

MARIA ELISA D'AMICO

General information

Full Professor of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Milan (since 2004).

Court of cassation lawyer since 2009, handling the defence on important human rights and discrimination issues in national and supranational courts.

Spoke Leader, Human Hall, Applied Research Centre on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence, University of Milan (since 2023).

Founder, in 2012, of the Vox rights association, which promotes research and other projects in the field of human rights and, more specifically, in the sphere of inclusive language.

Author of more than 350 publications on subjects relating to constitutional justice, constitutional law and fundamental rights, over 20 of which monographs, and including works in English (for the complete list, refer to the CV at the [University of Milan website](#)).

Working experience: positions held

- President, Equal Opportunities Committee (CUG), University of Milan.
- **Since 2020:** Holder and academic coordinator of the Jean Monnet European Fundamental Rights and Women's Rights (EFRIWoR) chair, University of Milan
- **From 2018 to 2024:** Vice-chancellor with responsibility for Legality, Transparency and Equal Rights, University of Milan
- **Since 2018:** Member of the Women and Gender in Global Affairs Network, Columbia University, New York
- **Since 2009:** Cassation lawyer
- **Since 2004:** Lawyer
- **2017-2021:** Member of the advisory board for the assessment of candidatures for appointments or designation of representatives of the City of Milan in bodies in which the council of City of Milan participates.
- **2009-2011:** Member of the equal opportunities commission at the Milan Bar Association
- **2007:** Chair of the equal opportunities commission of the University of Milan

Institutional positions

- **Since 2016:** Governor at the Milan offices of the Bank of Italy
- **Since 2015:** Board member, Assoedilizia
- **From 2019 to 2020:** Chair of the statute commission, University of Milan
- **From 2017 to 2018:** Board member, CINECA
- **From 2013 to 2018:** Lay member of the Administrative Justice Presidency Council and previously vice-chair and chair of the II Commission
- **From 2011 to 2013:** Member of the City of Milan Council and Chair of the Institutional Affairs Commission constituted at the City of Milan Council
- **From 2001 to 2006:** Member of the regional commission at the Lombardy Region council for the drawing up of its Statute.

Academic positions

- **Today:** Coordinator for the University of Milan of the PNRR 'Musa' national recovery plan project, Spoke n. 6, Innovation and social inclusion, coordinating more than 40 teaching staff and researchers
- **Since 2004:** Full professor in Constitutional Law at the Department of Italian public and supranational law at the University of Milan.
- **2022:** Visiting professor, Berkeley Law
- **November 2022:** Founder, with other constitutionalist colleagues, of the Italian Law and Liberty Circle, a network linked to the Federalist Society, Washington
- **2021:** Visiting professor, Fordham University
- **In 2025, 2019, 2018, 2015:** Visiting professor, Columbia University, New York
- **Since 2014:** Programme Coordinator, Advanced Professional Courses (since 2014), including:
 - Merit and Gender Equality on the Boards of Publicly Participated Companies
 - Legal Instruments to Combat Gender-Based Violence
 - Real Estate Rights
- **2014-2009:** Special mandate from the Chancellor of the University of Milan for disability and handicap affairs
- **1999-2004:** - Associate professor and visiting professor, University of Insubria
- **1991-1999:** Researcher in Constitutional Law, University of Milan

Awards and recognition

Awarded numerous research projects in Italy and Europe on the subjects of constitutional law and fundamental rights.

- **January 2025** - Sigillo di San Gerolamo Award, Milan Bar Association, for innovative professional activity in constitutional law and fundamental rights
- **June 2022**: winner of 'Volti della metropoli' (Faces of the metropolis) Prize
- **2020**: awarded the Jean Monnet European Fundamental Rights and Women's Rights chair
- **2011**: prize winner, Leadership in Equality and the Struggle for LGBT Rights, Chair Equal Opportunities Commission – L. Stuart Milk, Nicole Murray Rameriz
- **13 January 2015**: winner of the first edition of the CILD (Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights) Prize for having obtained, as lawyer, the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the Oliari and others versus Italy case relating to the recognition of unions between people of the same sex

Education

Graduated in 1987 in Law with Prof. Valerio Onida in Constitutional Law. Doctorate in Constitutional Law. Researcher in 1991 at the University of Milan. Associate professor in 1999 at the University of Insubria. Visiting professor in 2001 at the University of Insubria. Since 2004, full professor at the University of Milan and Women's Rights in the Constitutional State.