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## Research interests:

Freedom of expression – Hate speech – Intermediary liability – AI & Law – Digital rights – Anti-discrimination law

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2021 – present      **PhD candidate in Law – University of Luxembourg**  
PhD candidate under a co-tutelle agreement  
Supervisor: Prof. Mark D. Cole
- 2020 – present      **PhD candidate in Law, Science and Technology – University of Bologna**  
Supervisor: Prof. Oreste Pollicino
- 2020 – 2020        **Research Assistant – University of Torino**  
Supervisor: Prof. Massimo Durante

## **EDUCATION**

- 2014 – 2019        **School for Higher Education “F. Rossi” – University of Torino**  
Higher Qualification Certificate in “Governance and social sciences”  
Excellency programme of the University of Torino  
Thesis: “Inequality and Resistance: Naxalite Guerrilla and the Conditions of the Adivasi in the Indian Context”. Supervisor: Prof. Domenico Francavilla.  
Grade: 69/70
- 2014 – 2019        **University of Torino**  
Master’s Degree in Law (LMG/01)  
Thesis: “Fighting Online Hate Speech: Recent Legislative Solutions and Open Issues”. Supervisors: Prof. Mia Caielli, Prof. Massimo Durante.  
Grade: summa cum laude (110/110 cum laude) and honourable mention
- 2018 – 2018        **Center for Transnational Legal Studies – London**  
International exchange programme organised by Georgetown Law University  
GPA: 4,5/5 (Directors’ List for top 15% of students in the Fall 2018 Semester)
- 2009 – 2014        **Liceo Classico “G.B. Beccaria” – Mondovi**  
High School with a focus on classical studies. Grade: 100/100

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1) 26 April 2022: Lecture on ‘Artificial Intelligence and law’ (with F. Paolucci), within the course ‘Fundamentals of Information Technology Law’ (bachelor degree in Economics, Management and Computer Science, a.y. 2021/2022), held by Prof. O. Pollicino, Department of Law, University ‘Bocconi’, Milan.
- 2) 28 March 2022: Lecture on ‘Freedom of online expression and automated decision-making: the issue of algorithmic content moderation’ (with G. De Gregorio), within the seminar cycle ‘Algorithmic Decision-making: Challenging Discrimination and Bias’ (a.y. 2021/2022) organised Prof. M. Caielli, Department of Law, University of Torino.

## PUBLICATIONS

### PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 1) P. Dunn, ‘L’anonimato degli utenti quale forma mediata della libertà di stampa: Il caso *Standard Verlagsgesellschaft mbH c. Austria*’ (2022) 1 *MediaLaws – Rivista di diritto dei media* 291.
- 2) G. De Gregorio & P. Dunn, ‘The European Risk-Based Approaches: Connecting Constitutional Dots in the Digital Age’ (2022) 59 *Common Market Law Review* 473.
- 3) P. Dunn, ‘Moderazione automatizzata e discriminazione algoritmica: il caso dell’*hate speech*’ (2022) 1 *Rivista Italiana di Informatica e Diritto* 1.
- 4) F. Paolucci & P. Dunn, ‘Il Premio Nobel per la pace alla libertà di stampa: il valore del pluralismo democratico avverso le dittature e la disinformazione’ (2021) 3 *MediaLaws – Rivista di diritto dei media* 271.

### BLOG ENTRIES

- 3) G. De Gregorio, P. Dunn & O. Pollicino, ‘Approccio basato sul rischio: come è applicato nelle normative UE sul digitale’ (*Agenda Digitale*, 15 September 2022) <<https://www.agendadigitale.eu/cultura-digitale/approccio-basato-sul-rischio-come-e-applicato-nelle-normative-ue-sul-digitale/>>.
- 4) P. Dunn & G. De Gregorio, ‘AI Act, rischio e costituzionalismo digitale’ (*MediaLaws*, 22 April 2022) <<https://www.medialaws.eu/ai-act-rischio-e-costituzionalismo-digitale/>>.
- 5) G. De Gregorio, P. Dunn & O. Pollicino, ‘Shareholder Power as a Constitutionalising Force: Elon Musk’s Bid to Buy Twitter’ (*Verfassungsblog*, 21 April 2022) <<https://verfassungsblog.de/musks-bid-to-buy-twitter/>>.
- 6) P. Dunn & G. De Gregorio, ‘Risk-based regulation in European digital constitutionalism’ (*The Digital Constitutionalist*, 21 April 2022) <<https://digi-con.org/risk-based-regulation-in-european-digital-constitutionalism/>>.
- 7) F. Paolucci & P. Dunn, ‘Symposium: verso l’AI Act. Un’introduzione’ (*MediaLaws*, 1 March 2022) <<https://www.medialaws.eu/symposium-verso-lai-act-unintroduzione/>>.
- 8) Pietro Dunn, ‘Digital Constitutionalism: A Chaotic Melting Pot or A Unitary Framework?’ (*The Digital Constitutionalist*, 22 February 2022) <<https://digi-con.org/digital-constitutionalism-a-chaotic-melting-pot-or-a-unitary-framework/>>.
- 9) P. Dunn, ‘Il *Digital Markets Act*: tra logiche concorrenziali e istanze costituzionali’ (*Diritti Comparati*, 17 February 2022) <<https://www.diritticomparati.it/il-digital-markets-act-tra-logiche-concorrenziali-e-istanze-costituzionali/>>.

- 10) G. De Gregorio, P. Dunn, O. Pollicino, 'Big tech, così la pandemia ne ha accresciuto il potere: i rimedi che servono' (*Agenda Digitale*, 30 November 2021) <<https://www.agendadigitale.eu/cultura-digitale/big-tech-cosi-la-pandemia-ne-ha-accresciuto-il-potere-i-rimedi-che-servono/>>.
- 11) G. De Gregorio, O. Pollicino & P. Dunn, 'Digitisation and the central role of intermediaries in a post-pandemic world' (*MediaLaws*, 17 November 2021) <<https://www.medialaws.eu/digitisation-and-the-central-role-of-intermediaries-in-a-post-pandemic-world/>>.
- 12) P. Dunn, 'Piattaforme digitali e moderazione dei contenuti d'odio: nodi giuridici e pratici' (*MediaLaws*, 3 May 2021) <<https://www.medialaws.eu/piattaforme-digitali-e-moderazione-dei-contenuti-dodio-nodi-giuridici-e-pratici/>>.
- 13) P. Dunn, 'Il contrasto europeo all'hate speech online: quali prospettive future?' (*MediaLaws*, 20 January 2021) <<https://www.medialaws.eu/il-contrasto-europeo-allhate-speech-online-quali-prospettive-future/>>.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

- 1) (With G. De Gregorio) Panelist in the panel on "Risk and Content Moderation" within the International Conference "Technology and Politics (online, KU Leuven, 19 September 2022). Title of the presentation: "The Risk-based approach in the European Digital Policy".
- 2) Panelist in the panel on "Libertà di espressione e bilanciamento dei diritti fondamentali nel contesto delle piattaforme digitali" at ICON-S Italy 2022 (University of Bologna, 17 September 2022). Title of the presentation: "Sistemi automatizzati di moderazione e cura dei contenuti alla prova del principio di uguaglianza".
- 3) Panelist in the panel on "Regulating Power In The Digital Era: Comparative Perspectives of Digital Constitutionalism" at ICON-S 2022 (University of Wrocław, 5 July 2022). Title of the presentation: "Online digital risks and speech governance in the EU: The quest for a balance".
- 4) (With G. De Gregorio) Panelist at the workshop "IAIL2022 – Imagining the AI Landscape after the AI Act" (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 13 June 2022). Title of the presentation: "The Ambiguous Risk-Based Approach of the Artificial Intelligence Act: Links and Discrepancies with Other Union Strategies".
- 5) (With G. De Gregorio) Panelist at the international symposium on "Governing Artificial Intelligence: Designing Legal and Regulatory Responses" (Trinity College Dublin, 3 June 2022). Title of the presentation: "The Ambiguous Strategy of the AI Act: Towards a new Model of Risk-Based Regulation?".
- 6) Panelist at the Doctoral Consortium of Jurix 2021 (online, Mykolas Romeris University of Vilnius, 8 December 2021). Title of the presentation: "The tipped scale: EU intermediary liability regulation and the challenge of human rights-related risks" (8 December 2021).
- 7) (With G. De Gregorio) Panelist at the workshop on "Regulating Big Tech: Digitalisation and the Response of Law II" within the "Ius Commune Conference 2021" (online, Maastricht University – University of Leuven – University of Utrecht – University of Amsterdam, 26 November 2021). Title of the presentation: "Between Big Techs and Human Rights: Digital Risk-Based Regulation in the Context of Europe's Digital Constitutionalism".

#### **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH GROUPS**

- 1) 2022 – present: Member of the research group for a project on vulnerability and the law, financed by the *Institut des Études et de la Recherche sur le Droit et la Justice* (PIs: Prof. Laura Montanari, Prof. Caterina Severino, Prof. Laurence Gay).
- 2) 2021 – 2022: Member of the research group for the project “Intelligenza artificiale e nuove sfide per i diritti fondamentali: eguaglianza e giusto processo” (“Artificial intelligence and new challenges for human rights: equality and due process”), financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (PI: Prof. Mia Caielli).

#### AWARDS

- 1) (With G. De Gregorio) 2021 Common Market Law Review Prize for young academics (25 November 2021, assigned by the Editorial Board of the Common Market Law Review) for the paper ‘The European Risk-Based Approaches: Connecting Constitutional Dots in the Digital Age’.
- 2) (With G. De Gregorio) 2021 My Data is Mine Award (3 November 2021, assigned by Euroconsumers) for the paper ‘Profiling under Risk-based Regulation: Bringing together the GDPR and the DSA’.

#### PARTICIPATION IN COURSES AND SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

- 1) Winter School on “Algorithmic State, Market & Society” (online, 9-11 February 2022) organised by the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) Research Group on “Algorithmic State, Market & Society”.
- 2) PhD course on “Ethics of AI” (online, June 2021), organised by the Italian Society for Ethics of AI (SIpEIA).

#### LANGUAGES

ITALIAN:	Mothertongue			
ENGLISH:	Mothertongue			
FRENCH:	Written production: B2	Written comprehension: B2	Oral production: B1	Oral comprehension: B2

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