

# CLAIRE VERGERIO

## Curriculum Vitae

Leiden University  
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### EMPLOYMENT

2017- Assistant Professor of International Relations (tenure track), Institute of Political Science, Leiden University.

2019-2020 Fung Global Fellow, Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (2019-2020 theme: “Thinking Globally”)

2015-2016 Associate Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University.

2014-2016 Tutor in International Relations, University of Oxford.

### EDUCATION

D.Phil. International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2018

*Dissertation Title:*

Constructing the Right to War: Alberico Gentili and his Receptions in International Law

M.Phil. International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2013

B.A. International Relations, Department of International Relations, Brown University, 2010

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed journal articles

Vergerio C. (2019), ‘Context, Reception, and the Study of Great Thinkers in International Relations’, *International Theory* 11:1, 110-137.

Vergerio C. (2017), Alberico Gentili’s *De iure belli*: An absolutist’s attempt to reconcile the jus gentium and the reason of state tradition, *Journal of the History of International Law* 19:4, 1-38.

Nicolaidis K., Vergerio C., Fisher Onar N., and Viehoff J. (2014), From Metropolis to Microcosmos: The EU’s New Standards of Civilization’, *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 42:3, 718-745.

## **Book chapters**

Vergerio, C. (forth.), 'The Berlin and Hague Conferences', in Mlada Bukovanski, Edward Keene, Christian Reus-Smit, and Maja Spanu (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Vergerio, C. (forth.), 'International Law and the Laws of War', in Julia Costa Lopez, Benjamin de Carvalho, and Halvard Leira (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations* (Abingdon: Routledge)

## **Monograph under review**

*War, Sovereigns, and International Order: Alberico Gentili and the Foundational Myth of the Laws of War*  
Book manuscript submitted to the Cambridge Studies in International Relations following positive review of book proposal

## **Book reviews**

Vergerio, C. (2019), Review of *System, Order, and International Law: The Early History of International Legal Thought from Machiavelli to Hegel* by Stefan Kadelbach, Thomas Kleinlein, and David Roth-Isigkeit (eds.), *Journal of the History of International Law*

## **Working Papers**

Historicizing the Canon in International Law and International Relations, Introduction to our special issue with the *Leiden Journal of International Law* (with Paolo Amorosa)

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS (selected)**

2019 Awarded an NWO VENI grant to spend three years working on my new project, *Beyond the Myth of Westphalia: States, International Law, and the Monopolization of the Right to Wage War* (€250,000)

2018 Winner of the Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize, awarded annually by Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations to an outstanding thesis on international relations with particular reference to the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms

2018 Honorable mention for the ISA's Barbara Tuchman prize for 'Alberico Gentili and the Modern Conception of International Violence' (best paper in Historical International Relations by a graduate student)

2017 Winner of the ISA's Frances V. Harbour award for 'Alberico Gentili and the Modern Conception of International Violence' (best paper in International Ethics by a graduate student)

2017 Winner of the Britain & Ireland Association for Political Thought graduate student essay prize for 'Carl Schmitt's Gentili and the History of Modern War'

2017 Awarded a Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship for 2017-2018 (declined)

2014 Awarded Oxford University's Jenkins Memorial Fund Scholarship and Scatcherd Scholarship to spend six months at the University of Helsinki under the supervision of Martti Koskenniemi

## **INVITED TALKS**

2020 'War, Sovereigns, and International Order: Alberico Gentili and the Foundational Myth of the Laws of War,' Qualitative Research Seminar, Political Science Department, Princeton University (March 10)

2020 'War, Sovereigns, and International Order: Alberico Gentili and the Foundational Myth of the Laws of War,' 'Global Legal Histories' Conference organized by the Shelby Cullom Davis Center & the Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton University (March 6-7)

2019 'War, Sovereigns, and International Order: Alberico Gentili and the Foundational Myth of the Laws of War,' NYU War & Knowledge Lab, New York University (November 22)

2018 'Sovereignty, Civilization, and the Rise of the Modern Laws of War,' Second Annual Conference of the Cambridge IR/History Working Group, University of Cambridge (May 11)

2018 'Carl Schmitt's Gentili and the History of Modern War,' Oxford Political Thought Conference, University of Oxford (January 4-6) [invited as winner of the APT essay prize]

2017 'Inventing a history to the exclusionary laws of war: Colonial violence and the revival of Alberico Gentili in the 1870s', Comparing Insurgencies Workshop, University of Oxford (March 16-17)

## **OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (selected)**

2020 Co-organizer of two-day workshop on 'The Canon of Great Thinkers in International Legal and Political Thought' in preparation for a symposium in the *Leiden Journal of International Law*, with Paolo Amorosa, originally planned in Helsinki but moved online due to Covid-19 restrictions (2-3 November)

2019, 'Inventing the History of the Laws of War: The Revival of Alberico Gentili in the Late Nineteenth Century', 'Politics and the Histories of International Law' Conference organized by the Journal of the History of International Law (*JHIL*) Heidelberg, (15-16 February 2019)

2018 'International Law and the Laws of War', draft chapter prepared for the *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*, European Workshops in International Studies, Groningen (June 6-9)

2017 'Alberico Gentili and the Modern Conception of Violence', International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore (February 22-25)

2017 Roundtable 'Sexisms and White Privilege in the International Studies Classroom', International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore (February 22-25)

2017 'Inventing a history to the exclusionary laws of war: Colonial violence and the revival of Alberico Gentili in the 1870s', Law and Colonial Violence: An International Workshop, Queen Mary University of London (in collaboration with Cambridge and EUI), London (February 14)

2016 'Of War and its Violent Counterparts: Alberico Gentili's Absolutist Theory of the Laws of War', Legacies of the Tricontinental Conference, Coimbra, Portugal (September 22-24)

2016 'Beyond War and Peace: Peacetime Violence and Enemies of Mankind', International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta (March 16-19)

## **TEACHING**

*2020 Awarded Leiden University's Casimir Prize for best lecturer in the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences*

### **Leiden University**

The Making of Modern International Relations  
Master's seminar with ~15 students  
Taught in Fall 2017 & Spring 2019

Global History  
1<sup>st</sup> year UG lecture series with ~450 students  
Designed course; taught in Spring 2018 & Spring 2019

International Law/International Law & Human Rights  
2<sup>nd</sup> year UG lecture series with ~150/~300 students  
Designed course; taught in Spring 2018 & Spring 2019

Undergraduate Thesis Seminar  
3<sup>rd</sup> year UG seminar with ~15 students  
Designed course, taught in Spring 2018

### **University of Oxford** (all undergraduate tutorials)

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2016)  
International Relations in the Era of the Two World Wars (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)  
International Tribunals and Their Critics (designed course, Fall 2015)  
Sustainable Peace Processes (designed course, Fall 2015)  
Contemporary Debates in International Relations (Fall 2015)  
Post-Conflict State Building (designed course, Fall 2014)

### **Other teaching experience**

Researching Politics and International Relations: Analytical Modes and Controversies  
(Oxford Brookes University, undergraduate seminar, Fall 2015)  
Public Speaking/Speech & Debate (Summer course for Oxbridge Academic Programs, 2014)  
Power & Politics (Summer course for Oxbridge Summers, 2014)

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2013-2014 Assistant Legal Officer, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Defence Team for Callixte Nzabonimana (final appeal phase of the trial), Paris/Arusha

2011 Trainee, European Commission, Cabinet of Commissioner Lewandoswki (Budget and Financial Programming), Brussels

2010-2011 Intern, Human Rights Watch, Hissène Habré Division, Brussels

## **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### Leiden University

2020-2021 Chair of the CasimirPrijns Committee awarding prize to best lecturer in the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

2020-2021 Member of Msc Programme Committee

2020 Member of Hiring Committee, Assistant Professor within Leiden's Global Transformations and Governance Challenges project

2018 Member of Outreach Committee (Werving en Voorlichting Commissie)

### University of Oxford

2016 Member of International Relations Curriculum Diversity Committee

2014-2016 Facilitator for Balliol College Mandatory Sexual Consent Workshops

2014-2015 Chief Editor, Oxford Transitional Justice Research, extensive work with Fondation Hironnelle on justiceinfo.net

2014 Member of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Balliol College, University of Oxford

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

2020- Committee Member, ISA Historical International Relations Member-at-Large

2019- Committee Member, ISA Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations

2019- Committee Member, ISA Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Paper in Historical International Relations by a Graduate Student

Book & article manuscript reviewer for *International Organization*, *International Theory*, *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of International Political Theory* & Brill

## **VISITING POSITIONS**

2015 Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights (ECI), University of Helsinki, visiting doctoral student supervised by Martti Koskenniemi

2014 Centre d'Étude des Relations Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris, visiting doctoral student

## **LANGUAGES**

French, mother tongue

English, native level

German (A2)

Dutch (A2)

Italian, reading only

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Research Network: Understanding Insurgencies: Resonances from the Colonial Past (Exeter Centre for the Study of War, State and Society, in partnership with Oxford, Warwick, Glasgow, CNRS Paris, Université de Québec, and KITLV Leiden)

International Studies Association

European International Studies Association

## **REFEREES** (contact details provided upon request)

Professor Edward Keene, University of Oxford

Professor Duncan Bell, University of Cambridge

Professor Jeremy Adelman, Princeton University

Professor Jennifer Welsh, McGill University