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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Collegio Carlo Alberto/University of Turin

(10/2016 – 11/2020)

Ph.D. in Comparative Analysis of Law, Economics, and Institutions

University of Turin

(09/2007 – 02/2013)

Bachelor's and Master's degree in Law

Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis

(09/2010 – 02/2012)

Bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

- I. Are polarized courts dangerous for litigation? Evidence from French labor courts. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 2021(17): 799-820. doi:10.1017/S1744137421000126
- II. *Quantitative analysis of legal data*, in C. Rossi Chauvenet & S. Martinelli (eds.), *Legal Tech, Big Data, and smart contracts for professionals and businesses*, Wolters Kluwers, 2022: 159-173 [Original title in Italian: *Analisi quantitativa di dati giuridici, in Legal Tech, Big Data e contratti smart per professionisti e imprese*]
- III. The expertise effect: the impact of legal specialists' intervention on the timely delivery of laymen's judgments. *Economia Politica: Journal of analytical and institutional economics*, 2022(40): 589-614. doi: 10.1007/S4088022002775
- IV. Unicorns exist: a legal-economic analysis of Piedmont's start-up ecosystem (co-author R. de Caria). *Il Nuovo Diritto delle Società*, 2023(4): 643-658
- V. Wolf in sheep's clothing: The deceptive neutrality of Chatgpt (in publication, *Mercato Concorrenza Regole*, 2023(3): 509-524.
- VI. Antitrust Mega Fines in Digital Markets and Their Impact on Compliance: An Overview of EU and US Approaches (coauthor C. Poncibò). Stanford TTLF Working Papers No. 115, 2024.
- VII. An unripe and still poisoned apple: The future of the forensic profession facing ChatGPT, *Il Diritto dell'Economia*, 2024(1): 393-410. [Original title: *Una mela acerba e ancora avvelenata: Il futuro della professione forense innanzi a ChatGPT*].
- VIII. Au-Dela De La Constellation : L'impact De Gemini Sur Les Professions Juridiques. *Revue Internationale de Droit Économique*, 2024(1): 91-112.
- IX. The Impact of the AI Act on the Dynamics of the Market for Innovation. *Diritto ed economia dell'impresa*, 2024(4), 673-711.
- X. Efficiency or Inconclusiveness? Some Legal-Economic Considerations on Differentiated Autonomy. *Il Piemonte delle autonomie*, 2024(3), 263-286. [Original title: *Efficienza o inconcludenza? Alcune considerazioni giuseconomiche sull'autonomia differenziata*].
- XI. Renew or Disappear: The Road to Europe's Future, According to Mario Draghi. *Istituzioni del Federalismo*, 2024(3), 727-76 [Original title: *Rinnovarsi o Scompare: La Strada per il Futuro dell'Europa, Secondo Mario Draghi*].

- XII. *Monopoly? No thanks! Legal-Economic Perspectives after the Constitutional Court's Review of the Legislator's Anticompetitive Behavior. Il diritto dell'Economia*, 2025(1), 1-16. [Original title: *Monopolio? No grazie! Prospettive giuseconomiche dopo il vaglio della Consulta su comportamenti anticoncorrenziali del legislatore*].
- XIII. *Small Vinegrowers, Big Challenges: Between Tradition and Innovation, Should the Cooperative Model Be Defended or Rethought? Il Nuovo Diritto delle Società*, 2025(2), 294-318 [Original title: *Piccoli viticoltori, grandi sfide: tra tradizione e innovazione, il modello cooperativo è da difendere o ripensare?*]
- XIV. *The Legal Tech Market in Italy. Diritto ed economia dell'impresa*, 2025(1), 66-95.
- XV. *Bridging the Justice Gap: Can AI Make Legal Services More Accessible and Less Lawyer-Centric?*, in R. de Caria & S. Martinelli (eds.), *Future-Proof Legal Services. How Innovation, Legal Tech and AI Have Been Reshaping the Legal Market*, Bloomsbury, 2025 (accepted for publication)
- XVI. *What do AIs think about the AI Act?. European Business Law Review*, 2026(2). (accepted for publication)

MANUSCRIPTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

- *The market of infidelity - The Effect of Party Switching on Lawmaking Productivity. Evidence from Italy* (under revision, *European Journal of Law & Economics*)
- *Should We Fear Competition Among Attorneys?* (R&R, *Accounting, Economics and Law: A Convivium*)
- *Should I stay or should I go? The Impact of Absenteeism on Lawmaking Productivity Evidence from the XVI Italian Legislature* (under revision, *Politica & Società*)
- *Challenging the Economic Giants with an Eye to the Law: A review of "The Consumer Welfare Hypothesis in Law and Economics"* (under revision, *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*)
- *Bursting the tech-frenzy bubble: The near end of NFTs?* (under revision, *Law and Economics Yearly Review*)
- *L'economia intrappolata: Taxi, monopoli e libertà economiche e fondamentali alla luce della sentenza 137/2024 della Corte Costituzionale* (under revision, *Rivista della Regolamentazione dei Mercati*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Someone will be left out in the cold: Exploring the impact of prosecutors' turnover on statute-barred crimes* (coauthor A. Zago)
- *The impact of cultural traits on the selection of politicians: Evidence from China, Italy and the US* (coauthor A. Stojanovik)
- *Big Data, Big Bias: Unequal Access in the Age of Personalized Healthcare* (coauthors Paola Bertoli, Alessandro Bucciol, Federico Innocenti)
- *The competitive landscape of Italian Geographical Indications: A wine perspective* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *Uncorked: detecting cooperators' sentiment in challenging times* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *Are cooperatives doomed to produce only low quality wines? Not quite...* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *Reputation Indicators for Geographical Indications in the (Italian/French/Spanish) wine markets* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *Benchmarking cooperatives along different dimensions* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *Explaining cooperatives ability to attract & retain members* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *Linking Sustainability and Economic Performances of Agricultural Cooperatives* (coauthors G. Gastaldello, G. Schamel, A. Zago)
- *The Spritz effect: Anatomy of a success of Prosecco's trade* (coauthors A. Zago & D. Lubian)
- *My body, but no choice. How medical conscientious objections frustrate the right to abortion in Italy* (coauthor F. Paruzzo)
- *Waiting in vain: The impact of conscientious objection on late-term abortions* (coauthor F. Paruzzo)
- *Do AIs Dream of LPE? A comparative analysis of LLM thoughts of the foundations underlying the LPE Project*

- *The Effect of Stimulus-Response Compatibility on Privacy Decisions*
- *Clipping wings of freedom: Unjust detentions in Italy and the (in)efficiency of the justice system*
- *Assessing the Impact of EU AI Regulation on Innovation Dynamics: Insights from Conversations with Artificial Intelligence*
- *Playing with Fire: Exploring the Consequences of Bias in AI Responses*
- *Are lawyers boxing referees? The effect of an increase in lawyers' competition on the resolution of civil conflicts*
- *Is international justice partisan? How different geopolitical interests and domestic cultures shape the answer to heinous crimes*
- *Nothing last forever. The effect of experiencing massive massacres on the imposition of life imprisonment among international criminal courts*
- *Legal efficiency vs. Economic efficiency: Can we reconcile opposite views on the efficacy of judicial systems without undermining the essence of justice?*
- *Does it pay to become a politician? The impact of newcomers on the quality of Italian politics*
- *Should we fear shirking politicians? The impact of lawmakers' productivity on markets' trust and debts rates*
- *Non Fungible Tokens or Not Fully Trustworthy? The Rise and Fall of NFTs*

TUTORING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **International Training Center of the International Labor Organization** - ITCILO (Turin, 11-15/05/2015): Evolving forms of employment relationships and decent work. Assistance in preparing teaching materials and tutoring participants.
- **International Training Center of the International Labor Organization** - ITCILO (Turin, 22/06/2015 – 03/07/2015): International Labor Standards for Judges, Lawyers, and Legal Educators. Franco-English version and Spanish version (Brasilia, 3-8/08/2015). Assistance in preparing materials and tutoring participants.
- **Azim Premji University** (Bangalore, 8-21/07/2019): Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development, and Globalisation. Tutoring doctoral students.
- **University of Turin** (Turin, 2022-2024, approximately 20 hours per year). Seminar series on law and economics of innovation within the Jean Monnet Module RETEL. Frontal seminar teachings to fourth and fifth-year students and preparation of a summer school for doctoral students.
- **University of Verona** (2022 - 2024). Brown Bag Seminars at the Department of Economics, University of Verona. Organization and chairing of the seminar (once a week with internal and external speakers from the department).
- **University of Bologna** (2023 -). Adjunct professor in Managing Legal Risks and Opportunities for Entrepreneurs, at the master degree course in Law, Economics and Governance.

LINGUISTIC SKILLS

Parentheses indicate the level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the European Union.

Italian (native speaker) – **Spanish** (native speaker) – **English** (C1) – **French** (C1)

COMPUTER SKILLS

European Driving License Certification. Excellent command of statistical and data analysis programs (Stata, SAS, JMP). Good proficiency in geographic data analysis (Qgis). Proficient in writing programs (Microsoft Office and iWork) and mathematical typesetting (LaTeX). Excellent command of photo editing software (Photoshop and Final Cut Pro). Limited knowledge of Gephi/Pajek.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC TITLES

- Lecturer in Comparative Public Law (2020 - 2023)
- Qualified to practice as an attorney (Court of Appeal of Turin, 2015)
- Qualified to practice as a *Maîtres de conférences* (Paris, 01/02/2023)

Nota: The qualification to practise as *Maîtres de conférences* can be assimilated to the Associate Professor qualification. In France, it is required by the law to apply to any Associate Professor position. The *Conseil National des Universités*, having checked titles assign the title of “*qualifié*”.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

- Member of the **Turin Observatory on Economic Law & Innovation**
- **Editor** of the Innovation Letter and founder of the **Journal of Law, Market & Innovation** (JLMI)
- **Reviewer** for the journals Applied Economics, New Economics, Law & Society, European Journal of Law & Economics, Economic Letters
- Expert group member of the **European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)** project CA20131 - **Efficient Justice for All: Improving Court Efficiency through EU Benchmarking (EJFA)**
- Proponent and participant in the project **Jean Monnet Module** Reshaping Education for Tomorrow's European Lawyers (**RETEL**)
- Participant in the research project **Horizon2020** (Prima) Governing the agri-food supply chain: how to improve smallholders competitiveness (**AGRICOMPET**)
- Fellow of the **Transatlantic Technology Law Forum (TTLF)** of the University of Stanford (funded by Microsoft Corporation)
- **Visiting scholar** at the University of Paris Nanterre (January-June 2018)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **University of Turin**: Research scholarship on startups' innovation and efficiency, funded by Fondazione CRT (Unicredit bank)
- **Ronald Coase Institute**: Scholarship for participation in the Workshop on Institutional Analysis
- **Collegio Carlo Alberto**: Doctoral scholarship, funded by the Compagnia di San Paolo (Intesa San Paolo bank)
- **Interregional Research Institute for Justice and United Nations Justice**: Scholarship for professional training in international criminal law, funded by the International Criminal Court and the Council of the Bar Association of Turin
- **Thomas Jefferson Law School**: Scholarship for professional training in international law and reconciliation between cultural diversity and free trade in the global economy (ABA approval)
- **European Commission**: Erasmus+ program, European Commission's action scheme for student mobility at the University of Nice. Participation in a Horizon2020/Prima funding for a three years post-doc in economics and econometrics at the University of Verona. Participation in a Jean Monnet Module with a teaching course on economics and legal innovation.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Associazione dei Docenti di Diritto dell'Economia (ADDE); American Law & Economics Association (ALEA); Italian Economic Association (SIE), Italian Association of Public Economics (SIEP); Canadian Economic Association (CAE); German Law & Economics Association (GLEA); Law & Society Association (LSA); European Public Choice Society (EPCS); European Association of Law & Economics (EALE); World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR); Italian Society of Law & Economics (SIDE-ISLE); French Association of Law & Economics (AFED); Law & Political Economy (LPE); Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET); Young Scholars Initiative (YSI); Ronald Coase Institute Alumni; Collegio Carlo Alberto Alumni.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Note: The references are related to participation as a speaker, unless otherwise indicated in parentheses.

5th WINIR Conference (Hong Kong, 14-17 September 2018). 10th Annual IEL Seminar (Turin, 15 November 2018). 11th Joint Seminar International programs in Law & Economics and European Master in Law & Economics "The future of law and economics" (Rotterdam, 21-22 March 2019). Advanced Workshop in "Institutional Analysis," Coase Institute (Warsaw, 12-18 May 2019). Advanced Workshop on "Poverty, Development, and Globalization" (Bangalore, July 08-21, 2019). Workshop on the economic analysis of litigation (Granada, 24-25 June 2019). 36th EALE Annual Conference (Tel Aviv, 18-20 September 2019). 4th AFED Annual Conference (Rennes, 10-11 October 2019). Workshop on the economic analysis of litigation (online, June 26, 2020). 37th EALE Annual Conference (online, September 24-25, 2020). The Coase-Sandor Global Lecture Series (online, September 10-24, 2020, attendee only). 5th AFED Annual Conference (online, 15-16 October 2020). Annual Conference European Master in Law & Economics (online, February 11, 2021). Guido Calabresi speaks about Covid-19, tragic choices, and the Future of Law and Economics at the European Master in Law & Economics Midterm Meeting 2021 (online, March 3, 2021, attendee only). Ronald Coase Institute webinar (online, March 4, 2021, attendee only). Norwegian Business School virtual workshop on political economy (online, May 27-28, 2021). 8th International Meeting in Law & Economics (online, May 27-28, 2021). XVI Trento Festival of Economics (online/Trento, June 3-4, 2021, attendee only). Workshop on the economic analysis of litigation (online, June 22, 2021). Annual Conference of the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (June 24-26, 2021). 8th Annual Conference of the Polish Association of Law and Economics (online, September 22, 2021). 38th EALE Annual Conference (online, September 9-19, 2021). 6th AFED Annual Conference (Besançon, 14-15 October 2021). 17th SIDE-ISLE Annual Conference (Trento, 15-17 December 2021). EPCS Annual Conference (Braga, 11-14 April 2022). Cognetti de Martiis lunch seminar series (Turin, April 20, 2022). 1st International Economics Festival (Turin, June 2, 2022). Workshop on the economic analysis of litigation (Turin, July 1-2, 2022). LSA Annual Conference (Lisbon, July 13-16, 2022). 7th AFED Annual Conference

(Montpellier, 13-14 October 2022). 63rd SIE Annual Conference (Turin, October 20-22, 2022). 18th SIDE-ISLE Annual Conference (Palermo, 14-16 December 2022). Workshop in Economics and Finance (Bolzano, May 11, 2023). LSA Annual Conference (San Juan, June 4-6, 2023). Workshop on the economic analysis of litigation (Catania, June 22-23, 2023). GLEA Annual Conference (Budapest, July 6-7, 2023). ICA-CCR Annual Conference (Leuven, July 10-14, 2023). 40th EALE Annuale Conference (Berlin, September 21-22, 2023). 8th AFED Annual Conference (Nice, 19-20 October 2023). Brown bag seminar of the Department of Economics, University of Verona (Verona, 7 November 2023). IFFR & EBRD: ESG for Banks, Firms and Institutional Investors: Advances and Challenges (online, 22 May 2024, attendee only). AI and legal services: EU and US approaches Workshop (Turin, 23 May 2024). Summer School: The New Frontiers of Credit and Finance: ESG and Artificial Intelligence - Operators and Academia in Comparison (Cagliari, 24-27 June 2024). Summer School: Difference-In-Differences and Event Studies for Panel Data and Repeated Cross Sections (Braga, 15-18 July 2024). Annual Empirical Research Conference on Standardization (Chicago, 24-25 October 2024). 9th AFED Annual Conference (Paris, 13-14 December 2023, confirmed speaker). 20th SIDE-ISLE Annual Conference (Rome, 18-20 December 2024, confirmed speaker).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research fellow

04/2024 –

Collegio Carlo Alberto & University of Turin: implementation of the “TuTeLa” project, composed of an interdisciplinary team (economics, law, psychology) in addressing the access to justice gap through legal tech.

Research fellow

09/2021 – 03/2024

University of Verona: implementation of the Horizon 2020 project "Agricompet," composed of 7 interdisciplinary teams (economics, law, management) from 5 Mediterranean countries (Spain, France, Italy, Greece, and Turkey). The fellowship also involved winning an additional COST Action research grant on judicial efficiency, involving a considerable number of researchers from EU member states and representatives from Council of Europe countries. Field data collection, quantitative and qualitative data analysis through interviews, web-scraping and questionnaires were conducted. Assistance in econometrics, microeconomics, and industrial economics exams.

Research fellow

04/2021 – 07/2021

University of Turin: Economic and legal analysis of startups in the Turin area. Data collection and creation of datasets. Collaboration in the preparation of PRIN (funded) and Jean Monnet Module (funded) calls for proposals. Tutoring of students and preparation of legal clinics for the year 2021/2022. Ongoing seminar activities within the funded Jean Monnet Module

Research fellow

02/2020 – 03/2021

University of Verona: Cleaning and preparation of complex datasets. Collaboration in the empirical analysis of the relationship between wine quality and international trade. Assistance in econometrics, microeconomics, and macroeconomics exams.

Attorney at law

02/2016 – 12/2017

Law Firm Nizza: Legal advice and representation in civil and labor law matters. Drafting of opinions and international agreements between the ILO and Italian authorities. Negotiation and mediation of disputes. Assistance in criminal matters, pro bono work on immigration and protection of women victims of violence and trafficking

Associate collaborator

03/2016 – 11/2016

UNESCO Center of Turin: Assistance in negotiating publishing contracts and drafting international agreements. Preparation of reports, memoranda, and letters of intent. Consultation and assistance during negotiations with national and international authorities. Occasional social media interventions, substituting for the social media manager, to promote UNESCO activities in Italy and China.

Internship at the United Nations

05/2015 – 07/2015

International Training Center of the ILO: International Labor Standards, Right at Work, and Gender Equality Programme: Preparation of reports, confidential documents, and assistance in teaching activities at the ITCILO Center. Collaboration in the writing of the book "International Labor Standards for Judges, Lawyers, and Legal Educators" in English, French, and Spanish. Collaboration in the implementation of the Gender Equality Academy project.

Legal practice

03/2013 – 05/2015

Law Firm Scola: Preparation of comparative studies and jurisprudential research. Collaboration in drafting legal documents, studies, legal opinions, court documents, and due diligence reports. Participation in hearings in civil and labor law.

Judicial clerk

03/2012 – 09/2012

Tribunal of Turin. Labor Section. Preparation of in-depth documents and jurisprudential studies. Assistance in evidence collection and case selection. Participation in hearings .

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Bologna, June 15, 2025

