

RESEARCH STAY A.S. CENT UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO, 31 May-28 June 2024

The purpose of the research stay was to complete a chapter in a monograph on Human Rights and Development. A version of the chapter entitled “The Holders of the Right to Development” will also be included as a stand-alone piece in an edited volume published by Brill Publishers (publication date May 2025): Carol Ngang, Chairman Okoloise (Eds.), *International Covenant on the Right to Development: Implications for Developing Countries and the Global Balance of Power*.

I submitted the chapter to the Editors before the end of the research stay and attach a copy to this report (not for further use – text still subject to peer review). I have acknowledged the support from A.S.CENT at the outset of the chapter.

At the beginning of the stay, I attended a conference held at the Department of Political Science and International Relations on Cross-border Politics and Trade in the Horn of Africa. The seminar presented an opportunity to meet a number of colleagues at the Department. Subsequent contacts with Dr Luca Pudda led to a plan to return to the Department during the next academic year to organise a seminar on international investment law, sustainable development, and corporate responsibility from a local community perspective.

Several meetings took place with prof. Antonello Miranda, the Director of the International Centre of Advanced Studies. The administrative staff of the Centre was extremely helpful in dealing with organizational issues.

The research stay provided an opportunity to fully concentrate on the writing of a piece of research without the interferences that inevitably occur when writing at home. The stay proved to be very productive and I am most grateful to the Centre for awarding me the scholarship that enabled the one-month visit.


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