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Chiara Giorgetti is Walter W. & Maria Theresa Regirer Research Scholar in International Law and Professor of Public International Law. She has nearly three decades of experience at the forefront of both scholarship and international legal practice. A generalist public international lawyer, she has worked across core areas of the discipline, including international dispute settlement, international investment arbitration, international environmental law, international humanitarian law, and State responsibility, with a particular focus on the role of international adjudication in the interpretation, enforcement, and development of international law. Her research and practice engage centrally with questions of accountability, reparations, and compliance. Her publications are widely recognized as leading works in the field, particularly her work on international claims commissions and international dispute resolution. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of the Register of Damage for Ukraine. Professor Giorgetti frequently serves as adviser to States and International Organizations, and has acted as counsel, arbitrator, and expert in major international proceedings, including numerous inter-State disputes and at the International Court of Justice. She co-hosts *International Law Chats*, a podcast of the American Branch of the International Law Association, and has been invited to teach at the Hague Academy of International Law Summer Course. She is fluent in English, French, and Italian, with working knowledge of Spanish.

CURRENT POSITIONS

University of Richmond, School of Law, Richmond, Virginia, USA

Professor of Law, 2018 – Present (Walter W. & Maria Theresa Regirer Research Scholar in International Law since 2025)

Associate Professor of Law, 2015 - 2018

Assistant Professor of Law, 2012- 2015

Courses: International Law, International Arbitration, International Dispute Resolution, Human Rights, International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice, International Courts and Tribunals.

Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, Austria

Non-Resident Faculty, 2025 – Present

Courses: The Laws of War and Peace

Columbia University School of Law, New York, USA

Senior Fellow, International Claims and Reparations Project, 2022 - Present

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, USA

J.S.D. (Doctorate in Law) June 2009

Doctoral dissertation: ‘A Principled Approach to State Failure’ (published as a monograph by Brill 2010), JSD panel composed of Profs. L. Brilmayer (Chair), Prof. M. Reisman, Prof. H. H. Koh.

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, USA

LL.M. June 2002

Honours: Graduate Class Representative, Graduate Policy Committee member, Lillian Goldman Scholarship, Oscar Cox Scholarship, Yale tuition fellowship.

London School of Economics and Political Sciences, London, UK

Master of Sciences (MSc) in Development Studies (Law), October 1995

Honours: Fully funded by a Regional Labour Centre academic merit scholarship.

University of Bologna, School of Law, Bologna, Italy

Laurea in Giurisprudenza (J.D. equiv.) 110 over 110 (top 3% of the class), October 1994

Université Paris X (Nanterre), School of Law, Paris, France

European Union Erasmus student, September 1991 – June 1992

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Vienna University School of Law

Visiting Professor of Law, Winter 2022

Teaching: International Investment Law

Georgetown Law Center, Washington DC

LLM Visiting Professor, Fall 2019 - Adjunct Professor, 2007 -2012

Teaching: Introduction to Commercial Arbitration, International Courts and Tribunals, Transitional Justice

George Washington Law School, Washington DC

Visiting Professor of Law, Summer 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching: International Law

LUISS University School of Law, Rome, Italy

Visiting Professor of International Law, Spring 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Geneva University, Geneva, Switzerland

Summer School 2018, 2019

Teaching: Dispute Resolution, Law of the Sea, South China Sea Arbitration

Bocconi University School of Law, Milan, Italy

Visiting Professor, Fall 2013

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

White & Case, LLP, Washington D.C.

Associate, International Arbitration Practice, 2007 – 2012

Counsel in numerous international investment arbitration cases under ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA and ICC rules. Counsel for Eritrea in Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission proceedings.

Awarded White & Case pro bono award 2008 and 2009.

Lalive, Geneva, Switzerland

Associate, International Arbitration, 2003 – 2005

Principal associate in charge of the management of two international arbitrations at UNCC worth several billion dollars. Co-Counsel and assistant (secretary) to President (Prof. Lalive) for ICSID cases.

Co-Editor: Journal du Droit International

International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands

Judicial Clerk, 2002 – 2003

Clerk to President Judge Shi, Judge Elaraby, Judge Al-Khasawneh, Judge Oda, and Judge *ad hoc* Franck. Researched and drafted on all aspects of cases in the ICJ docket.

Office of the Legal Adviser, Office of the President of Eritrea, Asmara, Eritrea

Associate Legal Adviser, 2000 - 2001

Co-counsel in all phases of an international litigation with the Eritrea Ethiopia Boundary Commission.

United Nations Development Program for Somalia, Nairobi, Kenya

Programme Officer, 1998 – 2000

Supervised and monitored the implementation of UNDP governance projects worth over US\$5 million, including aviation, ports, legal and judicial systems restructuring, human rights monitoring.

Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations, New York, 1998

New York University School of Law, New York, 1997 – 1998

Special Counsel - Expert in Italian and International Law

Counsel to Eritrea in dispute with Yemen over territorial and maritime sovereignty issues.

Office of the Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, New York

Legal Consultant, 1998

Prepared initial dossier for an ICJ Advisory Opinion on a case on privileges and immunities of a Special Rapporteur of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

New York University School of Law, New York

Visiting Junior Fellow, 1996 – 1997

Authored substantial interviews-based research published in academic journals on the relationship between environmental and business NGOs in climate change negotiations (sponsored by Shell International).

Global Business Environment, Shell International, London, England

Research Assistant, 1995 – 1996

Generated a study on economic and legal aspects of the Joint Implementation of the Climate Change Convention for the Group.

ADDITIONAL SELECTED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS

Vice-Chair of the Board of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. Since Nov. 2023 - one of seven elected members of the Board established by the Council of Europe to register claims for damage, injury and loss brought by individuals, companies and the State arising out of Russia's aggression of Ukraine. Over 150,000 claims filed and 35,000 registered (April 2026).

Arbitrator, *Juan Carlos Argüello and Ernesto Argüello v. Republic of Panama* (ICSID Case No. ARB/25/39) (nominated by Respondent).

Member, *Ad Hoc* Committee, *South32 SA Investments Limited v. Republic of Colombia*, ICSID Case ARB/20/9, Annulment Proceedings.

Counsel for the African Union in the Advisory Opinion on Climate Change at the International Court of Justice.

Counsel in several inter-States cases, including: Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission (for Eritrea), Eritrea Ethiopia Boundary Commission (for Eritrea), Eritrea-Yemen Boundary Dispute (for Eritrea), UN Compensation Commission (F4 large and Complex Claims on Damages to the Environment, representing Iraq, for claims valued at several USD billions).

Member of *Ad Hoc Conciliation Commission, Qatar v. United Arab Emirates*, Article 11, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) - one of the five conciliators in a Commission which for the first time heard a State-State case under the CERD Convention – nominated by CERD.

Adviser and expert for several governments, international NGOs and international organizations, including African Union, European Union, on matters related to state immunity, sanctions, international investment law, reform to Investor-State Dispute Resolution, Code of Conduct for Adjudicators in ISDS.

Lecturer in State Responsibility, Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, International Investment Law and Trade Law, *United Nations Regional Courses in International Law, Latin America and the Caribbean*, Spring 2016-2018, 2023, 2025; *Africa* 2025, The Hague, Summer 2017.

Lecturer, *United Nations Audio-visual Library of International Law*, The Evolving Position of the Individual in International Law (2019), International Claims Commissions (2019), Selecting and

Removing International Judges and Arbitrators (2019) – Miniseries - Course on International Investment Law (2022).

Delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group III on Reform of the Investor State Dispute Settlement - on behalf of San Marino and of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) (an NGOs with observer status).

Member of the US Department of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law.

Scholar in Residence at ICSID Secretariat - One of the principal authors of the First Draft of Code of Conduct for Adjudicators in Investor-State Dispute Settlement proceedings.

Expert Advisor to the Republic of San Marino on international arbitration and on the drafting and enactment of new international commercial arbitration legislation and ISDS Reform (2023-2025).

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

Summer Writers Research Grant, Richmond Law School, received every year since joining Law School (up to \$22,000 per summer).

Distinguished Scholarship Award, Richmond University, 2024.

Cambridge Teaching Grant, Summer 2024.

Pluricourts Norwegian Centre of Excellence, grant for an interdisciplinary book project (workshops and seminars) with Prof. Mark Pollack, resulting in the publication of Beyond Fragmentation (CUP, 2022).

Carole Weinstein International Center - Global Engagement, research grant for field activities in Kenya, 2013.

White & Case, Pro Bono Award, 2008 and 2009.

Yale Law School, International Court of Justice Fellowship, 2003.

Global Business Environment, Shell International, Research Grant to study the Negotiations of Climate Change Treaties by Environmental and Business NGOs at NYU Law School, 1997.

SELECTED HONOURS AND LEADERSHIPS

American Law Institute

Elected Member, 2016

International Law Association – American Branch

Vice President, 2018 - present

Member – Board of Directors, 2016 - present

Co-Director of Studies, 2015 - 2018

Co-Chair - International Law Weekend, 2015 and 2020

Co-Chair - Interest Group on International Disputes Involving States 2013 – 2015

American Society of International Law

Executive Council, Counsellor (2025 -), Member (2016 – 2019)

CO-Chair, Task Force on ISDS and Climate Change (2025 – present)

Nominating Committee, Chair (2025), Member 2019 and 2020

Executive Committee, Member (2016 – 2019)

American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Co-chair (2012), Program Committee Member (2011)

Editorial Advisory Board, International Legal Materials, Member (2009 – 2016)

International Courts and Tribunals Interest Group, Founder & Co-Chair (2010-14)

Award Committee, Member (2009)

Institute for Transnational Arbitration

Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III (2019-2023)

Academic Council, Chair (2018-2022) Co-vice Chair (2015-2018) Member (2014)

ITA-ASIL Meeting April 2015, Co-Chair

International Law Students Association

Member, Board of Directors, 2015 –2018

QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to the New York Bar (2004) and to the D.C. Bar (2010).

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, French and Italian. Good working knowledge of Spanish (reading and listening).

NATIONALITIES

Italian and US.