

Brief biographies of authors



Chiara Finocchietti is Director of CIMEA-NARIC Italia, the centre responsible for the recognition of foreign qualifications and international policies in the field of higher education. A geographer by training, she comes from the world of research and is an expert in policies and practices in the field of internationalisation of higher education. She has coordinated national and international projects and is a member of international working groups on education and higher education policies. She is a consultant to national and international organisations and authorities. Formerly a publishing house executive, she is the author of some twenty publications in various languages on the topics of credential evaluation, internationalisation of higher education, ethics in education, recognition of refugee qualifications, micro-credentials, transnational education, digitalisation and artificial intelligence. She is President of the ENIC network of the Council of Europe and UNESCO, and co-chair of the Thematic Peer Group on the recognition of the European Higher Education Area.

Luca Lantero is the Director General of CIMEA, the Italian Information Center for Academic Mobility and Equivalence. He is one of the main experts at Italian and international level on higher education systems, on bogus diplomas and accreditation mills, transnational education, accreditation, and the digitalization of processes applied to recognition, particularly with the advent of blockchain and AI. From 2018 to 2020 he was the Head of the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) Secretariat of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). He is currently President of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee and Head of the ASEM Education Secretariat. In 2022, Luca was elected a member of the Bureau of the Ethics, Transparency, and Integrity (ETINED) platform of the Council of Europe. In 2024, he was appointed Associate Professor of the European Law & Governance School (ELGS) and Director of the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance (IHELG) housed by the European Public Law Organization (EPLO). He is the Director of the Centre for preventing and countering fraud in education and one of the expert participating in the Recognition and AI Working Group, both initiatives established by the Council of Europe. His scientific output is extensive and he participates in national and international research projects and programmes in the field of higher education studies. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Rivista Universitas.