)
2013 /Fall term	Visiting fellow, Law Department, European University Institute (Florence)
2006 – 2007	Visiting professor, Overseas study program, Stanford University (Florence)
2001 – 2002	Attachée de recherche, <i>Chaire internationale de recherche Blaise Pascal 2002</i> held by Prof. Antonio Cassese, Centre de droit pénal comparé, Université de Paris 1
1999	Visiting researcher, <i>Asser Research Fellowships Programme</i> (The Hague)
1996	Visiting fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (UK), with a scholarship of the University of Florence

Academic Service

2024 – present	Member of the Ethics Committee, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
2020 – 2023	Member of the Standing Committee for Promotion and Renewals, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
2013 – 2015 /2016 – 2019	Member of the Committee of the Interdisciplinary Masters, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
2015 – 2016	Director, International Law Department, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
2015 – 2017	Member of the Board of Director organizing and launching the LLM Programme in Law of Internet Technology at the School of Law of Bocconi University (Milan)
2011 – 2014	Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (with Andrew Clapham)
2007 – 2014	Director of the LLM and Teaching Programmes of Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian law and Human Rights
2009 – 2012	Member of the Scientific Committee of the LLM on International Crime and Justice, University of Turin and UNICRI
2004 – 2008	Director (with Giorio Gaja) of the Course on Public International Law, Post-graduate Programme on Parliamentary Studies, <i>Associazione di Studi Parlamentari Silvano Tosi</i>

1998 – 2005

Director of the course on Public International Law, Post – Graduate Programme on International Studies, *Istituto Superiore di Studi internazionali*

Grants

Research projects

Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems and War Crimes: Who is to Bear Criminal Responsibility? (Grant 596,847 CHF: Swiss National Foundation, 01.07.2018 – 31.12.2022) (Applicant)

International criminal justice as experienced by the accused: legitimacy and responsibility (Grant CHF 317,000: Swiss National Science Foundation, 2011–2012 (24 months) (Applicant; other partners: Professors Christian Staerklé and Robert Roth)

Conflict, peace and peacebuilding: Expertise on transitional justice of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law, with the Antonio Cassese Initiative for Peace, Justice and Humanity (Grant CHF 200,000: Federal Department for Foreign Affairs (Switzerland), 1.10.2012 – 30.9.2013)

Organization of trainings

Renforcement des capacités des magistrats en matière de répression des crimes internationaux au Burkina Faso, en Côte d’Ivoire et au Mali – Training organized in Nuremberg (Germany), 31.10.2016 – 4.11.2016 (Grant by the International Nuremberg Principle Academy)

Renforcement des capacités des magistrats burkinabés: répression des crimes internationaux et protection des droits humains – Training organized in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), 23 – 27 June 2014 (Grant CHF 60,000 : Service de la solidarité internationale – Etat de Genève (Switzerland)

PhD supervision and teaching

PhD Supervision

Supervision or co-supervision of PhD thesis in international law: 18 (defended); 6 (in preparation)

Courses at the Graduate Institute (selected)

PhD in International Law: Doctoral Research Seminar

Master & PhD in International Law: International law in the 21st century; Génocide et responsabilité internationale; Droit international et conflits de juridictions en matière pénale; Responsibility for Atrocity Crimes under International Law; The International Criminal Court: Selected Issues; The Law and Practice of the International Criminal Court; Law Clinic on International Criminal Justice and Human Rights

Interdisciplinary Masters: International Law in International Relations, International Response to Humanitarian Crisis Sanctions: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Perspectives (spring 2023)

Courses at other universities (selected)	<p><i>Master and LLM programmes:</i> International Criminal Law (Geneva Academy); International Law (Bocconi University, College of Europe); International Organizations (Bocconi University, University of Florence); Diritto internazionale dell'economia (University of Florence); Cooperazione allo sviluppo (Catholic University, University of Milan, University of Florence), Civil Liberties and Human Rights (Bocconi University)</p>
Other courses in English or French (selected)	<p>Hague Academy of International Law, 'Le génocide et la double responsabilité internationale de l'individu et de l'Etat', (invited : Summer Courses, 2024)</p> <p>UN, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, 'International Criminal Law', Mini Series of the Audiovisual Library of International Law (2022)</p> <p>Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law, Summer Session, 'Irrelevance of official capacity under international treaty and customary law (August 2014)</p> <p>UN, Programme de bourses de perfectionnement en droit international, 'Droit international pénal' (July/August 2014)</p> <p>Hague Academy of International Law, 'Les immunités en droit international public et privé : les immunités de la « triade » et des autres représentants de l'Etat', <i>Cours de perfectionnement pour praticiens en droit international public et privé</i> (January, 2013)</p> <p>Academy of European Law – Summer course on Human Rights, 'Reparation for Victims of International Humanitarian Law' (June, 2008)</p>

Editorial Boards & Committees, Peer Review and Other

Editorial boards

- Member of the Board of Editors, *The International Spectator* (Taylor and Francis) (2020 – present)
- Member of the Board of Editors, *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (Oxford University Press) (2009 – present)
- General Editor (with S. Zappalà), *Oxford Monographs in International Humanitarian and Criminal Law* (Oxford University Press) (2012 – 2016)
- Member of the Board of Editors, *European Journal of International Law*, (Oxford University Press) (2010 – 2012)

Other Boards/Committees

- President of the Board of the Antonio Cassese Foundation for Justice, Peace and Humanity (2022 - ongoing); Promoter and Founder of the Antonio Cassese Foundation for Justice, Peace and Humanity (2012)
- Mentor for the ASIL's Women in International Law Mentoring Program (2022-2023)

Member of the Chairmanship’s legal team, UN Intergovernmental Working Group on Private Military and Security Companies (2022–23)

Member of the Comitato dei garanti per il soccorso in mare (‘Committee of guarantors for rescue at sea’) (2020 – present)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of International Affairs (Istituto di affari internazionali) (Rome) (2017 – 19)

Member of the Committee of Expert for the International Crimes Evidence Project on Sri Lanka of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (2013)

Member of the board of governorns of the International Society for International Law (Società italiana di diritto internazionale) (2006 – 2009)

Peer review

Remote referee, ERC Advanced Grant 2021 Call (2022)

Peer reviewers for various Journals (European Journal of International Law, Netherlands, Journal of International Law, Journal of International Criminal Justice and others) and National Research Agencies for Funding Programmes

Other

Pro-bono legal adviser for Advocacy Centers, NGOs and other institutions (such as Sea – Watch, Center for Constitutional Rights, OSCE: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights)

Legal Adviser for the Applicant, Lebedev v. Russia case, European Court of Human Rights (Supplementary Submission to the second Application and Request for Interim Measures) (2005 –2006)

Legal Adviser for the Government of Uruguay, Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay case (Argentina v. Uruguay), Provisional measures requested by Uruguay (2006)

Prizes and awards

Winner (together with A. Clapham and M. Sassoli) of the *2017 ASIL Certificate of Merit for high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars* for the following volume: Andrew Clapham, Paola Gaeta, and Marco Sassóli (eds), *The 1949 Geneva Conventions: A Commentary* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Winner *ex aequo* of the *Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching*, Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, for the Law Clinic in Transitional Justice (2013)

Languages

Italian (native speaker)
English (fluent)
French (fluent)