

PROJECT TEAM

Prof. Susanna Cafaro

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Prof. Claudia Morini

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SUPPORTING TEAM

Dr. Stefania Attolini

(stefania.attolini@gmail.com) is a Lawyer and she holds a PhD in Private, Public and Common Goods Law at the University of Salento with a thesis on the universal access to the Internet in the EU and the new European electronic communication code. She collaborates with the European Union law Chair (Faculty of Law, since 2015) and with the International Law Chair (Faculty of Political Science, since 2019) at the University of Salento. She holds an Advanced Master degree in European Union Law (Master complémentaire en droit européen) at the Institute for European Studies of the ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles), with a final thesis on "The posting of workers: a balance between the free movement of services and the social fundamental rights of workers". In 2014, she has been Trainee (Blue Book) of the Consumer External Relations Unit at DG SANCO (Health and Consumers) of the European Commission. In 2009, he obtained a Degree in Law at the University of Bari, with a thesis on Private law on medical liability. She is fluent in French (level C2) and in English (level C1). She speaks basic German (level B1) and Spanish (level A2).

Dr. Mauro Spedicati

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finance, dealing with anti-money laundering. He obtained a Ph.D. in Legal History at University of Macerata, where he defended a thesis on the history of international law. While attending the Faculty of Law, he gained the three-years diploma in "Euro-Mediterranean relations" at the ISUFI School of Excellence of the University of Salento.

Fellow of the Max-Planck-Institut für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte of Frankfurt am Main, he also cooperated with the Institut für Rechts- und Verfassungsgeschichte of the Universität Wien.

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Francesco has been a researcher in EU law under the NWO grant (Dutch Research Council) 2020-2021 and under the ADISU Region Puglia Grants 2019-2020. In particular, he specialized and conducted researches and articles in EU External relations law, EU soft law, and EU administrative law. Meanwhile, he writes academic articles and works in different academic activities under EU Commission Funded Projects (ex. Marie-curie). Francesco worked in some EU and Italian institutions in Bruxelles (Belgium) from 2015 till 2019 (European Parliament, EU Committee of Regions and EU Bruxelles Delegation of Puglia Region). Francesco published the outcome of his academic work in European and Italian law journals, in EU soft law, EU External Relations Law and Italian administrative Law (local and municipal law). With regards to his education, Francesco obtained an LLM in European Law at Maastricht University (2017-2019). Here, he also obtained two Honour Master Degrees (short master courses for a pre-selected short number of students) in Academic Training and Methodology and History. In 2016, he obtained an LLM in Law at Luiss Guido Carli (2016), with a thesis rewarded with special added value for having spent 9 months of his thesis research at the Université Libre of Bruxelles under the Erasmus Placement Framework. He passed the Bar Exam in 2018. Finally, he became a Judge-Arbitrator for the International Arbitration Chamber and in 2021 he is also part of the EU law research Italian network "Aisdue".

