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# Personal Details

- Date of Birth: 28 September 1978  
- Languages: Italian (native), French (C2), English (C1), Spanish (B1)

# Current Academic Positions

* Associate Professor of Comparative Law, University of Ferrara
* Chercheuse associée, CTAD, Université Paris-Nanterre
* Member of the Scientific Board of the International PhD Program on Environmental Sustainability and Wellbeing, University of Ferrara
* Member of the Dipartimento di Scienze dell’Ambiente e della Prevenzione (Department of Environmental and Prevention Sciences), University of Ferrara
* Member of Macrocrimes, Centre for European Legal Studies on Macrocriminality, University of Ferrara
* Member of the research project “La vulnerabilità digitale nel diritto privato europeo” (Digital Vulnerability in European Private Law), funded by the Italian Ministry of Higher Education and Research (2022–2025)
* Member of the research project “Territorio, paesaggio e ripristino degli ecosistemi” (Territory, Landscape and Ecosystems Restoration), funded by the University of Ferrara (2025–2026)
* Lecturer in Comparative Tort Law, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (M2)

# Education and Qualifications

* 2012 National Scientific Qualification (*Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale*) for Professorship in Comparative Law (Italy)
* 2006 PhD in Comparative Law, University of Florence  
  *Thesis:* *Antagonismo e cooperazione nel diritto inglese dei contratti. Problemi comparativi* (*Antagonism and Cooperation in English Contract Law: Comparative Issues*)  
  *Supervisor:* Prof. Anna Maria De Vita  
  *Distinction:* *Ottimo* (summa cum laude with honours)
* 2004 – Admitted to the Bar (Florence)
* 1996–2001 Laurea (equivalent to Master’s degree) in Comparative Law, University of Genova   
  *Thesis:* *La responsabilità medica nel diritto francese tra torto e contratto (Medical Liability in French Law: Between Tort and Contract)*  
  *Final grade:* 110/110 cum laude, with *dignità di stampa* (publication honours)

# Academic and Research Appointments

* 2025-present: Chercheuse associée, CTAD, Université Paris-Nanterre
* 2024-present : Lecturer in Comparative Tort Law, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (M2)
* 2008–present: Lecturer and since 2019, Associate Professor of Comparative Law, University of Ferrara
* 2012–2018: Lecturer, Institute of Comparative Law, Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II), and member of the research group “Unification of European Law and Globalization of Law,” led by Professor Louis Vogel
* 2005: Visiting Researcher, Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford
* 2002–present: Member (leader or co-leader) of several national and international research groups (Panthéon-Assas University, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences) – see below.

# Administrative and Editorial Roles

* 2021–2023: Deputy Director, Department of Environmental and Prevention Sciences, University of Ferrara
* 2021: Member, Bologna Bar Exam Jury
* 2013–present: Jury member for doctoral theses (Italy, Spain, France)
* 2011 – present: Member (leader or co-leader) of several scientific boards and editorial committees:  
   \* Estudios de derecho civil (Peru)  
   \* Biblioteca de Derecho Europeo (Peru, Chile)  
   \* The Italian Law Journal (Italy)  
   \* Ius Commune Europaeum e Sistemi Italo-Francofoni (Italy)  
   \* Pólemos (Italy)  
  - 2006–2009: Member, Center for Studies on Foreign Law and International Relations, University of Ferrara

# Teaching Experience

* 2024: Lecturer (Comparative Tort Law) at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Master 2).  
  Course taught in French.
* 2023: PhD seminars (French Law and Anglo-American Law) at the University of Seville.  
  Seminars taught in Italian and Spanish.
* Since 2008: Assistant then holder of the Chair of Comparative Law at the University of Ferrara.  
  Teaching areas:
  + Theory and Methods of Comparative Law (Bachelor Year 3)
  + Comparative Legal Systems (Bachelor Year 2)
  + French Law (Bachelor Year 2)
  + European Union Law and European Litigation (Master 1)
  + Anglo-American Law (Master 1)
  + New Pathways in Contemporary Legal Language: Environment, Health, New Technologies (Master 1)
  + Legal Translation (Master 2)
  + Foundational Aspects of Scientific Communication (Master 1)  
    Courses taught in Italian and English.
* 2010 – 2020: Head of the Law program at the University Language Center of the University of Ferrara, as well as courses in Applied Foreign Languages within the Law Department.
* 2017 – 2024: Seminars (Comparative Constitutional Law, Comparative Law Methodology) at Université Paris-Nanterre (Master 1 and 2).  
  Seminars taught in French.
* 2014: Seminars (Law and Literature) at Universität Salzburg (Chinese-Austrian-EU Summer School).  
  Seminars taught in English.
* 2012 – 2018: Lecturer (Comparative Property and Liability Law) at the Institute of Comparative Law, Panthéon-Assas University (Master 2).  
  Course taught in French.
* 2010: Seminars (European Private Law) at Wake Forest University School of Law (Venice Summer Program).  
  Seminars taught in English.
* 2004: Co-head of the Master 1 program Comparazione, interpretazione e traduzione giuridica specialistica (Comparison, Interpretation, and Specialized Legal Translation), University of Ferrara

# Invited Talks and Conferences

* « Unveiling the ‘presentness of the past’ in the new structure and style of the French Supreme Court’s judgments », Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Chicago, May 22, 2025.
* « La dissolution vue depuis l’étranger » (The Dissolution of Parliament Seen from Abroad), Conference « Anatomie d’une dissolution », Université Paris-Nanterre – Centre de Théorie et Analyse du Droit, May 20, 2025.
* « Les méthodes en droit comparé (à la découverte d’autres paysages) » (Methods in Comparative Law – Discovering Other Landscapes), Comparative Law Workshop, Université Paris-Nanterre – Faculty of Law and Political Science, September 9, 2024.
* « Opening remarks », Conference « Human Vulnerability in Interaction with AI », University of Rome Tor Vergata, May 16, 2024.
* « Le gouvernement des juges et l’hypothèse d’une ère Dobbs qui s’ouvre » (Judicial Governance and the Hypothesis of a New Dobbs Era), Conference « Le droit à l’avortement après l’arrêt Dobbs » (The Right to Abortion after the Dobbs Decision), EHESS, Paris, June 2, 2023 (online).
* « Gender Stereotypes and Monstrous Myths: An Italian Style? An attempt to make room for a ‘transformative justice’ approach », Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Puerto Rico, June 2, 2023.
* « Le devenir inappropriable. Limites du droit subjectif » (The Unappropriable Future: Limits of Subjective Rights), Seminar « Le cas et la perplexité » (The Case and Perplexity), EHESS, Paris, January 26, 2023.
* « Stereotipi di genere e vittimizzazione secondaria: la decisione della CEDU J.L. c. Italia » (Gender Stereotypes and Secondary Victimization: The ECHR Decision J.L. v. Italy), Workshop « Cittadinanza attiva e paritaria » (Active and Equal Citizenship), University of Rome Tor Vergata, July 1, 2022.
* « Les usages du droit en politique : l’état d'urgence sanitaire en Italie » (Uses of Law in Politics: The State of Emergency in Italy), Seminar « Les usages du droit en politique » (Uses of Law in Politics), Université Paris-Nanterre – Faculty of Law and Political Science, October 22, 2020.
* « Le rapport du juge français à la Constitution vu depuis l'Italie » (The Relationship of the French Judge to the Constitution, Seen from Italy), Comparative Constitutional Litigation Seminar, Université Paris-Nanterre – Faculty of Law and Political Science, November 28, 2017.
* « Some (Italian) Literary Values for the Current Millennium », Chinese-Austrian-EU Summer School, Universität Salzburg, Paris, July 21 and August 6, 2014.
* « L’occhio del comparatista sul diritto » (The Comparative Lawyer’s Eye on Law), Conference « Visioni del giuridico – Proposte per un diritto del terzo millennio » (Visions of the Legal – Proposals for a Third Millennium Law), Perugia, July 10, 2014.
* « Harmonization of European Private Law: Current Trends and Evolutionary Perspectives. Towards a European Civil Code? », Venice Summer Program, Wake Forest University School of Law, Padua, July 8, 2010.
* « Mentalità giuridica e comparazione » (Legal Mentality and Comparative Law), Conference « Spazio e narrativa. Come cambia la comparazione a 50 anni dai Seminari di Cornell » (Space and Narrative: How Comparison Changes 50 Years After the Cornell Seminars), Ferrara, April 11, 2008.
* « Diritto francese e mondializzazione » (French Law and Globalization), Workshop « Soft law e hard law nelle società postmoderne – Il punto di vista del diritto privato europeo » (Soft Law and Hard Law in Postmodern Societies – The Perspective of European Private Law), Ferrara, December 13, 2007.
* « Comparazione “imparziale” e comparazione “impegnata” » (“Impartial” Comparison and “Committed” Comparison), Workshop « Sociologia del potere e metodologia comparatistica » (Sociology of Power and Comparative Methodology), Ferrara, December 6, 2007.
* « Lo statuto giuridico della donna nel periodo di Vichy » (The Legal Status of Women During the Vichy Period), Conference « L’Europe de la dictature – Vichy », Blankensee Berlin, September 17, 2004.
* « Il Code Civil nella giurisprudenza toscana della Restaurazione » (The Civil Code in Tuscan Jurisprudence During the Restoration), Conference « Richterliche Anwendung und Umsetzung des Code Civil in seines europäïschen Geltungsbereichen ausserhalb Frankreichs » (Judicial Application and Implementation of the Civil Code in its European Areas of Validity Outside France), Frankfurt, May 6, 2004.
* « Il modello francese dei danni no fault connessi all’attività sanitaria » (The French No-Fault Model of Damages Related to Healthcare Activities), Annual Conference of the Italian Association of Comparative Law: Scienza e diritto nel prisma del diritto comparato (Science and Law Through the Prism of Comparative Law), Pisa, May 22, 2003.

# Publications

**I. Books**

* Human Vulnerability in Interaction with AI in European Private Law, Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2025 (with A. Diurni; forthcoming).
* Nuevas tendencias del derecho comparado (*New Trends in Comparative Law*), ARA Editores-Ediciones Olejnik, 2016 (with C. Costantini).
* Au nom de la loi. L’esperienza giuridica francese nel contesto europeo (In the Name of the Law. The French Legal Experience in the European Context), Giappichelli, Torino, 2012.
* Giustizia sociale e mercato nel diritto europeo dei contratti (Social Justice and Market in European Contract Law), Giappichelli, Torino, 2007 (with A. Somma).
* Antagonismo e cooperazione nel diritto inglese dei contratti. Problemi comparativi (Antagonism and Cooperation in English Contract Law. Comparative Issues), PhD thesis in Comparative Law, University of Florence, March 21, 2006.

**II. Articles in Journals**

* Il ruolo del precedente giudiziale nell’esperienza francese. Forme e riforme (The Role of Judicial Precedent in the French Experience: Forms and Reforms), in Comparative Law Review, 2023, pp. 116-143.
* Rappel à l’ordre. L'offensiva del governo francese contro i savoirs critiques (Call to Order. The French Government’s Offensive Against Critical Studies), in Rivista critica del diritto privato, 2022, pp. 195-216.
* Violenza di genere e judicial stereotyping (Gender Violence and Judicial Stereotyping), in Foro it., IV, 2021, pp. 576-583 (with C. Crea).
* The Wind of Change. On Some EU-related Transformations of German and French Judicial Discourses, in The Italian Law Journal, 2020, pp. 669-690.
* Quand le Président du Conseil limite les libertés au nom du droit à la santé publique… Imbroglio sur la constitutionnalité de l’état d’urgence sanitaire en Italie (When the Prime Minister Limits Freedoms in the Name of the Right to Public Health…Controversy over the Constitutionality of the Health Emergency State in Italy), in La Revue des droits de l’homme, Actualités Droits-Libertés, 2020, pp. 1-22 (with I. Boucobza).
* L’effet intégrateur de la Constitution en France, entre formes de présence du passé et nouveaux paradigmes en quête d’affirmation (The Integrative Effect of the Constitution in France, Between Forms of the Presence of the Past and New Paradigms in Search of Affirmation), in Annuario di diritto comparato e di studi legislativi, 2019, pp. 679-708.
* In Memoriam : Professor J.H. Merryman, in Italian Law Journal, 2015, pp. 207-217.
* Taking Metaphors Seriously. L’occhio del comparatista sul diritto (Taking Metaphors Seriously. The Comparative Lawyer’s Eye on Law), in Cardozo Electronic Law Bulletin, 2014, pp. 1-43.
* Dall’eccezionalismo francese all’exception de constitutionnalité. Brevi riflessioni intorno ad una lunga vicenda culturale (From French Exceptionalism to the Exception of Constitutionality. Brief Reflections on a Long Cultural Story), in Politica del diritto, 2013, pp. 293-315.
* Comparer les droits, résolument (Comparing Laws, Resolutely), in Scientia iuris - Revue juridique de la Faculté de droit de Metz, 2011, pp. 212-218.
* ¿Hacia donde se dirige el derecho contractual europeo? (Where is European Contract Law Heading?), in La Ley, n. 121, June 29, 2011, pp. 3-6.
* General Jurisprudence: Then and Now. Twining’s Case for a General Theory of Law From a Global Perspective, in Comparative Law Review, 2010, pp. 91-98.
* Comparer les droits, résolument (Resolutely Comparing Laws), in Polemos, 2010, pp. 273-277.
* Mentalità giuridica e comparazione (Legal Mentality and Comparative Law), in Polemos, 2010, pp. 173-189.
* Nell’occhio del ciclone. La Francia alla prova dei processi di denazionalizzazione del diritto (In the Eye of the Storm. France Facing the Denationalization Processes of Law), in Politica del diritto, 2009, pp. 605-638.
* Il Dcfr per l’armonizzazione del diritto privato europeo: Spunti per una riflessione (The DCFR for the Harmonization of European Private Law: Ideas for Reflection), in Studium Iuris, 2009, pp. 1309-1317.
* Adversarial ethic e diritto «invisibile» nella teoria classica del contratto (Adversarial Ethic and “Invisible” Law in Classical Contract Theory), in Politica del diritto, 2008, pp. 69-106.
* La responsabilità medica nell’esperienza francese tra schemi consolidati e prospettive aperte dalla loi n. 2002-303 (Medical Liability in the French Experience Between Established Schemes and Prospects Opened by Law No. 2002-303), in Diritto ed economia dell’assicurazione, 2004, pp. 459-479.
* Human Rights Act e libertà contrattuale: suggestioni «continentali» (Human Rights Act and Contractual Freedom: “Continental” Suggestions), in Politica del diritto, 2004, pp. 653-685.
* Il modello francese dei danni no fault connessi all’attività sanitaria (brevi note a proposito della loi n. 2002-303) (The French Model of No-Fault Damages Related to Healthcare Activities (Brief Notes on Law No. 2002-303)), in Rivista critica del diritto privato, 2003, pp. 745-758.
* La responsabilità medica nell’esperienza francese: profili comparatistici (Medical Liability in the French Legal Experience: Comparative Issues), in Contratto e Impresa Europa, 2002, pp. 528-561.
* La responsabilità medica nel diritto francese: dalla “obligation de moyen” alla “obligation de sécurité” (Medical Liability in French Law: From “Obligation de Moyen” to “Obligation de Sécurité”), in Responsabilità civile e previdenza, 2002, pp. 918-924.

**III. Contributions to Edited Volumes**

* Transfer of asset and associated contractual rights, in J. Biemans et L. Richardson (dir.), Legal Aspects of Contracts and Third Parties – On Third-Party Rights, Transfer of Rights, Agency and Contracts, Intersentia, Bruxelles, 2024, pp. 233–235.
* Assignment of a Receivable and Set-Off, in J. Biemans and L. Richardson (dir.), Legal Aspects of Contracts and Third Parties – On Third-Party Rights, Transfer of Rights, Agency and Contracts, Intersentia, Bruxelles, 2024, pp. 310–312.
* Reliance on professional statements by third parties, in J. Biemans and L. Richardson (dir.), Legal Aspects of Contracts and Third Parties – On Third-Party Rights, Transfer of Rights, Agency and Contracts, Intersentia, Bruxelles, 2024, pp. 349–351.
* Introducción y presentación à Discours Préliminaire de Portalis, in R. Cabrillac, Derecho civil Francés: Pasado y Futuro, ARA Editores-Ediciones Olejnik, Santiago de Chile, 2019, pp. 11–16.  
   [Introduction and presentation to Portalis’ Preliminary Discourse to the French Civil Code]
* Introducción y de presentación à Le transformations générales du droit privé depuis le Code Napoléon, in L. Duguit, Las transformaciones generales del derecho privato desde el Código de Napoleón, ARA Editores-Ediciones Olejnik, Santiago de Chile, 2018, pp. 11–18.  
   [Introduction and presentation to General Transformations of Private Law since the Napoleonic Code]
* Les inspections en droit italien de la concurrence, in L. Vogel (dir.), Les inspections de concurrence, Éditions Panthéon-Assas, Paris, 2017.  
   [Inspections in Italian Competition Law]
* Qui contrôle les contrôleurs? Regards croisés sur le droit italien et le droit français en matière de pouvoir d’inspection des Autorités de concurrence, in B. De Donno et al. (dir.), Persona e attività economica tra libertà e regola, Vol. 3, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2016, pp. 2135–2154.  
  [Who Controls the Controllers? A Comparative Perspective on Inspection Powers in Italian and French Competition Law]
* L’occhio del comparatista sul diritto, in F. Bettini et al. (dir.), Visioni del giuridico, Università degli Studi di Perugia / UNIVALI, 2015, pp. 247–271.  
   [The Comparative Lawyer’s Eye on Law]
* Entre la opción y la elusión. Comentario crítico sobre el proceso de armonización del derecho contractual en la Unión Europea, in C. Calderón Puertas et al. (dir.), Observatorio de derecho civil, Vol. 1: El contrato, 2nd ed., Motivensa, Lima, 2012, pp. 139–153.  
   [Between Option and Evasion: A Critical Commentary on the Harmonization of Contract Law in the EU]
* Daño a la persona por responsabilidad médica en el Derecho francés: entre (re)codificación y praxis aplicativa, in C. Calderón Puertas et al. (dir.), Observatorio de derecho civil, Vol. 13: La responsabilidad civil, 2nd ed., Motivensa, Lima, 2012, pp. 123–134.  
   [Personal Injury from Medical Liability in French Law: Between (Re)codification and Case Law]
* Autonomía privada, formación del vínculo contractual y remedios de matriz equitativa en el Common law: el ejemplo de la presumed undue influence, in C. Calderón Puertas et al. (dir.), Observatorio de derecho civil, Vol. 10: Acto jurídico, Motivensa, Lima, 2011, pp. 53–75.  
   [Private Autonomy, Formation of Contracts, and Equity-Based Remedies in Common Law: The Example of Presumed Undue Influence]
* Harmonization of European Contract Law. Current Trends and Evolutionary Perspectives, in Lectures on Europe, University of Padua for Europe, Padova, 2010, pp. 1–18.
* La promessa del fatto o dell’obbligazione del terzo, in AA.VV., Il nuovo contratto, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2007, pp. 345–352.  
   [The Promise of a Third Party’s Act or Obligation]
* La conclusione dei contratti del consumatore, in AA.VV., Il nuovo contratto, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2007, pp. 777–800.  
   [Conclusion of Consumer Contracts]
* La prova del contratto, in AA.VV., Il nuovo contratto, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2007, pp. 403–423.  
   [Proof of Contract]
* La rappresentanza, in AA.VV., Il nuovo contratto, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2007, pp. 259–284.  
   [Representation]
* Il Code Civil nella giurisprudenza toscana della Restaurazione, in B. Dölemeyer et al. (dir.), Richterliche Anwendung des Code civil, Klostermann, Frankfurt am Main, 2006, pp. 359–369.  
   [The Code Civil in Tuscan Case Law During the Restoration Period]
* Lo statuto giuridico della donna nel periodo di Vichy, in B. Durand et al. (dir.), Le droit sous Vichy, Klostermann, Frankfurt am Main, 2006, pp. 87–95.  
   [The Legal Status of Women in the Vichy Period]
* Antagonismo e cooperazione nel diritto inglese dei contratti, in A. d’Angelo et al., Buona fede e giustizia contrattuale, Giappichelli, Torino, 2005, pp. 123–162.  
   [Antagonism and Cooperation in English Contract Law]
* Responsabilità medica, in Digesto delle discipline privatistiche – Sez. Civ., Torino, 2003, pp. 1174–1195.  
   [Medical Liability]

# Research Projects

**International Projects :**

* Common Core Third Party Rights Project, under the direction of Professor J.W.A. (Jan) Biemans, Utrecht University, and Professor Lorna Richardson, University of Edinburgh (2020-2024)
* Urban heritage conservation as vector of social equity. Urban integrated conservation strategies among protection, touristic valorization and communities enhancement in the cities of the Global South, under the direction of Professor Giuseppe Scandurra, Università di Ferrara (2015-2018)
* Unification du droit européen et mondialisation du droit (Unification of European law and globalization of law), under the direction of Professor Louis Vogel, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris II (2012-2015)
* Richterliche Anwendung und Umsetzung des Code Civil in seinem europäischen Geltungsbereich ausserhalb Frankreichs (Judicial application and implementation of the Code Civil outside France), under the direction of Professor Heinz Mohnhaupt, Max Planck Institut für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte (2004-2008)
* Das Europa der Diktatur. Wirtschaftskontrolle und Recht (The Europe of dictatorship: economic control and law), under the direction of Professor Dieter Simon, Max Planck Institut für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte (2002-2004)

**National Projects :**

* Territorio, paesaggio e ripristino degli ecosistemi (Territory, landscape and ecosystem restoration), under the direction of Professor Gianfranco Franz, Università di Ferrara (2025-2026)
* La vulnerabilità digitale nel diritto privato europeo (Digital vulnerability in European private law) (co-responsible) (2022-2025)
* Massimario penale e conoscibilità del diritto: la costruzione del precedente nello spazio giuridico europeo (Criminal law compendium and knowability of law: precedent-building in the European legal space), under the direction of Professor Massimo Donini, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia (2021-2024)
* Verso un legal framework composito in tema di Intelligenza Artificiale, tra mercati digitali, tutela dei diritti fondamentali e sostenibilità ambientale (Towards a composite legal framework on Artificial Intelligence, between digital markets, protection of fundamental rights, and environmental sustainability) (responsible) (2022-2024)
* L’ « identità costituzionale della Francia », dieci anni dopo (The “constitutional identity of France,” ten years later) (responsible) (2014-2016)
* Liberismo e solidarismo nella costruzione del diritto contrattuale europeo (Liberalism and solidarism in the construction of European contract law), under the direction of Professor Alessandro Somma, Università di Ferrara (2010-2014)
* Le nuove fonti del diritto dei contratti (The new sources of contract law), under the direction of Professor Vincenzo Roppo, Università di Genova (2006-2008)
* Osservatorio sulla formazione giuridica (Observatory on legal education), under the direction of Professor Orlando Roselli, Università di Firenze (2001-2004).

# Professional Affiliations

* + Association Henri Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française
  + Société de législation comparée
  + Associazione Italiana di Diritto Comparato