

Laura Bondì (1990) obtained a law degree with Honours from the University of Palermo in 2014. Her thesis “*Procedural Rights of Non-EU defendants*” focused on Criminal Procedure Law. She enrolled as a lawyer in the Bar Association of Palermo on October 26th, 2017. She has been working with the law firm Bondì since November 2014, dealing mainly with civil cases.

Since 2015 she has been participating in the training, research and legal advice project promoted by the Department of Law of the University of Palermo. The voluntary work of this group of lawyers, lecturers, researchers and experts in Migration Law and Human Rights led to the creation of CLEDU - *Clinica legale per i Diritti Umani* (Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic) of the University of Palermo. She immediately became a member of this organisation and now holds the position of treasurer as well as of lawyer and mentor of undergraduate students.

She has been a member of ASGI (*Associazione Studi Giuridici Immigrazione*) since January 2017.

From June 2017 to today she has been working as legal advisor in some SAI (ex SPRAR/SIPROIMI), CAS and reception centres for unaccompanied minors in Palermo.

She has participated in some research and training activities in the field of Migration and Asylum Law, including some intensive courses for legal professionals specializing in the field of International Protection.

In 2017 she carried out legal training activities for volunteer guardians of unaccompanied minors in the framework of “*Enhancing the Level of Protection for Unaccompanied Children through an effective guardianship system in Sicily*”, a project promoted by Defence for Children and UNHCR. She delivered the same course for the Italian Council for Refugees (CIR) in 2018.

Since September 2018 she has been the project referent, staff selection operator and administrative referent for CLEDU within the project “*Voci del Verbo Viaggiare - Accoglienza Mediterranea*”, financed by Fondazione con il Sud, carried out in Palermo by a partnership with Centro Astalli Palermo as lead institution.

In October 2019 she coordinated the project “*TNC-FA19 Tunisia and Italy: Politics and Religion Integration in the Mediterranean*” promoted by The School for International Training (Vermont – USA) in collaboration with CLEDU.

She has also worked as an expert trainer within the “*Fianco a Fianco*” project funded by Unicef and Refugees Welcome Italia.

Since July 2020, she has been providing voluntary legal advice at the “*Sans Papiers*” legal desk of the ARCI - Porco Rosso association in Palermo.

Since December 2020, she has been providing voluntary legal advice at the AIFCOM desk in Palermo to Italian and foreign citizens, particularly in relation to the specific needs of mixed couples.

She is also coordinating the cultural-linguistic mediators working for CLEDU in the framework of the project “*Supporting migrant and refugee survivors of GBV and other forms of violence in Palermo through legal assistance and capacity building to frontline workers*”, funded by UNICEF.