



### PROTECTION OF THE ELDERLY IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION. TWO CASES

Ageing is a demographic phenomenon that has been impacting the global community in recent years. The social environment in which an older person lives plays a crucial role, as it is within each specific “habitat” that risks or factors may emerge, potentially rendering an elderly person vulnerable. This paper therefore focuses on the particular contexts of two countries with ageing populations – Cuba and Italy – to examine whether, and to what extent, international frameworks have influenced their legislation. It also explores whether, in the pursuit of a new binding instrument to protect the rights of older persons, it is necessary to rethink the “traditional” approaches by placing greater emphasis on the internal needs of specific national context.