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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Please detail all relevant studies

- Since 2010 (on-going), Researcher in Criminal Law at the Department of Law - University of Catania (december 2013 - confirmation in the status of researcher by the national Committee of the Italian Ministry of Education, Research and University) ;
- 2009, May, PhD degree. Dissertation on “Diritti fondamentali, principio di legalità e obblighi di tutela penale tra sovranità statale ed integrazione europea (Fundamental rights, principle of legality and obligations of criminalisation between State sovereignty and European integration)”
- Tutor: Prof. Anna Maria Maugeri;
- Since 2006 - Lawyer - Member of the Bar Association of Catania;
- 2005, 31st May - Degree of the Specialization Course for Legal Professions - University of Catania;
- 2003, October 31st, Law degree, 110/110 (cum laude), at the University of Catania. Dissertation on “L'influenza del sistema europeo di protezione dei diritti fondamentali sul diritto penale italiano (The influence of the European system of protection of fundamental rights on the Italian criminal law)” - Tutor: Prof. Giovanni Grasso;
- 2001 - Socrates / Erasmus programme (January -June): Katholieke Universiteit Brabant (Kub) - Tilburg (The Netherlands).

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2016 March (on going), teaching activity at the training course on the prevention of the corruption in the public administration – general level, organised by the University of Catania – Training Area (12 hours);
- Since 2004/2005 (on going), cooperation with the scientific and teaching activities of the following Tenures at the Department of Law, University of Catania: Criminal Law, European Criminal Law and Economic Criminal Law.
- 2014 April-2015 January, participation and drafting of the national report, together with Prof. Giovanni Grasso, in the “Study on minimum sanctions in the EU Member States”, aiming to provide the European Commission and the Member States with a better understanding of the basic legislative structure and -based on statistics- of the practice of national criminal law systems on minimum sanctions in all EU member States, commissioned by the European Commission – DG Justice and coordinated by the University of Wien (Prof. Robert Kert - Dr. Andrea Lehner);
- 2013 Teaching activity (12 hours – 22/23/24 May) on “Approfondimenti sull’istituto del concorso di persone nel reato e su altre fattispecie incriminatrici della parte speciale del diritto penale” (In-depth analysis of the participation in the crime and other specific criminal offences);
- 2013 (April-July) Scientific and organisational Coordination of the activities concerning the

International Conference on “Le sfide dell'attuazione di una procura europea: definizione di regole comuni e loro impatto sugli ordinamenti interni/The challenges of setting up a European Public Prosecutor’s Office: definition of common rules and their impact on national legal systems”, co-financed by OLAF within the programme Hercule 2007-2013 of the European Commission;

- 2012, participation, as national rapporteur, and drafting of the national report in the study on “Development of an EU evaluation mechanism in the area of anti-corruption with a particular focus on identifying and reducing the costs of corruption in Public Procurement involving EU funds”, commissioned by Olaf;

- 2011, Member of the Scientific Board of the International Conference on Limiti convenzionali e costituzionali del “Diritto Penale Europeo” dopo il Trattato di Lisbona – Il dibattito in Germania ed in Italia/Vertragsrechtliche und verfassungs rechtliche Grenzen des Europäischen Strafrechts nach dem Vertrag von Lissabon – Die Diskussion in Deutschland und Italien, organised by the University of Verona, in cooperation with Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht and Ateneo Italo-Tedesco, held in Verona on 16-17th September 2011;

- 2009-2011, participation and drafting of the national report, together with Prof. Rosaria Sicurella, in the EuroNEEDs study, coordinated by the Max-Planck-Institut for Foreign and European Criminal Law in Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany) and co-funded by the European Commission within the Hercule programme, and in the final conference of the same project on “Which way now for European Criminal Justice?”;

- 2010, external cooperation activity on contract for the Research Project of the Unit of Catania on “Teoria del bene giuridico e obblighi comunitari di tutela penale: spinte e contropunte nel recepimento dei precetti comunitari” - Prof. Giovanni Grasso, PRIN 2007 on “L'evoluzione del diritto penale nei settori d'interesse europeo alla luce del nuovo progetto di riforma dei Trattati”, coordinated by Prof. Lorenzo Picotti;

- 2007, teaching activity on contract (20 hours) for the module on "Legislation", in the Professional Update Course in “Dinamiche relazionali e metodologie didattiche nei gruppi di apprendimento”, organized by the University "San Pio V" of Rome;

- 2007, member of the Scientific Board of the International Conference “Per un rilancio del progetto europeo: esigenze di tutela degli interessi comunitari e nuove strategie di integrazione penale in attesa della Costituzione per l'Europa” held in Catania 24 to 26 May 2007 (PRIN 2005) on “Diritto penale e Trattato che istituisce una Costituzione per l'Europa” and co-financed by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) within Hercule Programme 2006;

- 2005/2006, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, co-operation activity on contract with the Specialization Course for Legal Professions "Antonino Galati", at the Faculty of Law, University of Catania, concerning the correction of written papers dealing with Criminal Law topics, drafted by the trainees during the courses of the school;

- 2004, July to September, external support for the research on “Orientamenti giurisprudenziali in tema di concorso di persone nel reato con particolare riguardo al diritto penale ambientale (Case-law concerning the participation in crime, in particular in relation to environmental criminal law)”, supporting the university research project “Tecniche di tutela e diritto penale europeo dell'ambiente (Strategies of protection and European environmental criminal law)”, coordinated by Prof. Giovanni Grasso;

PUBLICATIONS:

- Protection of Fundamental Rights and Criminal Law, in Eucrim. The European Criminal Law Associations’ Forum, 3, 2015, pp. 100-111;

- Criminalità informatica vs diritto alla riservatezza e protezione dei dati personali. I legislatori (europeo e nazionale) alla ricerca del giusto punto di equilibrio nell’epoca della globalizzazione digitale, in Quaderni europei, 2014, vol. 63, pp. 24-41;

- together with Prof. Rosaria Sicurella, Data mining and Profiling in the Area of Freedom,

Security and Justice: State of Play and New Challenges in the Balance between Security and Fundamental Rights Protection, in *New Journal of European Criminal Law*, 2013, pp. 409-460;

- Controllo giurisdizionale su necessità e proporzione delle scelte di criminalizzazione del legislatore europeo: uno sguardo sulle possibilità di dialogo tra le Corti europee, in Allegrezza S, Grasso G, Illuminati G, Sicurella R (a cura di), *Le sfide dell'attuazione di una procura europea: definizione di regole comuni e loro impatto sugli ordinamenti interni*, Dott. A. Giuffrè, Milano, 2013, pp. 343-385;

- together with Rosaria Sicurella, *Data Mining and Profiling*, in Ligeti K (a cura di), *Toward a Prosecutor for the European Union*, vol. 2, Hart, Oxford (in corso di pubblicazione);

- L'espulsione dello straniero alla prova dei diritti fondamentali, Sicurella R. (a cura di), *Il controllo penale dell'immigrazione irregolare: esigenze di tutela, tentazioni simboliche, imperativi garantistici*, Catania, 26-27 marzo 2010, Giappichelli Editore, Torino, 2012, pp. 331-371;

- L'espulsione dello straniero alla prova degli obblighi internazionali di protezione dei diritti fondamentali, in *L'Indice Penale*, n. 2, 2010, pp. 749-887.

- Profili penalistici e obblighi di tutela nella giurisprudenza della Camera dei Diritti dell'Uomo per la Bosnia e l'Erzegovina, G. Giappichelli editore, Torino, 2009;

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Participation, as discussant or speaker, in:

- Training course for lawyers on "Concussione e induzione indebita dopo la legge 190/2012", organised by the Centro Studi di Formazione Professionale in Materia Giuridica, (Catania, 9 maggio 2014, speech on "Le convenzioni internazionali anticorruzione" (The international Conventions against Corruption);

- Summer School A.S.T.R.A. Arab Spring and Transition: a New Perspective in EuroMed Partnership, – Erasmus Intensive Programme, Catania, (9-22 giugno 2013), speech on "Italian Legislation about Immigrants Return: an Example to Test the Fair Balance between Security and Fundamental Rights Protection. Analysis of Relevant Case Law";

- Seminar on "La riforma della corruzione: analisi e critica della nuova disciplina alla luce dell'esperienza giuridica europea" (The new legislation about corruption: analysis and critical perspective about the new legislation taking into account the European legal experience), Università degli Studi di Teramo, Marzo 2013;

- Training course for lawyers on "The protection of fundamental rights in Europe and its effects in the Italian", held on April 8th, 2011 at the Faculty of Law, University of Catania, with a presentation on "Fundamental rights and expulsion of irregular immigrants";

- Conference on "The criminal control of irregular migration: the need to protect, symbolic temptations and guarantees", held on 26 to 27 March 2010 at the Faculty of Law of the University of Catania, with a presentation on: "The expulsion and the protection of fundamental rights";

- Week of training for Phd students of Criminal Law (29 June-3 July 2009), organized as part of the internationalization programme of the Graduate School of Law of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and held at the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) of Siracusa, with a presentation on: "Positive obligations of protection in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights";

- Seminar on "The construction of the European identity: collective security, individual freedoms and models of social regulation", organized by the University of Catania within the program of internationalization of the University system (23 - DM 05/08/2004) for the years 2004/2006 (approved for the period 2006-2009 and extended to 2010) and held on 15 June 2009 at the Centre de Recherche en matière pénale "Fernand Boulan" Aix-en- Provence, with a presentation on: "The jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights on the torture and the death penalty";

- Seminar on "The impact of the European Convention of Human Rights on the domestic law",

held on 7 and 8 November 2008 at the Faculty of Law of the University of Catania, with a presentation on: "The extradition and the death penalty".

Participation in research projects:

- March 2016 (on going), participation in the study on "Preparing the environment for the EPPO: fostering mutual trust by improving existing common legal heritage and enhancing common legal understanding. Proposal for a preliminary study and guidelines for a model 'framework curriculum' for legal training of practitioners in the PIF sector" (Project Leader: Prof. Sicurella), co-financed by OLAF (Hercule II);
- January 2015 (on going), participation in the research project FIR 2014 (Research Financing Programme – University of Catania), coord. Prof. Anna Maria Maugeri;
- December 2012 (on-going) participation and drafting of the relevant reports, in the European Project "EFFACE-European Union Action to fight Environmental Crime" (Framework 7), financed within the VII Framework Programme of the European Union and coordinated by the Ecologic Institute of Berlin, Scientific Responsible of the research unit of Catania: Prof. Giovanni Grasso - Dr. Grazia Maria Vagliasindi, drafting the reports: "The European Court of Human Rights and environmental crime" and "Articles 82-86 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Environmental Crime", together with Prof. Giovanni Grasso and Prof.ssa Rosaria Sicurella, available at the project website www.efface.eu;
- 2009-2011, participation in the Research Project of the University of Catania (PRA 2008) on "La tutela dei diritti fondamentali nel diritto penale (The protection of fundamental rights in criminal law)", coordinated by Prof. Anna Maria Maugeri;
- Research Project of Catania Unit on "The theory of the legal and criminal protection of the Community's interests: thrusts and counter-transposition of the provisions of Community law" - Scientific Responsible Prof. Giovanni Grasso, within the Italian programme of scientific research of national interest (PRIN 2007) on "The evolution of criminal law in the areas of European interest in the light of the new project of reform of the Treaties", coordinated by Prof. Lorenzo Picotti (University of Verona).
- Research Project of Catania Unit on "The fight against organized crime: a European Union goal. Techniques and tools of sanctioning within the area of freedom, security and justice" - Scientific Responsible Prof. Giovanni Grasso, within the Italian Programme for scientific research of national interest (PRIN 2005) on "Criminal Law and the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe", coordinated by Prof. Lorenzo Picotti (University of Verona);

Participation in conferences and annual meetings of the Presidents of the European Association of Jurists, as delegate of the Centro di Diritto Penale Europeo of Catania:

- "New Challenges for Anti-corruption Measures and for the Protection of EU Financial Interests", University of Vienna, l'International Anti-corruption Academy (IACA) - OLAF, Vienna (May 2014);
- "Annual Forum on Combating Corruption in the EU 2014 - New prevention and Investigation Techniques", ERA (European Research Academy) - OLAF, Trier (February 2014)
- "International symposium on the fight against fraud and corruption in the EU", University of Budapest - OLAF, Budapest (May 2011);
- "Annual Forum on Combating Corruption in the EU 2011-How best to ensure the protection of whistleblowers", ERA (European Research Academy) - OLAF, Trier (February 2011);
- "Fight against irregularities – Administrative and Criminal aspects", Polish Association for the Protection of EU Financial Interests - OLAF, Warsaw (April 2011);
- "Protection of EC Financial Interests and the Developments of European Criminal Law", University of Lubljana - OLAF, Lubljana (May 2008);
- "Protection of the financial interests of the European Union of 25: new challenges, old obstacles", Polish Association for the Protection of EU Financial Interests - OLAF, Sopot,

(March 2006);

- "The fight against EU fraud", University of Utrecht - OLAF, Utrecht (March 2004).

Grants obtained

- 2015/2016 (November 2015-February 2016), grant from DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst - German Academic Exchange Service) for spending a research period at Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany), in order to carry out the research project on "Die doppelte Rolle der Grundrechte im Strafrechtsbereich: positive strafrechtliche Schutzpflichten und notwendige Beschränkungen der Sanktionierungsmacht des Staates. Ein Überblick über das italienische Strafrechtssystem im Hinblick auf die Rechtsprechung der Europäischen Gerichte und im Vergleich mit dem deutschen Strafrecht."

- 2004/2005, research grant "Toscano-Scuderi", at the Faculty of Law, University of Catania, concerning "Criminal law aspects of the jurisprudence of the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina";

- 2004, grant from the Lions Club for the degree thesis on "L'influenza del sistema europeo di protezione dei diritti fondamentali sul diritto penale italiano (The influence of the European system of protection of fundamental rights on the Italian criminal law)".

Other activities

- Since 2008 (on going), member of the Board of the Centro di Diritto Penale Europeo of Catania;

- Since 2014 (on going), member of the International Association of Criminal Law (AIDP)

- She spent some research periods at Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht in Freiburg im Breisgau

- 2008, cooperation with the editing activities of the book "Per un rilancio del progetto europeo. Esigenze di tutela degli interessi comunitari e nuove strategie di integrazione penale", published by Giuffrè Editore - Milano in 2008 and included in the series of Publications of the Centro di Diritto Penale Europeo of Catania;

Languages

She speaks English (Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) in 2012).

She also speaks German. She held the Goethe-Zertifikat A2: Start Deutsch 2, in 2012 and the Goethe-Zertifikat B1, in 2013, thanks to a scholarship granted by the DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst - German Academic Exchange Service).