



## Bio of Elena Caruso

Elena is a Ph.D candidate in Law at the University of Kent, United Kingdom, where she is conducting an historical and socio-legal study on the feminist movement and abortion legal reform in 1970s Italy. Her research is funded by a SeNSS-ESRC scholarship and a Kent Law School scholarship.

Elena's research is strongly influenced by the tradition of feminist legal scholarship and sociology of law, which are also reflected in her methodology which combines traditional legal methods, archival study and original empirical research. Beyond abortion and Italian feminism, her academic interests include the broad area of reproductive rights, social movements, civil law tradition and rule of law.

As an abortion-rights advocate, Elena is a founding member of the Italian Pro-choice Network '*Rete Italiana Contraccezione e Aborto*'. She is a senior research staff member of the Legal Clinic '*Coesione e Diritto*' at the University of Catania, Italy, and a member of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies '*GENUS*' at the same University.

Elena has largely written on abortion and gender issues in newspapers, magazines, blogs in Italian and in English. Her research papers have been published in academic journals such as *Feminist Legal Studies*, *Feminist Review*, *Rivista di studi giuridici sull'orientamento sessuale e identità di genere Genlus* and *La Comunità Internazionale*.

Elena holds a 5-year degree in Law (*Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza*) from the University of Catania (*summa cum laude*) and an LL.M in International Law from the University of Kent (with distinction).

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