

# MATILDE MASETTI PLACCI

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## EDUCATION

- Sep 2022 – Sep 2025**     **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate – University of Edinburgh**
- Thesis focusses on fragmentation and unity in international legal theory, particularly through the eyes of three theorists: Georg Jellinek, Maurice Hauriou and Santi Romano.
  - Conducted under the supervisions of Professors Nehal Bhuta and Andrew Lang.
- Sep 2021 – Aug 2022**     **Master of Laws (LLM) – University of Edinburgh**
- Oct 2018 – Jun 2021**     **Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – University College London**
- Aug 2016 – Dec 2019**     **Political Science (BA) – Sciences Po Paris (Paris Institute of Political Science)**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- May – Jul 2023**     **Research Assistant – University of Edinburgh**
- Assisted Dr Gavin Sullivan on his research relating to the United States' counterterrorism information gathering and sharing strategies under the auspices of visa waiver programmes with partner countries. Research included working with the WikiLeaks database.
- Apr – Jul 2023**     **Research Assistant – University of Edinburgh**
- Assisted Dr Paolo Cavaliere on research relating to the international regulation of emerging AI technologies, particularly in the international defence and cybersecurity sectors.
- Jan – Apr 2023**     **Research Assistant – University of Edinburgh**
- Assisted Dr John Zerilli in the research and preparation of a report to the UK Government on automation in government and associated administrative challenges. The research has helped provide an 'automation checklist' which will be presented to the UK Government as a policy recommendation for future automation programmes.
  - Research included comparative analysis of articles, case law, legislation and government publications in 6 countries (Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, and the United States) across 4 sectors (healthcare, immigration, policing, and social security benefits).
- Sep – Oct 2021**     **Research Assistant – International Law Commission**
- Assisted Dr Marja Lehto (UN Special Rapporteur) on her ILC topic "the protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts".
  - Work included researching the extent of the Martens Clause, and the applicability of the principle of humanity to the environment.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Aug 2022 – present**     **College Research Awards Scholarship – University of Edinburgh**
- Sole recipient of the University's scholarship for the Law School. The award is determined based on academic merit and the proposal's originality.

## PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

"Automation Bias and Procedural Fairness: A Short Guide for the UK Civil Service" co-authored with Dr John Zerilli and Mr Iñaki Goñi, to be presented to the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport in April 2023.