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Short curriculum vitae

PERSONAL DATA

Born in Turin 1977.

BIO AND EDUCATION

Law Degree (110/110 summa cum laude), 2001, University of Turin.

PHD in Private Law, 2006, University of Turin.

Lawyer, Turin Bar, 2011.

UNIVERSITY CAREER

11-2024	Italian National Qualification for the role of Associate Professor 12/E3 – ECONOMIC LAW, FINANCIAL MARKETS AND AGRI-FOOD MARKETS AND NAVIGATION LAW.
2022-present	Researcher in Agricultural and Food Law, University of Eastern Piedmont
2016-present	Adjunct Professor, Private Law, University of Eastern Piedmont
2013-2017	Adjunct Professor, Private Law, School of Management (SAA), University of Turin
2008-2016	Beneficiary of a Research Grant in Private Law, University of Eastern Piedmont
2008-2013	Adjunct Professor, Law of Assets and Cultural Activities, Master of Art and Culture Management, University of Eastern Piedmont

UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

2023-2025	Member of the Commission on Open Access, University of Eastern Piedmont
2022-present	Member of the Joint Teacher-Student Commission for the degree course in Environmental Management and Sustainable Development, University of Eastern Piedmont
2014-2016	Representative of research fellows, Department of Economics and Business Studies, University of Eastern Piedmont

SCIENTIFIC POSITIONS

2023-present	Member of C.S.D.A., Italian Community of Agricultural Law
2023-present	Member of UMAU, World Union for Agricultural Law and Food Law
2023-present	Member of the International Society for Gastronomic Sciences and Studies (ISGSS), University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo (CN)
2022-present	Member of A.I.D.A., Italian Food Law Association
2022-present	Member of the Editorial Board of ALIMENTA – Editoriale Scientifica
2021-present	Member of the Scientific Committee of Ce.Di.SA., Centre for Studies on Law and Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
2012-present	Member of Editorial Board of "Cultura giuridica e rapporti civili" - Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane
2006-2018	Member of Editorial Board of "Contratto e impresa/Europa" - Cedam

MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

1. Plant genetic resources and biodiversity protection
2. Unforeseen circumstances in EU private law
3. Unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain
4. Inheritance law
5. Open Data and gastronomic tourism
6. Management of cultural and environmental assets

CURRENT THEMES OF RESEARCH

1. Plant genetic resources and biodiversity protection

In the interest of present and future generations, only a sustainable use of genetic diversity, protected through equitable and shared access to resources and the resulting benefits, can cope with the sudden changes we are experiencing, such as climate change, and ensure food security. The research focuses on the use and conservation of selected germplasm to adapt to conditions of prolonged water shortages. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the study identifies good practices, while at the same time suggests protection and enhancement policies for genetic resources that are fundamental in agricultural production.

2. Unforeseen Circumstances in Private European Law

The research focuses on the distribution of contractual risk and the effects of unforeseen circumstances, regarding the protection of the interests claimed by the party which confided in good

faith on the maintenance of the existing situation at the time of the agreement, or confided on the occurrence of the common purpose, although this assumption has not made explicit in a term of the contract.

3. Unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain

The research analyses the legislative decree 198/2021 on unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain. Starting from directive 2019/633/EU, which the decree 198/2021 has implemented, the study focuses on the choices of the Italian legislator with attention to the profiles concerning the form of contract, the black and grey list, as well as the enforcement of the new rules.

4. Inheritance Law and the generational transition in the agri-food sector

The research deals, on one hand, with the tools offered by the European Legislator in order to allow the transmission *mortis causa* of family assets with a focus on several legal issues relating to European citizens in transnational inheritance cases. On the other hand, the study analyzes the generational transition in family businesses, with main attention to businesses in the agri-food sector.

TOP TEN PUBLICATIONS

1. L'attuazione della direttiva 2019/633/UE: strumenti di tutela e funzioni di contrasto alle pratiche scorrette nella filiera agroalimentare", in *Contratto e impresa*, 3/2022, p. 839 ss.
2. Access to genetic resources between biodiversity protection and intra-generational solidarity", in *BioLaw Journal*, 3/2022, p. 67 ss.
3. "I sistemi agrovoltaiici tra cambiamento climatico e nuove sfide per l'imprenditore agricolo contemporaneo", scritto a quattro mani con Enrico Ferrero, in *Alimenta*, 2/2023, p. 355 ss.
4. "Riflessioni sugli usi civici tra storia e rinnovata attualità, in *Rivista di diritto agrario*, 2/2023, p. 113 ss.
5. "Climate Change May Threaten the Production of Bettelmatt Cheese: Environmental and Regulatory Challenges", co-authored with Enrico Ferrero e Alessia Ruga, in *Gastronomy*, 2/2024, pp. 73-88.
6. **Book** "Biodiversità, risorse fitogenetiche e diritti fondamentali in agricoltura", monografia edita da Cacucci Editore, Bari, 2024.

The study analyses the phenomenon, focusing first and foremost on the legal relevance of biodiversity conservation, then concentrating on the specific component of plant genetic resources in agriculture. The depletion of these resources has significant consequences, including the loss of

natural habitats, direct and indirect economic benefits, and the human knowledge embedded within them. Biodiversity has been largely regulated by intellectual property rights, which has led to the agricultural commodities market being shaped by large agro-biotechnology corporations. If the circulation of cultivated seeds were, on the contrary, at least partially detached from the proprietary logic that governs it, farmers could contribute their knowledge to strengthen genetic variability itself and, consequently, improve food availability. This book aims to highlight the sustainable use of genetic diversity, viewing it as a constitutional protection of the human person (Article 2 of the Italian Constitution; Article 2 of the ECHR). This protection should ensure a participatory, equitable, and shared access to resources and the benefits derived from them. This includes ensuring a decent income for farmers, supporting good practices for the use and exchange of resources, safeguarding traditional knowledge, and promoting scientific and technical research (Article 9 of the Italian Constitution) with the free dissemination of its results to all (Articles 2 and 33 of the Italian Constitution).

7. “La resilienza dell’agricoltura alle calamità legate ai cambiamenti climatici: gli strumenti che abbiamo a disposizione sono sufficienti?”, in G. De Miranda-T. Eloana, “Direito Agrário, Compreensão Jurídica à COP 30”, Belém, Biblioteca Gursen de Miranda - Academia Brasileira de Letras Jurídicas Agrárias (ABLJA), 2024, pp. 175-189.
8. “Gli usi civici al vaglio della Consulta. A proposito di un caso recente”, in Rivista di diritto privato, 4/2024, p. 503 ss.
9. “Paesaggio e domini collettivi verso la sostenibilità” in Roberto Louvin e Roberto Calvo (a cura di), Les communs fonciers dans l’espace alpin, Napoli, Esi, 2025, pp. 175-182.
10. “A proposito del limite di finanziabilità e della nullità del contratto di mutuo fondiario”, in Banca borsa e titoli di credito, parte II, 2/2025, pp. 171-183.

AWARDS

1. Winner of "Premio Optime": award for the best graduates of the academic year 2000-2001 conferred by the Industrial Union of Turin in collaboration with the University and the Polytechnic of Turin.
2. Principal Investigator in the selection of the Call for proposals for funding research in the humanities, economics, social sciences and law - S-SHINE (SSH Initiative) SSHINE 2025 with the project “La GEstione COLlaborativa dei terreni boschivi piemontesi nell’era del cambiamento climatico – GECO”.

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