

# Curriculum Vitae (EN)

Melisa Liana Vazquez  
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## ***Current Position***

Tenure track researcher (RTT) at the University of Cagliari Department of Law in the disciplinary scientific sector GIUR-07

## ***Education and Qualifications***

**2023** (ASN) National scientific qualification (second level), sector GIUR-07 Law and Religion

**2018** PhD in “Roman Law, Theory of Legal Systems and Private Market Law” with curriculum in Theory of Legal Systems, at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (30th cycle), with thesis entitled: Varieties of Secular Experience and Legal Cultures: Interdisciplinary Explorations in Law, Religion and Politics, with honors.

**1993** Laurea quadriennale in Lingue e letterature moderne (Spagnolo/Inglese) Brown University, Providence (RI), USA

## ***Teaching and Research***

**2023-2024** “Intercultural Law” (8 ECTS) Department of Law, Political and International Studies, University of Parma.

**2023-2024** “Intercultural Law and Social Inclusion” (6 ECTS) Department of Law, Political and International Studies, University of Parma.

**2023-2024** Research Fellow IUS 11 for the project “Food Radiality, Global Health, and Intercultural Spaces of In-Justice” Department of Law, Political and International Studies, University of Parma.

**2023** “Intercultural Law and Translation” masters seminars, Jonico Department of the University of Bari Aldo Moro in collaboration with The International Business School (Manchester, UK).

**2021** “Intercultural Law and Translation”, doctoral seminars for Jonico Department of the University of Bari Aldo Moro, as part of the PhD in “Rights, Economies and Cultures of the Mediterranean”, University of Bari, Aldo Moro.

2016-2021 Annual lectures in the course “International Markets and Organization Laws” (Prof. G. Anello) for the degree course “International Business and Development”, University of Parma.

### ***Publications***

#### ***Books***

1. 2024 Vazquez M.L. *Varieties of Religious Space. Freedom, Worship and Urban Justice*, RomaTrE-Press, Rome, ISBN 979-12-5977-321-0
2. 2019 Vazquez M.L., *Secularisms, Religions, and Law. A legal-cultural inquiry*, Torri del Vento Edizioni, Palermo, ISBN 878-88-99896-83-6

#### ***Journal articles***

1. 2024 “The Inescapable Radiality of Food and the Impossibility of Environmental ‘Restoration’”, in *Calumet – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review* ISSN 2465-0145 (on-line) Issue 20 (2024)
2. 2024 “Eco-theo-logical hope. Subjectivity, Religions, and Human Rights: a translational approach”, in *Oxford Journal of Religion and Law*, 2024, 00, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ojlr/rwae013> pp. 1–21,
3. 2023 “Neither Matter nor Spirit: The Ambivalent Substance of Digital Legal Personhood and Its Theological Antecedents”, in *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* Int <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11196-023-10084-1>
4. 2022 “La Torre di Pisa e la Moschea 'fuori luogo'. Libertà, diritti e spazio nella giurisprudenza costituzionale sui luoghi di culto”, in *Diritto e Religione*, n. 1, 2022, ISSN:1970-5301 pp. 54-134
5. 2022 “Law's Dark Clarity: Hugo and the 'Misery' of Legal Categorizations”, in *Pólemos*, 16 (1) doi: 10.1515/pol-2022-2009 pp. 157-177
6. 2022 “End of Secular City Limits? On Law's Religious Neutrality in the City”, in *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*, Volume 25, Issue 1, February 2022, pp. 259-286
7. 2022 “Futile Otherness. Religion and Culture vs. Futile Motives in Criminal Law”, in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 14, 2022, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 35-65
8. 2021 “How Communication Technologies Remold the Religion/Human Rights Divide. Online Synergies for a Global Democratic Space”, in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 12, 2022, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 123-147
9. 2020 “Antigone's Protest and the Covid Crisis. Freedom astride faith and health”, in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 11, 2020, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 26-37
10. 2020 “Digital Personhood, Time, Religion: The Right to Be Forgotten and the Legal Implications of the Soul/Body Debate”, in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 10, 2020, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 1-25

11. 2020 “Culture, Religion, and the New Geographies of Law: Troubling Takedowns in 'Ewa Glawischnig-Pieszczek v. Facebook Ireland Ltd'” in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 10, 2020, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 57-79
12. 2019 “Clashing Overpopulation(s): The Religious, the Secular, and the Unnatural ‘Conception’ of Human Multitudes with Rights in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 9, 2019, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 39-61
13. 2019 “Spatializing food: Signs, spaces and the legal (dis-)composition of what we eat”, in *Semotica*, Mouton De Gruyter, Berlin, 227, ISSN 1613-3692 pp. 1-17
14. 2018 “People Moving Water: Religious and Secular Perspectives at Play in Legal Water Management” in *Quaderni di diritto e politica ecclesiastica*, 2, August 2018 ISSN 1122-0392 pp. 437-465
15. 2016 “Abortion Inside Swedish Democracy. Paradoxical Secularizations and Unbalanced Pluralisms” in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 2, 2016, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 1-56

#### **Book Chapters**

1. 2018 “Conscientious objection in Swedish and Italian healthcare”, in Kyriaki Topidi (ed.), *Normative Pluralism and Human Rights. Social Normativities in Conflict*, Routledge, Abingdon and New York, pp. 122-140
2. 2018 “The off-centered hub of secularism: religion inside human rights projections and quotidian life”, in Michal Jan Rozbicki (ed.), *Human Rights in Translation: Intercultural Pathways*, Lexington Books, Lanham and London, pp. 77-89

#### **Translations**

1. 2018 Translation Restorative Justice and Ancestral 'Good Living': The Case of the Arhuaco, translated from the Spanish original of the essay written by M. Gutiérrez, Quevado Justicias restaurativas y el buen vivir ancestral. El caso arhuaco, in *CALUMET – Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*, 7, 2018, ISSN:2465-0145 (online) pp. 107-118

#### **Online articles and comments**

1. 2015 Abortion Inside Swedish Democracy: the case of Elinor Grimmark, *Diritti Comparati*, 2015/06/22, <https://www.diritticomparati.it/abortion-inside-swedish-democracy-the-case-of-ellinor-grimmark/>
2. 2015 Abortion Inside Swedish Democracy: the case of Elinor Grimmark, (re-blog) *VerfBlog*, 2015/23.06.2015, <https://verfassungsblog.de/abortion-inside-swedish-democracy-the-case-of-ellinor-grimmark/>

### *International and national presentations, lectures and seminars*

1. 2023 Presentation at the international conference “23rd International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law (IRSL 2023), Global Semiotics and Everyday Legal Claims. Intercultural Use of Law, Interreligious Dialogue and Translation Ethics” organized by the Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome, May 25, 2023. Title of the talk: “Digital Personhood, Time, Religion: The Right to Be Forgotten and the Legal Implications of the Soul/Body Debate Selection by means of a call for papers (From 24-05-2023 to 27-05-2023)
2. 2023 Paper at the International Conference “23rd International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law (IRSL 2023), Global Semiotics and Everyday Legal Claims. Intercultural Use of Law, Interreligious Dialogue and Translation Ethics” organized by the Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome, on May 26, 2023. Title of the talk: “Opaque human subjects? Disambiguation of the ‘legal human’ through the relationalities of rights and religions.” Selection by call for papers (From 05-24-2023 to 05-27-2023)
3. 2021 Presentation at the International Conference “The Dark Side of Law” (Juris Diversitas 2021, 7th General Conference), online, Title of the presentation: “Seeing Each Other Plain? Law and Identity in the Miserable Darkness of Hugo.” Selection by call for papers (From 9-06-2021 to 11-06-2021)
4. 2019 Paper at the International Conference “20th International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law (IRSL 2019), The Limits of Law” organized by the University of Coimbra, Institute for Legal Research, Faculty of Law, Coimbra, Portugal, on May 25, 2019. Title of the speech: “Law’s religious neutrality and the paradox of its exclusive universality. The secular city as a ‘kindergarten’ for modern legal subjects.” Selection by call for papers (From 05-23-2019 to 05-25-2019)
5. 2019 Presentation at the Workshop organized on April 5, 2019 at the University of Rome, La Sapienza, by the Faculty of Law “The intercultural use of law: inclusive legal practices for the integration of differences,” Title of the presentation: “Spatialized pluralism in the home: legal ruminations.” Selection by call for papers
6. 2019 Presentation at the International Conference, EUARE, Bologna, Italy. March 7, 2019. Panel organized by the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion, “Overpopulation, Religious Laws, and Human Rights. Exploring the Future.” Title of the presentation: “Biology and education: the unnatural ‘conception’ of human multitudes with rights.” Selection by call for papers (From 03/04/2019 to 03/07/2019)
7. 2019 Report at the International Conference, “Religious Voices, Human Dignity and the Making of Modern Human Rights,” organized by the Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome, on January 22, 2019. Title

of the talk: “No resources, no rights: religious imaginaries and the economic ‘mean(ings)’ of Human Rights”  
(From 20-01-2019 to 22-01-2019)

8. 2017 Presentation at the Workshop, “The House that Legal Geography Built: Exploring the Imbrication of People, Places and Law,” Department of Law, University of Bristol, UK, April 25, 2017. Title of the presentation: “Spatializing food: the legal and geographical consequences of what we eat” Selection by call for papers

9. 2016 Participant in the international Doctoral Summer School entitled, “Legal Pluralism and Human Rights,” organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Lucerne. Title of the presentation, “Conscientious objection in Swedish and Italian healthcare: Secularizations and Unbalanced Pluralisms.” Selection by call for papers (From 25-07-2016 to 29-07-2016)

10. 2016 Presentation at the international conference, “Human Rights in Translation: Intercultural Pathways Conference,” organized by the Center for Intercultural Studies, St. Louis University. Title of the talk: “The Off-centered Hub of Secularism: religion inside human rights projections and quotidian life.” Selection through a call for papers (From 31-03-2016 to 1-04-2016)

11. 2022 Lecture: “Water and Human Rights” at the course, “International Markets and Organization Laws,” managed by Professor Giancarlo Anello for the address, “International Business and Development - Economia Internazionale e dello sviluppo,” at the University of Parma (10-11-2022)

12. 2021 Seminar: “Defamation online and the googlization of law”, seminar deliberated in the meetings of the Board of the Jonico Department of the University of Bari Aldo Moro, as part of the PhD in “Rights, Economies and Cultures of the Mediterranean”, University of Bari, Aldo Moro. (02-25-2021)

13. 2021 Seminar: “Legal personhood in the ‘wild west’ of the digital world”, seminar deliberated in the meetings of the Board of the Jonico Department of the University of Bari Aldo Moro, as part of the PhD in “Rights, Economies and Cultures of the Mediterranean”, University of Bari, Aldo Moro. (03-23-2021)

14. 2021 Lecture: “Human Rights, Religion and Technology” for the course, “International Markets and Organization Laws,” managed by Professor Giancarlo Anello for the course, “International Business and Development - Economia Internazionale e dello sviluppo,” at the University of Parma (07-10-2021)

15. 2020 Lecture: “Water and Human Rights” at the course, “International Markets and Organization Laws,” managed by Professor Giancarlo Anello for the course, “International Business and Development - Economia Internazionale e dello sviluppo,” at the University of Parma (10-22-2020)

### ***Research activities***

2016 – From 2016 to the present I have been conducting interdisciplinary research into the relationship between law, religion and culture. Using the analysis of legal cases based on an approach inspired by comparative law, legal anthropology, the semiotics of law, cognitive sciences and philosophy, I have tried to trace interdisciplinary theoretical models with the aim of finding new solutions to the problems posed by positive legal experience.

2017 -2019 Member of the research group “Intercultural Use of Law” directed by Prof. M. Ricca (University of Parma, Department of Law) and Prof. R. Torino (University of Rome 3, Department of Political Science).

2016 Collaboration with Professor M. Rozbicki, Director of the Center for Intercultural Studies, at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, USA.

### ***Memberships in scientific associations, editorial or scientific committees, editorial boards***

2024-2025 Current member of ADEC (Association of University Professors of the Legal Discipline of the Religious Phenomenon)

2023-2025 Current member of the editorial board of the A-ANVUR class journal: Calumet - Intercultural Law and Humanities Review

2023 Member of the organizing committee of the international conference “23rd International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law (IRSL 2023), Global Semiotics and Everyday Legal Claims. Intercultural Use of Law, Interreligious Dialogue and Translation Ethics” organized by the Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome, from May 24 to May 27, 2023.

### ***Other activities***

2022 Responsible for the revision of specialized technical-legal language (American English) and professional editing of the book “Novel Foods and Edible Insects in the European Union. An Interdisciplinary Analysis” edited by Lucia Scaffardi and Giulia Formici, Springer, 2022.

### ***Language skills***

English: mother tongue;

Italian: fluent, written and oral;

Spanish: fluent, written and oral;

French: intermediate, oral

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