

Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

(short version)

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1. Present position

Full Professor of Private Law, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università di Torino

Professuerr, Faculté internationale de droit comparé, Strasbourg

2. Education and academic appointments

1984 Law degree, summa cum laude, (110\110 e menzione rel. Prof. Rodolfo Sacco)

1986–1995 Ricercatore di diritto privato comparato, Faculty of Law, Università di Trento

1995-1998 Ricercatore di diritto privato comparato, Faculty of Law, Università di Torino

1998-2000 Associate Professor, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università dell'Insubria at Como

2000-2008 Full Professor of Comparative Law, Faculty of Law Università del Piemonte orientale "Avogadro", at Alessandria

3. Teaching and other academic activities

1991-1992 Istituzioni di diritto privato, Facoltà di giurisprudenza di Torino

1993-1996 Istituzioni di diritto privato italiano e comparato, Faculty of Political sciences, Università di Torino

1997-1999 Diritto anglo-americano, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università di Torino

1999-2000 Sistemi giuridici comparati, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università di Torino

2004-2008 Diritto civile progredito, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università del Piemonte orientale, "A. Avogadro"

2005-2006, Sistemi giuridici comparati, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università di Torino

2007-2008, Diritto privato, Facoltà di giurisprudenza, Università di Torino

Member of the Doctoral School, Fondamenti del diritto europeo e metodologie comparatistiche (Rome) (2005-2008)

Member of the Doctoral School, Diritto privato e comparato, facoltà di Giurisprudenza, università di Torino (2009-to date)

3. Academic honours and distinction

Titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law

Member of the executive committee of the Italian Association of Comparative Law (2006-2009)

Vice President of the Italian Section of the Association Henri Capitant (2005-present)

Head of the Law Dipartimento di scienze giuridiche ed economiche dell'Università del Piemonte orientale (2001-2006)

Visiting scholar, Invited Lecturer, Clarendon Lectures in Law, 2004, University of Oxford

Fellow of The European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law

Member of the Executive Council of Isaidat - Istituto subalpino per il diritto delle attività transnazionali

Visiting Scholar, McGill University

4. Participation to Research Projects

4.1 Participation to international research projects

The Reception of Continental Ideas in the Common law World 1990-1992 (dir. M. Reimann), research project financed by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung

Itinera Fiduciae (dir. Prof. R. Helmholz e R. Zimmermann) research project by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung, 1995-1997

The Common Core of European Law (Prof. M. Bussani, U. Mattei gen. eds) – *Good faith in European private law*

The Common Core of European Law (Prof. M. Bussani, U. Mattei gen. eds) – coordination of the project on *Security over corporeal movables in European private law* with E.M. Kieninger and others

The Common Core of European Law (Prof. M. Bussani, U. Mattei gen. eds) – *Coordination of the research on Commercial trusts in European private law* with U. Mattei e Lionel Smith

Human diversity and the Law (see Rev. int. dr. Comparé, 2002, 147) research sponsored by the *International Association of Legal Sciences* (with Mauro Bussani).

Causality in the Law - Research sponsored by the Max-Planck Institute for international and comparative law and by the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Prof. Koziol, Wininger, Zimmermann)

Binding Unity: the Search for Coherence in European Private Law (2005-2007) (Ducht Ministry of Research - Prof. Sacha Prechal, Università dell'Aja)

The Acquis group 2004- 2008, member of the network of excellence financed by the European Commission (head of the Italian unit of the group).

Histories of Legal Transplantations, 2006-2006, research project sponsored by the *Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Jerusalem* (Prof. Ron Harris e Assaf Likhovsky)

Convictions philosophiques et religieuses et droits positifs Université de Moncton, 2008 (with Jacques Vanderlinden, MC Foblets)

The European Legal Development Project (2005-2009), European legal development and fault liability – research sponsored by AHRB Research Grant & Cambridge University (Prof. Bell e Ibbetson), on the development of Tort liability in Europe, under the direction of Prof. *David Ibbetson* and *John Bel*.

Multilaw Learning – The Working of Multilingual Legal practice in Europe (2009-research network on law and language, which brings together leading Universities and research institutions doing research in the field of multilanguage law and translation)

4.2. Participation to National Research Projects in the Last Ten Years

Prin 1999-2000 Il nucleo comune del diritto privato europeo in materia di trust e operazioni fiduciarie

Prin: 2001-2002 I giudici nazionali, la Corte di Giustizia ed il diritto comunitario

Prin 2003-2005 Il diritto privato europeo in materia di illecito extracontrattuale: il nesso di causalità e la sua trattazione comparativa con l'ausilio di tecnologie informatiche

Prin 2006-2008 Fondamenti cognitivi del contratto e struttura dell'agire

5. Conferences and papers delivered

5.1 Select Conferences and Papers delivered at International Scientific Meetings (2003-2008)

What Went Wrong? : Tort Law, Personal Responsibility, Expectations of Proper Care and Compensation Wien, ECTIL, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Austria and Austria Academy of Sciences, Wien, 16 April 2009

Legal Transplants and the Frontiers of Legal Knowledge, Institute for advanced studies, Jerusalem, 13 June 2008

A Critical Look at 'Contract', Faculty of Law, University of Muenster, 12 November 2006

American and European Perspectives on the Disintegration of Property, Harvard Law School, 6 May 2005

Against self-interest? Making sense of fiduciary obligations in comparative perspective, Clarendon Lectures, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, 1-2 November 2004

Artificial Reason, Italian-American Congress of Comparative Law, Faculty of Law, State University, Milano, 31 May 2003

La giustizia nei monoteismi: convergenze e divergenze, Siena, 3 April 2003

5. 2 Select conferences and papers delivered in Italy in 2008

1) *Il codice dei beni culturali: riflessioni in tema di circolazione dei beni* Conference organized by the National Bar Council, 4 luglio 2008

2) *Children's Rights: the Law's Uncertain Search for Principle and the Relevance of Cross-cultural Thinking*, International conference on Marginalized Identities in the Discourse of Justice: Reflections on Children's Rights, Torino, 5 maggio 2008

3) *L'avvocato e il diritto comparato oggi*, III National Conference of the Italian Bar Association, Roma, 4 aprile 2008

4) *La fiducia: l'evoluzione di un modello*, Lecture for the doctoral program of the università of Milan, faculty of law 2008

Research areas:

Comparative law, legal theory, legal history, legal anthropology, law and translation studies

Research interests:

All research fields involving the theoretical and methodological problems arising from the study of law in comparative and historical perspective. I take a special interest in legal anthropology, the cognitive approach to the study of legal cultures and the study of individual agency in the law, as well as in the empirical study of legal cultures and justice systems. This includes the relationship between formal and informal rules, and the way in which language, power and the law are interrelated (both within and across national boundaries, as well as in multilanguage environments, such as the European Union). In the field of private law, I have carried out comparative research on a wide number of subjects ranging from rights, trust and property law, contracts and torts.