

IRENE MANGANINI



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Birth date:

Career

Sep 2021 - Present **PhD researcher in International Law** (see "Education")

Aug 2022 - Present **Italian Ministry of Interior, Asylum Section – Milan, Italy**
Expert on International Protection and Human Rights (UNHCR-designated)
Participate with full voting rights in the panel decision-making on asylum applications of the Territorial Commission of Milan (first instance specialised administrative body), with a specific focus on international and European asylum and migration law, as well as on specific needs and vulnerabilities.

May – Oct 2021 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – Rome, Italy**
Senior Reporting Assistant
Stay abreast of operational developments; assist in the preparation of briefing notes and reports; facilitate preparation of periodic reports, including monthly Fact Sheets, weekly updates and information bulletins; work closely with the various Units to gather accurate information and share them with internal and external stakeholders; work closely with the Information Management Unit in Country Office to ensure accurate and attractive data presentation; prepare and distribute minutes of staff and other meetings; assist to brief and inform visitors on UNHCR activities in the field; assist in consolidating inputs for donor reports; translate and prepare transcripts of memos and other communications.

Mar – Apr 2021 **International Organization for Migration - Dhaka, Bangladesh**
Feb – Dec 2020 **Project Development and Reporting Consultant**
Project Development and Reporting Officer – UN | DESA Fellow
Assist in the development of new programmes and projects in coordination with the relevant donors, government counterparts, public and private institutions; conduct desk research and field visits to prepare background information to support the development of new project proposals; compile and draft regular summaries and reports ensuring compliance with reporting regulations; support liaison efforts with donors, UN partners, and governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.

From May to September, temporarily seconded to the **UN Inter-Agency Coordination Support Team for the COVID-19 Response**.

Mar – Dec 2019 **International Organization for Migration - Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina**
Information Management, M&E and Reporting Consultant
Performing all Information Management, M&E and Reporting duties of the Project Support Unit: creation of M&E plans; development of M&E tools; monitoring the implementation of performance indicators; data collection and analysis; compilation of weekly and monthly inter-agency reports to donors and stakeholders; creation of Public Information material etc..., with a special focus on the EU-funded Migration Emergency Response project.

Feb 2019 **European Lawyers in Lesvos - Lesvos island, Greece**
Legal Assistant
Providing asylum-seekers with detailed information about the Greek asylum procedure and the Dublin III Regulation; supporting ELIL lawyers with administrative assistance, background research and English/French interpretation; working on the

administration, procedural advancement and follow-up of a selected portion of cases currently followed by the organisation; performing general tasks as required.

- Oct – Dec 2018 **International Organization for Migration - Zagreb, Croatia**
Legal Research Intern
50% in the [European Migration Network \(EMN\)](#) project: assisting with research covering European and Croatian legislations and practices in the field of migration and asylum; helping with the communication and dissemination strategy; performing administrative tasks as required.
50% in the [PROTECT](#) project: assisting with the setting up of the Croatian project's implementation plan; assisting with the research on sexual and gender-based violence against migrants; networking with relevant stakeholders; performing administrative tasks as required.
- Feb – Jun 2017 **Franciscans International - Geneva, Switzerland**
Human Rights Advocacy Intern
- Feb – Oct 2015 **AFS á Íslandi / AFS Iceland - Reykjavík, Iceland**
Volunteers' Coordinator - EVS project

----- Education -----

- Sep 2021 - Present **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of Geneva (IHEID)**
PhD researcher in International Law ([Researcher profile](#))
Title: "Queering International Migration Law"; PhD Supervisors: Prof. Vincent Chetail (IHEID), Prof. Janna Wessels (VU Amsterdam); Expected completion date: February 2026; Affiliated to the [Global Migration Centre](#) and the [Gender Centre](#), with full scholarship from the Graduate Institute.
- Oct 2024 – Jun 2025 **Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca**
Visiting PhD at the Law School – International Law Department
Assisted Prof. Alice Ollino in the Refugee Law course (4th year Law students) and delivered three thematic modules of the course.
- Feb 2024 – Jul 2024 **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
Visiting researcher at the Amsterdam Centre for Migration and Refugee Law ([ACMRL](#))
Awarded the Doc.Mobility grant (University of Geneva/Graduate Institute).
- Sep 2016 – Sep 2018 **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of Geneva**
Master in International Law
Focus on international refugee and asylum law, international humanitarian law, human rights law (especially minorities' rights), feminist theories.
Final dissertation: "The Refugee Status Determination of Transgender Asylum-Seekers: a Queer Critique" - Winner of the [Prix Ladislav Mysyrowicz](#)
- Sep 2011 – Dec 2014 **Università degli Studi di Trieste**
Bachelor in International Sciences and Diplomacy
Final dissertation: "The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court and the Ukrainian Crisis"
- Sep 2013 – June 2014 **Universidad Complutense de Madrid**
Erasmus Programme
Law Faculty

----- Affiliations and volunteer experiences -----

Present	ASGI (Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration) Member
Present	Associazione Vanvera (Il Cuore scoperto) Founder
Jun 2017 – Sep 2018	IHEID Migration Initiative President
Dec 2012 – Aug 2017	EFIL – European Federation for Intercultural Learning Member of European Pool of Trainers and Volunteer



----- Publications -----

May 2025	You cannot pinkwash genocide: Why the (queer) refugee law studies community should be talking about Palestine – and why it is not; Sophia Zisakou, Samuel Ballin, Irene Manganini; <i>feministiq</i> (here).
Oct 2024	Refugee law between resistance and compliance: a reparative reading of a classic feminist struggle; RLI blog, Feminist Theory in International Law, (here).
Dec 2023	A Duty to Rescue: A Criminal Law Perspective on the Failure to Assist Migrants in Distress At Sea; Ana Srovin Coralli, Irene Manganini, Fekade Abebe; <i>Verfassungsblog</i> (here).
Feb 2023	Fixed Categories vs. Fluid Identities: How Are Queer Voices Silenced in the Theory and Practice of Asylum Law?; Samuel Ballin, Irene Manganini; <i>Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration</i> , Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 20 - 28 (here).
12 Jun 2020	The Refugee Status Determination of Transgender Asylum-Seekers: a Queer Critique; Global Migration Centre Research Paper n°24 (here).
18 Jul 2019	International Legal Obligations of States Concerning the Search for Missing Migrants: a Possible Way Forward; International Law Blog (here).
Oct 2017	El derecho a un recurso efectivo; el caso de Máxima Acuña; Franciscans International, GRUFIDES (here).

Languages:

Italian:	Native
English:	Fluent
Spanish:	Fluent
French:	Fluent

German:	Advanced
BHS:	Intermediate
Icelandic:	Beginner
Bengali:	Beginner

Interests:

♀	Feminist and Queer Studies
	Rugby
	Environmental Issues
	Music