### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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# **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

**Cultural Heritage Protection Illicit Antiquities Trafficking** 

**Cultural Human Rights** 

Forensic Traceability for Heritage in Iraq

**Cultural Values Education Heritage Education for Development** 

# **CURRENT POSITIONS**

Sep 2024-Research Grant Holder

Sep 2025 Project 'Human rights implications of illicit trafficking in archaeological heritage: case study of Iraq'

British Institute for the Study of Irag, London, UK

Adjunct Professor in Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property Since May

2024 Master in Cultural Heritage Management, Department of Business and Law

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Since Feb Researcher & Adjunct Professor (Since 2016)

BA course in Art Crime in Context: Unraveling the Web (2024/2025) 2024

BA course in Heritage in Conflict and Heritage for Peace (2016/2017)

CAMNES Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies - Department of Ancient Studies, Lorenzo

de' Medici International Institute, Florence, Italy

Adjunct Professor in 'Illicit Antiquities Trafficking: a quest for cultural justice' Since May

2024 Gonzaga University in Florence, Florence, Italy

Since Jun Adjunct Professor in Illicit Antiquities Trafficking

2024 ITS Marco Polo Academy, Venice, Italy

Since Sep Adjunct Professor in Illicit Antiquities Trafficking and Cultural Values Education

2020 Master in Management of Cultural Heritage

> Master in Sustainability and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage Laboratory in Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage (online) Institute for Art and Restoration Palazzo Spinelli, Florence, Italy

**Since 2020** Researcher

RASHID INTERNATIONAL Research, Assessment and Safeguarding of Heritage of Iraq in Danger

**Since 2014** Consultant

UNESCO World Heritage Office, Municipality of Florence, Florence, Italy

Since Oct Trainer, educator, concept-creator

> 2018 Educational project "INSIDE OUT: journey into the country of values"

Le Chiavi della Città - Associazione MUS.E

UNESCO World Heritage Office - Municipality of Florence, Florence, Italy

**Since 2018** Consultant

Commission for the Protection of cultural heritage, Academy of Arts of Drawings, Florence, Italy

**Since 2014** External Resource Person, North East Forum for Child Rights, Sikkim, India

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Since 2023 ANC TPC Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri – Cultural Heritage Protection Department

**Since 2022** Art Crime Project – Journal of Cultural Heritage Crime

Since 2016 **UNESCO Center in Florence Onlus**  Since 2014 ICOMOS - International Council on Monuments and Sites
ICOM - International Council of Museums
2016-2017 Emergency Safeguarding of the Syrian Cultural Heritage project, UNESCO Roster of Experts
International Board of Experts of the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Sep 2025 | PhD in Archaeology

University of Reading, UK

Supervisors: Professor Roger Matthews (Archaeology), Dr Saeed Bagheri (Law)

Thesis title: 'Human rights implications of the illegal antiquities trafficking: case study of Iraq'

2014 | Master in Human Rights, Migrations and Development

University of Bologna, Italy

Thesis title: "Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development"

1 Oct 2013- Human Rights and Development Training Experience at City Level Technical Cell (Namchi-Jorethang)

**1 Nov 2013** Gajiv Awas Yojana' scheme under Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Supervisor: Roshnila Gurung, District Child Protection Officer, Ministry of Social Justice

Government of Sikkim, India

**2012** | **MA in Art History** (Laurea Magistrale)

University of Florence, Italy

Thesis title: 'Illegal trafficking in cultural goods: Italian response awaiting international reaction', 110/110 with hon.

2011 MA in EU Political and Administrative Studies

College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

Thesis title: 'Fight against the illegal antiquities' traffic in the EU: bridging the legislative gaps', 15,5/20 "Good"

2010 Summer school in International Law, Cultural Heritage & the Arts

Tulane-Siena Institute for International Law, Cultural Heritage & the Arts

May 2019 Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship for PhD students (not accepted)

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

2010 BA in History and protection of cultural heritage

University of Florence, Italy

Thesis title: 'The series 'From the life of Christ' by the painter Vassilij Polenov', 110/110 with hon.

2006 BA in Humanities 'Pedagogy and Teaching Contemporary Foreign Languages (English, German, Italian) and

Computer Linguistics'

Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk, Belarus

Thesis title: 'Extralinguistic and linguistic particularities of promotional texts', 5/5 "Excellent"

## **SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER MERITS**

Way 2013	Newcastic Office sty Overseas Research Ocholarship for File stadents (not accepted)
Jun 2012	Letter of appreciation by General Roberto Conforti, Head of Carabinieri TPC Heritage Protection Squad
Jun 2011	Honorary Citizenship of the City of Bruges, Belgium
Jun 2011	TOP 5 Master Thesis of the ALBERT EINSTEIN promotion, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium
	"Fight Against the Illegal Antiquities' Traffic in the EU: Bridging the Legislative Gaps",
May 2011	Selected Blue Book Stagier, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
Sep 2010	ENP Scholarship of the European Commission for pursuing MA at College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium
Oct 2006	Scholarship of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Italy for pursuing BA at University of Florence, Italy

#### LINGUISTIC SKILLS

**Russian** Mother tongue **Belarusian** Mother tongue

**English** C2

Italian C2 (PLIDA 2006) French B2 (TCF 2010)

German B2 Greek (Moder: A2

Arabic A1 (in progress)

## SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Dec 2019 | Simultaneous interpreter qualification, Altridiomi sas di Beatrice Romano, Florence, Italy

Since 2006 | Professional interpreter and translator, linguistic and cultural mediator

English-Russian, Russian-English, Italian-Russian, Russian-Italian, English-Italian, Italian-English Extensive experience with translation studios, courts, companies, institutions and private clients

### PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan 2020- Project Tutor for "PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE"

Jan 2021 International training campus for heritage professionals from post-conflict Caucasus countries

Rondine Cittadella della Pace, Arezzo, Italy

Sep 2019- Marketing, promotion, education support, translation

Dec 2019 | School of Italian Language and Culture Dante Alighieri, Recanati, Italy

Mar 2012- Secretary General and Trainer

**Sept 2019** Organization, development and delivery of educational, training and TOT programs (English, Italian, Russian);

lecturing; event concept-creation, promotion, organization and management, PR, representation at top-level international events, public speeches/presentations, research, web community management (web editing basics),

blog and web content writing; translation and interpretation (English, Italian, Russian); etc. International Institute Life Beyond Tourism, Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco, Florence, Italy

Jul 2013- Intern

**Jul 2014** Assistance to the Management Plan for Historic Centre of Florence – UNESCO World Heritage Site, event

organization, project management; back office and content management of web-project "Florence Heritage"

UNESCO World Heritage Office, Municipality of Florence, Florence, Italy

May 2013- | Digital Content Collaborator for catalogization and input

May 2014 | SDIAF system (Integrated Documentary System of Florentine Area)

Academy of Arts of Drawings, Florence, Italy

Jun 2011- Interr

**Jul 2011** Organizational and technical assistance to projects and events organization and management

Association of Italian UNESCO World Heritage Cities and Sites, Florence, Italy

**Dec 2008-** | Collaborator for digitalization of ancient books' collection with a professional scanner

**Dec 2009** Max-Planck Institute of the History of Art in Florence, Florence, Italy

Jun 2007- Multilingual press-room assistant for international fashion fairs

Jan 2010 Pitti Immagine srl, Florence, Italy

Nov 2006- Multilingual surveillance assistant

Mar 2007 | Basilica and Museum of Santa Croce, Florence, Italy

Oct 2005- Lecturer in English and Italian languages
May 2006 Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk, Belarus

Oct 2004- Interpreter English-Russian, Russian-English

Mar 2006 | OSCE Observation Missions of Presidential (2006) and Parliamentary (2004) Elections in Belarus

OSCE/ODIHR Office in Minsk, Belarus

### **MENTORSHIP**

Since 2023 | Mentor with United Italian Societies Association, UK

Since 2018 | Mentorship of students, professional advice, assistance in organizing internships

# **EDUCATIONAL WORK WITH CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS**

# Since 2018 | Educator and trainer, concept-creation and implementation

Concept-creation of "INSIDE OUT: journey into the country of values", educational project consisting of interactive laboratories on universal human values inspired by Value Education method of Swami Vivekananda, India (programs for all school levels); writing of children stories, preparation of resources, etc

\* "Chiavi della Città", MUS.E - UNESCO World Heritage Office, Municipality of Florence, Italy

Elementary, Secondary and High Schools upon request

Jan-May

*Inside Out*, a cycle of 12 interactive laboratories

**2022** | Montagnola Elementary School, Florence, Italy

2022 Santa Teresa Elementary School, Florence, Italy Dec 2021-*Inside Out.* a cycle of 6 interactive laboratories Mar 2022 Primaria Colombo Beato Angelico Elementary School, Florence, Italy Nov-Dec *Inside Out*, a cycle of 4 interactive laboratories 2021 G. Rodari Elementary School, Florence, Italy Nov-Dec Inside Out, a cycle of 8 interactive laboratories 2021 IC Verdi Elementary School, Florence, Italy Mar-Apr "Inside the Culture: Values, Crimes, Heros", a cycle of 2 laboratories 2021 Liceo Volta-Fellini, Riccione, Italy, online Jan-Feb Honesty, Responsibility, Courage, a cycle of 3 interactive laboratories 2021 Liceo Calamandrei Secondary School, Florence, Italy Nov 2019-*Inside Out*, a cycle of 3 interactive laboratories, Mar 2020 Madre Mazzarello Elementary School, Florence, Italy 7 Dec 2019 "The Magic Box", interactive training session Young Archaeologists Club, University of Reading, Reading, UK Nov-Dec Love and Peace, a cycle of 2 interactive laboratories with adolescents 2019 Chiesa Parrocchiale di Santa Maria Regina della Pace, Osimo, Italy PROJECTS: CONCEPT-CREATION, LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT July 2021 -Concept-creation and coordination, Media coverage and awareness-raising project with Brigada de Patrimonio now Histórico of the National Spanish Police and Journal of Cultural Heritage Crime 2012 - now Awareness-raising activity dedicated to significance of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace 16 Apr 2018 International symposium "Roerich Pact and the Banner of Peace for the protection of cultural heritage in the XXI century", Academy of Arts of Drawings, Florence, Italy 2014-2017 Installation of memorial plaque to Nicholas Roerich in Lungarno Acciaioli 4 and high-level international inaugural event, 9 October 2017, UNESCO World Heritage Office, Municipality of Florence, Florence, Italy 2016-2017 "Heritage in Conflict and Heritage for Peace", academic course, Lorenzo de' Medici Institute in Florence, CAMNES Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, under patronage of UNESCO World Heritage Office, Municipality of Florence, Florence, Italy 16-17 Dec Member of Scientific and Organizing Committee, Chair of Workshop "Local strategies of protection/models of 2016 intervention: the Italian model for the reconstruction of Iraq", Strategy-setting Conference of Archaeologists of the Near East "Iraq and Syria. Archaeological Heritage Between Risks and Perspectives", CAMNES Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, UNESCO World Heritage Office of the Municipality of Florence, Academy of Arts and Drawings in Florence, Florence, Italy 2015 Project Coordinator, crowdfunding campaign #Life Beyond Tourism: to make Your Heritage survive, Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco® - Life Beyond Tourism, 2015, Florence, Italy 15-22 Nov Concept-creation and project leader, II edition of international workshop "Value Education for Culture, Peace 2015 and Human Development" dedicated to 80th Anniversary of the Roerich Pact, in partnership with Government of Sikkim, India, and Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco® - Life Beyond Tourism®, Italy 16 Nov 2015 Delivery of the Banner of Peace by Nicholas Roerich to the Museum of Rondine Cittadella Della Pace in the framework of II edition of international student workshop "Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development" dedicated to 80th Anniversary of the Roerich Pact 25-27 Sep Initiative and coordination, official delivery of Banner of Peace of Nicholas Roerich to Italian Theosophical 2015 Society on behalf of Nicholas Roerich Museum in New York and International Organization Peace through Culture in the framework of National Theosophical Workshop "Theosophy and Sufism", Grado, Italy

**Feb-Mar** | *Inside Out*, a cycle of 4 interactive laboratories

9-16 Nov Concept-creation & project leader, I edition of international workshop "Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development: from India to the world", Florence Youth & Heritage Festival, official event of ICOMOS 2014

GA 2014, Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco, in partnership with Government of Sikkim, India

2004-2005 Organization and coordination of a Modern Greek Language Course Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk, Belarus

INDUSTED TAILIA	LEATUREA	TRAILINIAA	LINITEDNIATIONIAL	AALIEEDELIAEA
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	LECTURES, TRAININGS and INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES
14-16 Mar 2025	Invited speaker, Forensic traceable liquid technology: deterring crime and protecting cultural heritage, International Scientific and Practical Conference 'Protection of Prehistoric Human Settlements: Threats and Modern Approaches', Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, ISESCO, UNESCO, ICCROM, ICOMOS, Baku, Azerbaijan
2-7 Jun 2025	Decolonising knowledge-making on Iraq: empirical insights on archaeology and heritage education, 14th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East ICAANE, Lyon, France
24 Sep 2024	The Mamontovs' places in Italy: Villa Bellaggio in Florence, Round Table Abramtsevo in the past, present and future, Tretyakov gallery, Moscow, Russia, online
23-25 May 2024	Illegal Antiquities Trafficking and Sovereignty Over Cultural Resources: The Right to Cultural Self- Determination in Iraq, Cultural Heritage as a Human Right, conference, Gonzaga University School of Law
29-30 April 2024	Forensic traceable liquid technology for cultural heritage protection, International Conference FLORENCE HERI-TECH The Future of Heritage Science and Technologies, 4th EDITION
27 Feb 2024	Forensic technology for heritage protection, 2 <sup>nd</sup> International workshop on Authenticity, Detecting Forgery and Archaeometry, Italian Archaeological Center, Cairo (by Roberto Lai, President of ANC TPC, Italy)
14 Nov 2023	Invited Guest, International Day against Illegal Trafficking in Cultural Heritage, established by UNESCO in 2019, Rome, Museo Nazionale Villa Giulia – Università di Roma La Sapienza
14 Jun 2023	The IS involvement in antiquities trafficking, invited talk, webinar Protecting Cultural Heritage and Soft Targets: on 30th anniversary of Georgofili strage, Soufan Center – Gonzaga University in Florence, online
8-9 May 2023	'Cultural catastrophe' or the 'Golden Age of collecting': confronting the narratives on illicit trafficking of Iraqi archaeological heritage, presentation, Bridging epistemic divides in cultural heritage protection: An exercise in confrontation and conversation, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
1 May 2023	Following the Path of the Banner of Peace, invited talk, Culture as a key towards Peace Forum, Israeli Society of Living Ethics, online
2 Feb 2023	Life-building, character-moulding and man-making: implementing Value Education in Europe, 8-hour training, Restoring Power: Nurturing Creativity in Education, Erasmus+ Project, Florence, Italy
8-9 Oct 2022	Crime deterrence and forensic traceable liquids: impacting illicit antiquities trade, key-note lecture Smithsonian National Cultural Property Protection Conference, online
21 Jun 2022	In the minds and in the hearts: educating to universal values, invited talk, Youth Committee of the Italian Commission for UNESCO, online
14 Feb 2022	Forensic traceable liquids: a deterrence potential for illicit antiquities trafficking, invited lecture Cultural Heritage Working Group, European University Institute in Florence, online
8-9 Nov 2021	Illicit trafficking of archaeological heritage from Iraq: implications for the right to an adequate standard of living, Transatlantic Cultural Property Crime Symposium, Queen's Mary University of London, UK, online
12-14 Oct 2021	Illicit trafficking of archaeological heritage from Iraq: addressing human rights implications, presentation 6th Coimbra International Conference on Human Rights: a transdisciplinary approach, Portugal, online
14 June 2021	Crimes against the cultural heritage, invited talk Enacne Pirtea and Associati Law Firm, Bucharest, Romania, online
3 May 2021	The case of forensic traceable technology, invited talk and discussion

EU-level senior working group meeting organized by Mr Gilles De Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, in the presence of Elie Cavigneaux, former advisor to the EU CTC, French ministry for

	European Affairs; Jorge Bento Silva, Deputy Head of Unit, Terrorism & Crisis Management, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission; Anna Kedziorek Ramirez, Policy Officer, Cultural Diversity and Innovation Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
9 Nov 2020	Heritage at risk: the case of illicit antiquities' trafficking, guest lecture, Undergraduate and graduate course "The Anthropology of Heritage and Cultural Property", University of Reading, UK
6 Nov 2020	Protecting the Past, for guaranteeing the Future, key-note speech International training campus "PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE" for young heritage professionals from post-conflict Caucasus countries, Rondine Cittadella della Pace, Arezzo, Italy
18 Apr 2020	Warriors of cultural heritage: the Italian experience of the fight against illegal antiquities trafficking, live-streaming public lecture, ICOMOS World Monuments Day organized by the Department of Cultural Heritage, Government of Moscow, Russian Federation
15 Apr 2020	The Day of Culture, invited talk Round table "Culture is a key to Peace and Prosperity", Israeli Society of Living Ethics, Jerusalem, online
11 Feb 2020	For people and for the planet: heritage and culture for inclusive and social education, for unitary and plural citizenship, and for sustainable development, lecture, training course for school managers and teachers Museums and Culture for Sustainable Development. A quality, fair and inclusive education in order to learn how "to live in the world", MUSE and Municipality of Florence, Italy
14-16 Nov 2019	A human rights-based approach to the fight with illegal trafficking in archaeological heritage: Roerich Pact as a basis of culture of the Right to Culture, presentation, Round Table Rights of Museums — Roerich Pact and Likhachev Declaration of Cultural Rights, VIII St Petersburg International Cultural Forum, Russia
24 Jul 2019	Crimes against Culture: what is at stake?, a twin lecture with Michael McNeir, Financial Investigator & Detective Constable, Former Metropolitan Police Officer, Sotheby's Institute of Art, London, UK
1-2 Mar 2019	Restoring cultural justice: a human rights-based approach to illicit antiquities' trafficking, invited talk International conference Protecting Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict and Situations of Forcible Displacement: An (Emerging) Human Right?, Newcastle Forum for Human Rights and Social Justice, Military War Security Research Group, Newcastle Law School, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
31 Oct 2018	For people and for the planet: heritage and culture for inclusive and social education, for unitary and plural citizenship, and for sustainable development", lecture, training course for school managers and teachers "Museums and Culture for Sustainable Development", MUSE and Municipality of Florence, Florence, Italy
28-29 Jun 2018	Right to Culture to combat illicit trafficking in cultural property, presentation 2018 Transatlantic Cultural Property Crime Symposium. Combatting Cultural Property Crime: New Directions and Multidisciplinary collaboration, Queen's Mary University London, London, UK
22-24 Jun 2018	From Cultural Human rights to the Right to Culture: Applying a Human Rights-based Approach to the Case of Illicit Trafficking, closing key-note lecture, X Interdisciplinary Art Crime conference
17 May 2018	ARCA Association for Research into Crimes against Art, Amelia, Italy
16 Apr 2018	Heritage for Planet Earth, talk, Round Table, Salone dell'Arte e del Restauro di Firenze, Florence, Italy
12-16 Feb 2018	Roerich Pact in the XXI century: towards the culture of the Right to Culture, presentation International symposium "Roerich Pact and the Banner of Peace for the protection of cultural heritage in the XXI century", Academy of Arts in Drawings, Florence, Italy
16-18 Nov 2017	Training for Trainers Life Beyond Tourism, tutor and trainer International Institute Life Beyond Tourism, Florence, Italy
24-27 Oct 2017	St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum, Observer, Saint Petersburg, Russia
1-6 Oct 2017	A model of sustainable tourism inclusive of local communities, Russian-language Training for Trainers International Institute Life Beyond Tourism, Florence, Italy
27-29 Sep 2017	Beyond Sustainable Tourism, invited talk XXVI International Expo-Contest of diploma works in architecture and design, Yekaterinburg, Russia
31 Aug 2017	A Model of Territorial Development and Intercultural Dialogue, training Kemerovo State Institute of Culture, Kemerovo, Russia

2 Sep 2017	Best practices Life Beyond Tourism for Intercultural Dialogue, presentation, UNESCO International Summer School on Management and Protection of Historic Cities, Lublin University of Technology, Poland,		
1-12 Jul 2017	41st Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Observer, Cracow, Poland		
21-22 Jun 2017	Learning Communities and Certification System Life Beyond Tourism for Intercultural Dialogue and Territorial Development, invited talk, Annual Conference NC ICOMOS Russia, Yaroslavl, Russia		
22 May 2017	Reviving the principles of Value Education for Human Development, invited lecture Loyola College of Education, Namchi, South Sikkim, India		
5-6 May 2017	Movement Life Beyond Tourism for intercultural Dialogue, invited talk 4th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, Baku, Azerbaijan		
Apr–Jun 2017	International trafficking of artistic artefacts: the case of the Middle East, cycle of lectures Italian Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Rome La Sapienza, Rome, Italy		
30-31 Mar 2017	Illicit trafficking in cultural goods and international perspectives of cultural heritage protection, invited talk Official parallel event "The Recovery of Art: Protecting the Culture", G7 of Culture, Florence, Italy		
11-13 Mar 2017	DelBianco CitySmart web-app in the framework of NASA urban development program, talk 19th International Assembly, Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco®, "Heritage for Planet Earth", Florence, Italy		
2012-2019	Numerous lectures and presentations, International Institute Life Beyond Tourism and Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco® activity		
27 Jan 2017	Love Unconquerable, invited talk, International Center for Theosophical Studies, Cervignano, Italy		
16-17 Dec 2016	Illicit antiquities' trafficking as a violation of the Right to Culture, presentation Strategy-setting Conference of the Archaeologists of the Near East "Iraq and Syria. Archaeological Heritage Between Risks and Perspectives", CAMNES Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, UNESCO Office of the Municipality of Florence, Academy of Arts and Drawings, Florence, Italy		
6-7 Dec 2016	Sites for Dialogue, US ICOMOS Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington, USA		
13-20 Nov 2016	Right to Culture as an inalienable human right, presentation International workshop "Dialogue among Cultures within the framework of Eastern Partnership Programme", Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco, Florence, Italy		
19-25 Sep 2016	Travel & Dialogue, invited lecture, XXV Int-I Contest of diploma works in architecture, Novosibirsk, Russia		
31 Jul - 6 Aug 2016	Sites for Dialogue. World Heritage Sites for Dialogue, invited talk, V Int-I Summer School in Tourism Management, Observatory on Tourism in the European Islands, Gozo, Malta		
24-26 June 2016	Right to Culture. Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development, opening speech VII Art Crime Conference, ARCA Association for Research into Crimes against Art, Amelia, Italy		
8 Mar 2016	Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development, invited lecture Rondine Cittadella della Pace, Arezzo, Italy		
15 October 2015	Cultural heritage for intercultural dialogue. Life Beyond Tourism®, invited talk International symposium "National and international experience in the field of conservation and restoration of the objects of historical and cultural heritage of Russia", Moscow, Russia		
9–11 Oct 2015	Roerich Pact and Value Education for Culture and Human Development, presentation XV Research and practice international conference "Roerich heritage", Saint-Petersburg State University, Saint-Petersburg, Russia		
13 May 2015	Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development, presentation Digital Workshop "2015 UK India Exchange on World Heritage: Communicating Values and Developing Audiences", Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage, University of Birmingham, UK, online		
3-5 May 2015	Life Beyond Tourism Philosophy. Travel and Hospitality for Intercultural Dialogue, invited talk Commission to Preserve of National Monuments, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina		

**9-14 Nov 2014** | Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development, poster session presenter

ICOMOS GA & Symposium "Heritage and Landscapes as Human Values", Florence, Italy

**24 May 2012** | Protection of cultural heritage from the international illicit trafficking, presentation

Conference "Conservation, protection, restauration of World Heritage of Humanity" UNESCO Office of the Municipality of Florence, Opera di Santa Croce, Florence, Italy

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Since 2000 Organization of exhibitions, proofreading and editorship of books of Belarusian painter, poet and

song-writer Sergey Lebedev, Minsk, Belarus

2002-2006 Charitable NGO "Independent Children's Aid", Minsk, Belarus (accompanying groups of

socially or physically challenged children to Italy as an interpreter and group leader)

2004-2006 | "Dante Alighieri" and "Peloponnesus" societies, volunteer, Minsk, Belarus

### INTERESTS: TIME IS HERE AND NOW

Culture, Movement, Discovery Travelling & Photography Heritage & Art Mountain & Sea Horse-riding & Canoeing

### **PUBLICATIONS**

KOUSH, ALESIA, Human rights implications of illicit trafficking in archaeological heritage: the case study of Iraq (forthcoming)

KOUSH, ALESIA, *Illicit trafficking in cultural property as a human rights issue:* sovereignty over cultural resources and right to self-determination. Case study of Iraq, International Journal of Cultural property, Cambridge University Press (2025)

KOUSH, ALESIA, Decolonising the Knowledge-making on Iraq: A Conversation with Zahra Ali, Festschrift in honour of Roger Matthews, Routledge (2025, forthcoming)

KOUSH, ALESIA & D'AURIA, MASSIMO, The Right to Cultural Heritage in Iraq, Submission to Fourth Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review Concerning the Republic of Iraq, RASHID International, 2024

KOUSH, ALESIA, *Heritage education as a tool of social, ethnic and religious cohesion in Iraq: empirical insights*, Journal of Field Archaeology, 1–16, Taylor & Francis, 2024

KOUSH, ALESIA, Towards malum prohibitum: crime deterrence strategies for reducing illegal antiquities trade, Crime, Law and Social Change, Springer, 2024

KOUSH, ALESIA, Forensic traceable technology for deterring illegal trafficking in cultural property: pilot implementation in Iraq, Journal of Field Archaeology 49(1), 59–73, Taylor & Francis, 2024

KOUSH, ALESIA, *Linked legacies*. *Cultural heritage, forensic technology and human rights*, University of Reading Doctoral and Researcher College Magazine, 2024

FOBBE, SEAN & KOUSH, ALESIA, *The ICC Office of the Prosecutor's Draft Policy on Cultural Heritage Analysis and Comment*, RASHID International, Zenodo, 2021

FOBBE, SEAN, KOUSH, ALESIA, BREDEROVA, BARBORA & HASHEMI, LAYLA, *The Illicit Trafficking of Antiquities on Facebook*, Greenpaper, RASHID International - Research, Assessment and Safeguarding of the Heritage of Iraq in Danger, 2020

KOUSH, ALESIA, Talking to Maurizio Fiorilli, the art treasure hunter, Journal of Art Crime (under preparation)

KOUSH, ALESIA, Roerich Pact and Likhachev Declaration on the rights of culture as a basis of rights-based approaches to cultural heritage protection, in Proceedings of the Round Table Rights of Museums — Roerich Pact and the Likhachev Declaration on the rights of culture, VIII Saint Petersburg International Cultural Forum, 14-16 November 2019, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 2020

KOUSH, ALESIA, *The true web of life: biocultural diversity extinction crisis and sustainable development*, in Proceedings of International Scientific and Practical Conference of V.I. Vernadsky "Engineering Technologies for Sustainable Development and Integration of Science, Production and Education", Tambov State Technical University, May 29-31, 2019, Russia, November 2019

KOUSH, ALESIA, Right to Culture to combat illicit trafficking in cultural property, Journal of Art Crime, June 2017

KOUSH, ALESIA, Peace through Culture, Journal of Art Crime, June 2017

KOUSH, ALESIA, Where there is Peace, there is Culture; where there is Culture, there is Peace, Versopolis, April 2017

WILLIAMS, MEGAN, 'Dignity itself': Saving world heritage sites from 'cultural cleansing' won't be easy, interview-based, CBC News, March 31, 2017

KOUSH, ALESIA, Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development" ICOMOS Symposium proceedings, Paris, 2017

KOUSH, ALESIA, Value Education for Culture, Peace and Human Development, Master thesis, University of Bologna, Thesis Archive, UNESCO Centre in Turin, Italy; the thesis is used as a resource material for research and school teaching in Sikkim, India

KOUSH, ALESIA, LOOKING FOR JUSTICE: Art Crime Interdisciplinary Conference in Amelia, Italy, CAMNES Blog, July 2016

KOUSH, ALESIA, Roerich Pact and Value Education for Culture and Development, Proceedings of the XV International conference "Roerich heritage" dedicated to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roerich Pact, Saint-Petersburg State University, State Hermitage, Saint-Petersburg State Museum-Institute of the Roerich Family, 2016

KOUSH, ALESIA, Lessons in Values (edited), Magazine Life Beyond Tourism, March 2015

KOUSH, ALESIA, *Illegal trafficking in cultural goods: Italian response awaiting international reaction*, MA thesis, University of Florence, 2012

KOUSH, ALESIA, Fight Against the Illegal Antiquities' Traffic in the EU: Bridging the Legislative Gaps, December 2011, College of Europe Political Research Paper Series, Bruges, Belgium

KOUSH, ALESIA, The series 'From the life of Christ' by the painter Vassilij Polenov, BA thesis, University of Florence, 2010

KOUSH, ALESIA, Extralinguistic & linguistic particularities of promotional texts, MA thesis, Minsk State Linguistic University, 2006

### **ACADEMIC PEER-REVIEWING**

- Council of Reviewers Member, Comparative Education Review, University of Chicago Press, Taylor & Francis
- > Crime, Law and Social Change, Springer

## **INTERVIEWS**

## Interviewed by:

- Maura Matacchioni, Judge in Rome Tribunal, 7 Dec 2023
- Carolyn Wilke, Science journalist, 6 Feb 2024
- Aryan Pandla, King's College London, for The Common Mission Project in NATO, 22 Nov 2023
- Azadeh Moaveni, Iranian writer, 14 Jun 2023
- Geraldina Ceschi, PhD student, University of Milan, Italy, 30 May 2023
- StoryTime Radio Italia 5, Milan, Italy, 19 Nov 2022
- ➤ Katie Moule, Durham University, for 'An analysis of organisational responses to the interactions between extremism and heritage' research, 20 Aug 2021
- > AZERTAC news agency, for the article "Cultivating peaceful relations through Intercultural Dialogue" in the framework of the 4th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, Baku, Azerbaijan, 6 May 2017
- Megan Williams, CBC News, for the article 'Dignity itself': Saving world heritage sites from 'cultural cleansing' won't be easy, during G7 of Culture side event in Florence, Italy, 31 Mar 2017

### REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST