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Marco Fisicaro is a research fellow in International Law and European Union Law, currently working at the University of Rome "Unitelma Sapienza". He holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Catania, a post-graduate Diploma in Social Sciences from the *Scuola Superiore di Catania*, and will defend his Ph.D. thesis in early 2022. As the winner of the 2015 "Giuseppe Sperduti" prize, annually awarded by the *Società italiana per l'organizzazione internazionale* (SIOI), he spent a period as *stagiaire* at the European Court of Human Rights (2016). He was visiting scholar at the University of Vienna (2020) and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (2021). He is managing editor of "European Papers - A Journal on Law and Integration" and member of the steering committee of the Legal Clinic "*Coesione e Diritto*".

CURRENT POSITION

11/2021 - today	UNIVERSITY OF ROME UNITELMA SAPIENZA - Rome (Italy) Research fellow in International Law Research project: The principle of judicial independence in the European area: the interaction between the European Union and the Council of Europe
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EDUCATION

2018 - today (expected 2022)	UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA - Catania (Italy) Ph.D. candidate in European Union Law Thesis title: Conditionality and the Making of the EU Spending Power: Origins, Evolution, Challenges
2021	SCUOLA SUPERIORE DI CATANIA - Catania (Italy) Post-graduate Diploma in Social Sciences (70 <i>cum laude</i>) Thesis title: Membership Without Value(s)? EU Post-Accession Political Conditionality and the Rule of Law Crisis
2018	UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA - Catania (Italy) Master's Degree in Law (110 <i>cum laude</i>) Thesis title: <i>Consiglio di Sicurezza e diritti umani: una riflessione a margine del caso Al-Dulimi</i> (Security Council and Human Rights: A Reflection After the <i>Al-Dulimi</i> case)
2017	UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK - Limerick (Ireland) Semester abroad financed under the <i>Erasmus+</i> programme.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

06-07/2021	MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW <i>Visiting scholar</i>	Heidelberg (Germany)
03-05/2020	UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA <i>Visiting scholar</i>	Vienna (Austria)

TRAINEESHIPS AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

05/2017 - today	LEGAL CLINIC "COESIONE E DIRITTO" University of Catania - Law Department Member of the Steering Committee.	Catania (Italy)
05/2018 - 04/2019	COURT OF APPEAL OF CATANIA Legal trainee in civil and corporate law.	Catania (Italy)
08-09/2016	EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS <i>Stagiaire</i> at the Court's Registry. Main activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Preparation of draft reports and decisions on cases brought before the Court;- Research work on the Court's case-law;- Attendance of conferences and induction courses for trainees.	Strasbourg (France)

MEMBERSHIP IN EDITORIAL BOARDS

01/2022 - today	EUROPEAN PAPERS - A JOURNAL ON LAW AND INTEGRATION <i>Managing Editor</i>
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SPECIALISED COURSES

2021	EP-JMN SUMMER SCHOOL - GAETANO MORELLI LECTURES , Rome (Italy) 6 th Edition - <i>An International Law of the European Union?</i>
2021	EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE , Florence (Italy) Academy of European Law - Summer Course in European Union Law
2018	UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI "FEDERICO II" , Naples (Italy) Post-graduate advanced course (<i>Corso di perfezionamento</i>) in "European Union Law: The Protection of Rights"

- 2018 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, Florence (Italy)
Academy of European Law - Summer Courses
- Human Rights Law Course
 - European Union Law Course

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2020-2022 University of Catania, Law Department
Member of the research project *"Exceptionally Bad Times". Memory, Policy and Regulation of Transnational Crisis* (P.I. Prof. Rosario Sapienza)
- 2020 Member of the Managing Committee of the project *Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law*, financed by the ACRI Foundation's *"Young Investigator Training Program"*

AWARDS

- 2015 **"GIUSEPPE SPERDUTI" AWARD**
Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale (SIOI)
Winner of the national moot court competition on the European Convention on Human Rights organised by SIOI, XIII Edition

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2021 - today **"CULTORE DELLA MATERIA" IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**
University of Rome "Unitelma Sapienza", Law Department
- 2021 - today **"CULTORE DELLA MATERIA" IN EUROPEAN UNION LAW**
University of Catania, Law Department
- 2020 **ADMITTED TO THE ITALIAN BAR**
Ordine degli avvocati di Catania, 30 October 2020

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

I. ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- *New Challenges to European Solidarity: The Spread of Conditionality in the Union's Budget*, in A. Di Stefano (ed), *European Solidarity in Time of Pandemic Crisis*, CEDAM - Wolters Kluwer, forthcoming.

- (with E. Caruso), *Aborto e declino democratico in Polonia: una riflessione a margine della sentenza del Tribunale costituzionale polacco del 22 ottobre 2020*, in *GenIUS*, No. 2, 2020, pp. 186-206, available at www.geniusreview.eu.
- *Rule of Law Conditionality in EU Funds' Management: Is It the Right Way to Take Values Seriously?* in *Cahiers Jean Monnet - Actes des ateliers doctoraux "The Rule of Law"*, Toulouse, 2020, pp. 135-162.
- *Rule of Law Conditionality in EU Funds: The Value of Money in the Crisis of European Values*, in *European Papers - A Journal on Law and Integration*, Vol. 4, No. 3, 2019, pp. 695-722, available at www.europeanpapers.eu.
- *Condizionalità macroeconomica e politica di coesione: la solidarietà europea alla prova dei vincoli economico-finanziari*, in *Rivista Giuridica del Mezzogiorno*, Vol. 33, No. 2, 2019, pp. 413-450.

II. BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of L. Leonardi, G. Scalise (eds), *Social Challenges for Europe. Addressing failures and perspectives of the European project*, Il Mulino, 2019, in *Rivista Giuridica del Mezzogiorno*, Vol. 34, No. 1, 2020, pp. 314-317.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *The EU Budget as a Values-Based Policy Instrument? Potential and Challenges*, "Espresso Talks" (European University Institute, Academy of European Law, 29 June 2021).
- *Beyond the Rule of Law Conditionality: Exploiting the EU Spending Power to Foster European Values*, presented at the Jean Monnet NOVA-EU Workshop "EU Democracy and the Rule of Law" (Maastricht University, 24-25 June 2021).
- Presentation of the Ph.D. project on "Conditionality and the Making of the EU Spending Power: Origins, Evolution, Challenges", X Edition of the doctoral meeting "Alberico Gentili", co-organised by *Società italiana di diritto internazionale e dell'Unione europea* (SIDI) and *Centro Internazionale di Studi Gentiliani* (San Ginesio, 25 March 2021).
- Seminar on "Condizionalità e valori europei: il difficile percorso dell'Unione europea tra crisi pandemica e crisi dello Stato di diritto" (University of Catania, 30 November 2020).
- *Promoting EU Values Through Financial Instruments: The Proposal for a Rule of Law Conditionality in EU Funds*, presented at the conference "Fundamental Values in the EU: Problems and Challenges", co-organised by the University of Catania and the University of Ljubljana (University of Catania, 16 September 2019).
- *Rule of Law Conditionality in EU Funds: Is It the Right Way to Take Values Seriously?*, presented at the *Ateliers doctoraux "The Rule of Law"*, co-organised by the University of Milan and the University of Toulouse 1 Capitole (University of Milan, 4-5 July 2019).

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- **European Society of International Law (ESIL)**
Member of the Local Secretariat - 2021 ESIL Research Forum, *“Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law”* (University of Catania, 15-16 April 2021).
- **Società Italiana di Diritto Internazionale e di Diritto dell’Unione europea (SIDI)**
- **Associazione Italiana Studiosi di Diritto dell’Unione Europea (AISDUE)**

LANGUAGES

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| English | - Advanced level (C1) |
| | - TOEFL Certificate: 109/120 (9 November 2019) |
| German | - Basic knowledge |