



## Enrico Molinaro

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### About me:

**My academic, research, and strategic inter-institutional expertise focuses on the role of civil society and human development as crucial factors in enhancing economic, social and environmental regional cooperation in the Mediterranean area. I am referring, in particular, to the context of multi-stakeholder processes on the sustainable development aspects, including water, climate change and energy, and post-pandemic recovery strategies in support of the Euro-Med re-launch for the tourism and culture sectors.**

**Having spent ten years in Jerusalem as a Truman Institute researcher on *the Holy Places in Middle East Agreements* (which was the subject of my doctoral thesis at the *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, published as a book by *Sussex Academic Press*), I organized fifteen Israeli-Palestinian and Inter-religious Seminars behind closed doors (second-track negotiations). Additionally, I contributed to several academic master or doctoral courses at the Universities of Sapienza, Roma Tre, Luiss, Lumsa, San Pio V, Salento, Urbino, *the Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, *Ramat Gan Law School*, and I gave various conferences at the Universities of Madrid (*Complutense*), *Karl sruhe Institute for Technology*, *Rabat II*, and *Fiesole European Institute*. Moreover, during the last twenty years, I tutored hundreds of students through recognized internships.**

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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06/2017 – CURRENT

### SECRETARY GENERAL

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*Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue RIDE* ([ride.mediper.eu](http://ride.mediper.eu)), Head of the *Anna Lindh Foundation National Network in Italy*, Italian Focal Point of the *United Nations Alliance of Civilizations* (UNAOC)

■ The Secretary General is responsible for the implementation of all the decisions taken by the Board of Directors, of which he is a full member. He facilitates and coordinates the activities and the functioning of the RIDE's institutional bodies, and replaces its President in his/her absence in all functions and powers (ART. 14 of the RIDE Statutes/bylaws)

Describe your tasks and responsibilities.

01/2022 – 10/2022

### COUNSELOR

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Hon. Gennaro Migliore, President of the *Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean* (PAM), Camera dei Deputati, Montecitorio, Rome Describe your tasks and responsibilities.

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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1996 – 2006 Israel

### PH.D., DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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■ International Relations, International Law, History, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, with special focus on the Euro-Med and Middle East area Describe the subjects or topics that you learnt.

**Address** Israel

■ Political Science, Law, International Relations, History, Economics, Sociology, with special focus on the Euro-Med and Middle Eastern area  
Describe the subjects or topics that you learnt.

**Address** Rome, Italy

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>FRENCH</b>	C1	C1	B2	C1	B1
<b>HEBREW</b>	B1	A1	A2	B1	A1
<b>SPANISH</b>	B2	B1	B1	B2	A1

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

self assessment | Microsoft Word | Google Drive

## ● ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

**communication skills** In view of my experience as an event and team coordinator in Italy and abroad, I acquired useful communication skills, developed in particular through my ten years of research in Jerusalem, where I set up the basis of my current activity of second-track diplomacy, with fifteen Israeli-Palestinian Seminars behind closed doors in Rome, Jerusalem, TelAviv, Florence, Ventotene, Pitigliano, and Washington, in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry of Italy and the *European Commission*. The initial task that I suggested to the Israeli, Palestinian, and international experts whom I gathered at the 2006 first Seminar was the compilation of a shared *Glossary* of the main key-words related to the conflict on the Jerusalem's Holy Places, later published in my 2009 book by *Sussex Academic Press*, namely *sovereignty* and *s tatus quo*. From the beginning of the aforementioned Israeli-Palestinian activities, MP adopted a negotiating methodology based on an objective, balanced, holistic, and detailed study of all the rules applied to the Jerusalem's Holy Places, as well as also about the different and complex *status quo* arrangements between the religious communities in the area. Our positive results led the Israeli and Palestinian participants to launch the idea of a *Jerusalem Holy Places Center* (JHPC), with the aim of studying and analyzing the complexities of Jerusalem, focusing on administrative, financial and fiscal matters, aiming also at facilitating access of the different religious communities to their respective Holy Places.

**communication skills** My book is the publication of the doctoral thesis in international law and international relations, which I completed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the city where I was living from 1994 until 2004. There I developed my studies and my dialogue initiatives at the Israeli Prime Minister Office's Committee of Experts on Jerusalem and at the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department in Ramallah, especially during the US President Clinton's Camp David Negotiations, when both parties asked for my international legal expertise about such controversial issues as *Vertical Sovereignty* on the Jerusalem's Temple Mount and the Holy Places' *Status Quo* legal regime.

In particular, on June 7 and October 12, 2021, the last two Israeli-Palestinian Seminars Behind Closed Doors, which were held shortly after the conclusion of the recent Gaza conflict, succeeded in bringing together the conflicting parties to engage in discussion with Jewish, Islamic and Christian religious representatives. The participants agreed on the shared document *Principles for the Religious Sites' Protection*, a result of the aforementioned confidential debates over fifteen years. The fifteenth Seminar held in Pitigliano on October 28, 2022, relaunched the idea and clarified the unanimous interfaith need of the aforementioned JHPC. On the kind request of Amb. Miguel Angel Moratinos, UNAoC High-Representative, MP has developed this *Protect the Religious Sites* initiative in the context of the UN *Plan of Action for the Protection of the Religious Sites, Unity and Solidarity for Safe and Peaceful Worship*, which the UN Secretary General Antonio Gutiérrez launched on September 12, 2019. Our conclusions are a part of the documents which UNAoC are currently studying in order to prepare their final proposal for the UN conference on protecting religious sites which the UN is intending to organize. Amb. Moratinos discussed this subject also at the hearing held on my initiative on June 28, 2022, at the Italian Parliament's two Foreign Affairs' Committees, where I participated as a member of Amb. Moratinos' official delegation.

**communication skills** In light of my expertise in the region, *Mediterranean Perspectives* devoted three of the Israeli-Palestinian Seminars Behind Closed Doors to the issue of Blue and Circular Economy in the wider context of sustainable development and renewable energy. In particular, in close cooperation with the *Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean* (PAM: <https://ride.mediper.eu/images/attivita-patrociate-dalla-ride/presentazione-a-roma-e-a-firenze-degli-atti-piano-marshall-mediterraneo-medio-oriente-del-26-27-febbraio-2015/Atti-del-convegno-26-27-febbraio-2015.pdf>), the international symposium *EU/US Marshall Plan for the MENA area* produced significant concrete results, such as the connection to the electricity grid provided to twenty Palestinian villages in the West Bank (<http://www.futuroquotidiano.com/medio-oriente-convegno-cisgiordania-torna-energia>). On the wake of this success, Italy invited the Israeli and Palestinian speakers of the holistic project on circular and blue economy for Gaza to present it jointly at the Rome *Med-Dialogues* International conference held in December 2018, at a panel recognized as a good practice of positive communication for the whole region (<https://youtu.be/-QdNRRTUDQw>). On December 3, 2021, I had the honor to chair the panel on *Circular Approaches for the Middle East Sustainable Development* at the 2021 Rome Med-Dialogues (<https://youtu.be/-QdNRRTUDQw>), with the participation of Israeli and Palestinian speakers, cooperating with experts from the Holy See and Euro-Med organizations. On the kind suggestion of Amb. Gianpiero Massolo, ISPI President, I set up a new successful panel for the Rome Med-Dialogues, held on December 3, 2022 "A Thirsty Region: How to Tackle Water Scarcity?" (<https://youtu.be/pVttgC8Sq00>), which produced a challenging ongoing project, in cooperation with US diplomats, aimed at providing Palestinian and Jordanian villages with 200 million cubic meters of fresh water.

## **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

**Organisational skills** On the request of several prominent Italian civil society organizations as well as of the Italian Foreign Ministry, in 2014 I started to rebuild from zero the network of the civil society organizations in Italy gathered under the umbrella of the *Italian Network of the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue* association, re-founded in June 2017 under the RIDE acronym. The meticulously planned complete renewal of the network's membership and legal structure – in line with the quality-oriented and evidence-oriented criteria which the ALF 2017 Evaluation (commissioned by the EU) suggested – led the Italian Foreign Ministry to appoint RIDE as the new Head of the *Anna Lindh Foundation* (ALF) in Italy, as well as the UNAoC *Focal Point* in this country. The co-protagonists of this historical process, still in progress vis-à-vis the whole ALF as a recognized best practice for the other 42 ALF Heads of National Networks, are evidence of my demonstrated qualities to coordinate, motivate and lead our successful team in a collegial and mutually respectful direction.. We have been working since 2017 with no financial public or private support whatsoever, as pioneers in a civil commitment leading to a final success. The results – as our official website ([ride.mediper.eu](http://ride.mediper.eu)) and social networks (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram) show – speak for themselves: associations, municipalities, private companies, research centers, all cooperating under our new network umbrella, which today represents the most inclusive think-tank of think-tanks on the Euro-Med Dialogue. Our spontaneous voluntary resilient efforts have produced extraordinary results. This 5-year-long cultural, political, and organizational process for the complete renewal of the Italian Civil Society Euro-Med Network required an immense human, professional, and work investment in planning, decision making. This undertaking entailed creative thinking, in light of the legal, scientific, organizational, strategic, and communication obstacles. My 10-year study-residence in Jerusalem and my 30-year multidisciplinary research (anthropology, sociology, law, including international and EU law, history, international relations, philosophy, linguistics) allowed me to coordinate the Italian Network of the civil society organizations in the shared goal to utilize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Barcelona Declaration* as an opportunity to launch a new page for our region.

On the specific subject of *Blue and Circular Economy*, I had the opportunity to actively participate at the UfM *Water Expert Group and Task Force* meetings led by UfM Deputy Secretary General Mr. Almotaz Abadi, suggesting innovative ideas. I also contributed to the organization of several meetings at the Foreign

Ministry of Italy with the participation of the main national public and private stakeholders on different issues, including *Blue and Circular Economy*.

## MORE INFORMATION

### Fellowship and Grants

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- o **From Israeli academic and research institutions:** *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*(the *Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace*: 1998-2001, The *Authority for Research Students*, for my lecture 'The Status Quo and the Religious Communities of Jerusalem' at the international conference in Palermo, Italy: November 11-13, 1998; The Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences: 1996; The Minerva Center for Human Rights: 1996); *Tel Aviv University* (*The Institute for Peace Research Tami Steinmetz*, which selected my research proposal as the best doctoral project for peace approved in the Israeli universities:1998)
- o **From the Holy See** (funding "study and research in Jerusalem, in the legal and historical field, on the subject of the status quo of the Holy Places and related issues": 1994, 1995,1996)
- From the Royal Court of the Kingdom of Jordan** (for my research activities on the topic of religious freedom in the Holy Places of Jerusalem:1996)

## PUBLICATIONS

### List of main publications

- "The Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue Starts from Collective Identities: the Innovative Role of the Anna Lindh Foundation's Italian Network", in H. Kato, L. Lomiento (eds.), *The Mediterranean as a Plaza. Japanese and Italian insights on the Great Sea*, Cisalpino Istituto Editoriale Universitario, Milano 2018, pp.183-202
- "Geopolitical trends: Statalist BRICS challenge Glocalist financial instability", in *Rivista di studi politici internazionali* (January-March 2016, Year83, Vol.329, pp.49-68)
- "A Mediterranean Marshall Plan", in *Limes-Heartland* (April 1, 2015): <http://temi.repubblica.it/limes-heartland/a-mediterranean-marshall-plan/2064>
- "Geopolitical trends: Statalists up, Glocalists down", in *Limes Heartland* (December 22, 2014): <http://temi.repubblica.it/limes-heartland/geopolitical-trends-statalists-up-glocalists-down/2053>
- "Statalists versus Glocalists: the Conflict is back to Jerusalem", in *Limes-Heartland*, (November 24, 2014): <http://temi.repubblica.it/limes-heartland/statalists-versus-globalists-the-conflict-is-back-to-jerusalem/2052>
- "La competizione tra élites statali e glocali: il caso-studio di Gerusalemme e dei suoi Luoghi Santi", in Anna Maria Cossiga, Sergio Luigi Germani, (eds.), *I fondamentalismi religiosi nel mondo contemporaneo*, Roma, Eurilink, 2014,pp.187-208
- "Gerusalemme tra status quo e conflitti identitari", in Claudia De Martino (ed.), *Su Gerusalemme, Strategie per il controllo dello spazio urbano*, Roma, Castelvecchi, 2013, pp.125-143
- "The Monitoring Center on Jerusalem's HolyPlaces: a Proposal to Facilitate the Arab- Israeli Dialogue" ("L'Osservatorio sui Luoghi Santi di Gerusalemme: una proposta per favorire il dialogo arabo-israeliano"), an article published in the International legal journal *La Comunità Internazionale* (Vol. 2, 2009, pp.253-271)
- "The Holy Places of Jerusalem in the Middle East Peace Agreements. The Conflict between Global and State Identities", a book published by Sussex Academic Press, (2009)

### other main publication

- "*The Status Quo in the Holy Places of Jerusalem*", an ongoing research project organized since 2006 by the "*Mediterranean Perspectives*" Association, in cooperation with the *Italian Centre of Studies for International Conciliation* (CISCI) co-sponsored by the Representation in Italy of the *European Commission*
- "*Nation, Religion and Collective Identity between Europe and the Mediterranean*", an essay (in Italian) for the book *The Creation of an Area of Peace and Stability around the European Union*, San Pio V Research Institute, 2007.(ed. Dr. Eva Pfoestl)
- "*The Coexistence of National and Religious Identities in Jerusalem: New Perspectives*", an article in Italian for the book *Etica delle relazioni internazionali*, Costantino Marco, Cosenza, 2004 (eds. Sebastiano Maffettone and Gianfranco Pellegrino). The article has been the basis of the author's lecture at the international conference organized on 18-19 October 2002 in memory of the late Prof. Paolo Ungari by the *Luiss University*, Rome, titled "*Mediterranean: Still Mare Nostrum?*"
- "*Negotiating Jerusalem – Preconditions for Drawing Scenarios Based on Territorial Compromises*", a book the *Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs* (PASSIA, Jerusalem), published, in 2002. The book is based on a lecture which the author gave to academics and diplomats in Jerusalem at PASSIA in August 2001
- "*Creative Approaches for the Coexistence of National and Religious Identities in Jerusalem*," a contribution for the book edited by Joseph Ginat, Edward J. Perkins, and Edwin G. Corr, *The Peace Process: Vision Versus Reality*, Brighton, U.K.: Sussex Academic Press & Norman, Oklahoma: the University of Oklahoma Press, 2003

- Contributor to *"The attitude of the Israeli Arabs towards the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process"*, in *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Hintergrund*, Tel Aviv, 1/2001
  - *"Alternative Definitions of Sovereignty. Drawing on the European and Mediterranean Legal Heritage: an Analysis of Coexisting of National and Religious Identities in Jerusalem"*, a Policy paper included in the book edited by Stefania Bazzoni & May Chartouni- Doubarry, *Politics and Economics in the Search for Stability in the Mediterranean Region*, Monte Carlo, *Institut des Etudes Politiques Méditerranéennes* (IEPM), 2001, pp. 103-140
  - *"Creative solutions for the permanent status negotiations on Jerusalem"*, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Hintergrund*, Tel Aviv, 1/2000
  - As a member of the *ad hoc* group at the *Center for Research for the Comparative Study of Different Systems Guaranteeing Human Rights in the Mediterranean Area* at the LUISS University in Rome, I contributed to the book *"For a Mediterranean Convergence on the Human Rights"* (in Italian), edited by late Prof. Paolo Ungari, then President of the Human Rights Commission at the Italian Prime Minister Office.
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