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BIOGRAPHY

Elena Caruso is a postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Political Science, University of Waterloo, Canada. Her research mainly focuses on reproductive rights, social movements and law and empirical legal studies.

She is currently working on her new project about how self-managed abortion practice challenges the medico-legal paradigm in the regulation of abortion. At the same time, Elena is working on the dissemination of her previous research on the legalisation of abortion in 1970s Italy.

Elena held visiting fellowships at the Department of Law of the European University Institute, Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney, Melbourne Law School, Osgoode Hall Law School, Cardiff School of Law and Politics and, as Erasmus student, she conducted a semester of research at the University of Bonn Law School.

In July 2023, Elena obtained a PhD from Kent Law School, funded by the Economic Social Research Council and Kent Law School. Prior to her doctoral studies, she obtained a MA in Law from the University of Catania and an LLM in International Law from Kent Law School.

EDUCATION

- 2019 –2023, PhD in Law (passed on 11th July 2023 ‘without corrections’), University of Kent, United Kingdom.
- 2018 – 2019, LLM in International Law, University of Kent, United Kingdom, with distinction (final average 81.2%).
- 2009 – 2015, Combined BA/MA degree in Law, University of Catania, Italy, 110/110 *lode* (highest grade).

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