

PERSONAL INFORMATION Viola Prifti



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WORK EXPERIENCE

05/10/2016–Present **Research Fellow**

Bournemouth University, Centre for Intellectual Property Policy & Management, Bournemouth (United Kingdom)

- Support in writing research bids on intellectual property, publication of research on patent and trademark law, presentation of research in meetings, seminars, and conferences, liaison with internal and external research organisations, and professional bodies, organization of two workshops for PhD students on ethics of intellectual protection.

01/09/2014–01/09/2015 **Postdoctoral researcher**

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich (Germany)

- Research and publication of a book and book chapters on open innovation systems in plant breeding, attended seminars and workshops on open innovation.

15/05/2014–14/10/2014 **Analyst**

Novumed Life Science Consulting GmbH, Munich (Germany)

- Contributed to consulting reports for pharma and medtech companies in Europe and in the United States, searched relevant data, conducted market research, conducted telephone interviews with interested medical practitioners and academics.

01/11/2013–28/02/2014 **Trainee**

European Patent Office, International Legal Affairs Directorate, Munich (Germany)

- Helped senior lawyers in drafting opinions and legal documents, researched on international public law and intellectual property law issues, updated the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Guidelines.

15/10/2009–14/04/2010

Trainee

Province of Pisa, Pisa (Italy)

- Researched on applicable law to calls for competitive bids and service contracts, drafted minutes of Council Committee's meetings, conducted administrative work as required.

01/02/2009–30/06/2009 **Trainee Lawyer**

Avv. Infesta-Liguori-Macchi, Pisa (Italy)

- Researched and drafted legal opinions on civil and commercial law matters, drafted written submissions & other relevant paperwork, assisted the lawyers in court hearings.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 01/01/2011–30/10/2013 **Dr. iuris**
Hamburg University, Institute of Law & Economics, Hamburg (Germany)
Graduate School "The economics of the internationalization of law"
 - Main subject: law & economics of intellectual property rights, international law
 - Training in new institutional economics (School on New Institutional Economics, Cargèse, France, March 2012)
 - Research periods at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich (2013) and at the Law & Governance Group, Wageningen University (2012)
- 1/06/2009–30/06/2010 **Magistrate studies**
University of Pisa, Pisa (Italy)
Theoretical and practical legal training for the judicial career
 - Researched on several legal areas
 - Wrote legal opinions on civil, commercial, and penal law cases
 - Wrote a thesis entitled "Free movement of EU citizens and Italian law: aspects of possible contrast".
- 1/10/2005–16/04/2008 **M.A. in International and European Law**
University of Pisa, Pisa (Italy)
 - Main subjects: International public law, International private law, European Union law
- 1/09/2002–05/11/2005 **B.A. in Juridical Sciences**
University of Pisa, Pisa (Italy)
 - Main subjects: Civil law, Criminal law, Public law, Administrative law, Comparative law, Philosophy of law
- 6/08/2017–19/08/2017 **Hoover IP² Summer Teaching Institute on the Economics & Politics of Regulation**
Stanford University (USA)
 - Innovation and the patent system, antitrust, risk and regulation, innovation and finance, energy and environment.
- 1/06/2011–31/07/2011 **Summer School in Law & Economics**
Hamburg University, Institute of Law & Economics, Hamburg (Germany)
Summer Schools in Law & Economics in 2011, 2012, 2013
 - Economic methodologies applied to legal analysis, International law (public, private, trade), intellectual property, development studies
- 1/02/2008–31/03/2008 **Training in Communication, Banking, and Insurance**
ERACLITO 2000, Pisa (Italy)
- 1/07/2001–31/07/2001 **Training in Leadership**
Southeast Europe Youth Leadership Institute, Towson & Washington D.C. (United States).

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Albanian, Italian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C1	C1	C1	C1
			IELTS		
German	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
			Universität München		
French	B1	C1	B2	B2	B1
			Universität Hamburg		
			Centro Linguistico Interdipertamentale - Università di Pisa		
Spanish	B2	C1	A2	A2	A2
			Universität Hamburg		
FutureLearn - The Open University					

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- good verbal communication skills gained through my public speaking engagement in Karl Popper debates in Albania (1998-2002), Toastmasters Effective Communicators club in Munich (2014-2015), and presentations in several academic and business conferences
- good writing communication skills as shown in my publications and in blog posts (<https://plantvarietyprotection.wordpress.com/>, <https://newiplawyers.wordpress.com/2016/02/15/a-wind-of-change-on-eu-and-us-trade-secrets-will-the-reform-increase-innovation-and-competitiveness/>, <http://www.cultivatinginnovation.org/blog>)
- lectures in International economic law, international intellectual property law.

Organisational / managerial skills

- leadership (debate trainer for high school students in the period 2001-2002, supervision of students)
- organisational skills gained as a researcher and participant in academic projects
- management skills gained as an Executive Committee Member of the New Intellectual Property Lawyers, a network for young professionals.

Job-related skills

- research and analytical skills as shown in my publications
- ability to conduct interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research
- ability to apply quantitative and qualitative methodologies
- ability to learn quickly and curiosity to explore new research topics

SELF-ASSESSMENT

Digital competence

Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Proficient user	Independent user

Digital competences - Self-assessment grid

European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Projects

Academic Advisor for the Project [Cultivating Innovation](#), University of Leeds, UK

Workshop organizer

Mar. 2017: [Ethics of Intellectual Property Rights: Challenges & Solutions](#), CIPPM, Bournemouth

Sep. 2017: [New Technologies & Challenges to the Existing Intellectual Property System](#), ASK Centre, Bocconi University

Participant in workshops

May 2016: [workshop](#) on ethics and European patenting practices at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, part of a project on responsible innovation, funded by the Norwegian Research Council, Munich, Germany.

Sep. 2014: Biopatents: Seed as Commodity and as Public Good”, one-week workshop by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Wessobrun, Germany.

Honours and awards

- Graduated with Full Honors from University of Pisa (2008)
- Researcher Invitation Program, Institute of Intellectual Property, Tokyo (Sep. – Dec. 2017).
- Hoover IP² Summer Institute on the Economics and Politics of Regulation, Stanford University (August 2017).
- 2015 World Intellectual Property Organization for presenting my research at the 34th Conference of the Association for the Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2014-2015 Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition for postdoctoral research.
- 2011-2013 German Research Foundation for doctoral studies.
- 2002-2010 University of Pisa, merit-based scholarship for law studies.
- 2008 "Eraclito 2000" Association for a 3-month intensive training in Communication, Banking and Insurance.
- 2008 Winner of the 2nd prize for a team project "Spent oil. From risk to opportunity". Spoleto Meets Successful Projects, organized by Giuseppe Romano Center of Studies of Spoleto Popular Bank and Spoleto Services, Spoleto, IT.
- 1999-2002 Several 1st prizes as a team & an individual speaker for "Karl Popper" debates organized by Open Society Foundations in Albania.

Publications

- Articles in a peer-reviewed journal
 - 2016** An answer to the plant variety controversy in Chile, Journal of World Intellectual Property, to be published online in October 2016
 - 2013** The breeding exemption in patent law: analysis of compliance with article 30 of the TRIPS Agreement. Journal of World Intellectual Property, 6 (5-6), pp. 218-239
- Book
 - 2015** The breeder's exception to patent rights. Analysis of compliance with article 30 of the TRIPS Agreement. Springer International, Cham.

- Book Chapters

- 2018** Intellectual property rights in Albania. The B 52 trademark case. In M. Sundarajan (ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of IP Law & Policy in Central & Eastern Europe*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (forthcoming), with D. Asko.
- 2018** Farmer” in Bartolini and Colcelli (eds) *Dictionary of European statuses*. Springer International (forthcoming).
- 2016** Plant variety protection: options under the TRIPS Agreement. In A. Yusuf and C. Correa (Eds.), *Intellectual Property and International Trade: the TRIPS Agreement*. Alphen aan den Rijn: Kluwer International, 3rd edition.
- 2016** Die Rolle des Allgemeininteresses an Pflanzenpatente: Eine Europäische Perspektive. In B. Brandl and S. Schleissing (Eds.), *Biopatente: Saatgut als Ware und als öffentliches Gut (Biopatents: Seed as Commodity and as Public Good)*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

- E-articles

- 2015** Understanding the Farmers' Privilege in `Monsanto Laws.
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2708600
- 2015** The role of public interest in plant-related patents.
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2542640

Presentations

- 2017** Festival of Learning, Bournemouth University, explanation of my research to the general public.
- 2017** The legal protection of plant varieties. Open innovation or industrial property rights? The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Rights and Science”, University of Perugia, IT, invited lecture
- 2017** Farmers' privilege or farmers' rights? The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Rights and Science”, University of Perugia, IT, invited lecture.
- 2015** US FTAs with Chile, Colombia, and Guatemala: a Southern view on plant variety protection, 34TH ATRIP Congress on Intellectual Property, plenary session, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2015** Intellectual Protection for Plant Varieties, University of New York in Tirana, Albania.
- 2014** The role of public interest in plant-related patents in Europe, "Biopatents: Seed as Commodity and as Public Good", one-week workshop by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Wessobrun, Germany.
- 2014** The research and breeding exception in plant-related innovations, Bayer Cropscience Global Lawyers and Patent Conference, Roermond, the Netherlands.
- 2014** The role of public interest in plant-related patents in Europe, International Scholars Conference on IP Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria.
- 2013** The breeding exception: its effects on innovativeness, European Policy for Intellectual Property, Télécom ParisTech, Paris, France.
- 2013** The compliance of the breeder's exception to patent rights with art. 30 of TRIPS, International Graduate Legal Research Conference, King's College, London, UK.
- 2013** Introducing a breeding exemption into patent law: A legal and economic investigation of its compliance with article 30 of the TRIPS Agreement and its effects on innovativeness (with M. Deutschmann), European Master in Law & Economics Midterm Conference Proceedings, Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany.

2012 Plant variety rights in the international law of intellectual property: a law & economics approach, International Society for New Institutional Economics, University of Southern California, L.A., U.S.

2012 Plant variety rights in the international law of intellectual property: a law & economics approach, European School on New Institutional Economics, European School on New Institutional Economics, Cargèse, France.

2012 Plant variety rights in the international law of intellectual property: a law & economics approach, Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Society of International Economic Law, Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany.

Memberships

New Intellectual Property Lawyers, Executive Committee Member (2015-present).
Association for the Advancement of Research and Teaching of Intellectual Property (2016- present).
Max Planck Society Alumni (2015-present).
Toastmasters International, Member of Effective Communicators, Munich, Hallmark Speakers, Bournemouth (2014-2017)
European Association of Law and Economics (2011-2013)