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Academic titles, commitments and scientific positions

- Full professor (1986-) of Comparative law, and Jean Monnet Chair holder (1999-) in EU Law.
- President of the Centre "Altiero Spinelli" - Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (2003-), University "Roma Tre" (<http://www.centrospinelli.eu>).
- Director of the post-graduate Master course in "European Citizenship and Euro-Mediterranean Integration" (2007-), University "Roma Tre" (<http://www.centrospinelli.eu/pages/postgraduate.htm>).
- Scientific director in chief (2003-) of "La cittadinanza europea", six monthly journal on European and comparative law studies (FrancoAngeli, Milano).
- Scientific director in chief (2003-) of the monographs series "Quaderni del Centro Altieri Spinelli" (FrancoAngeli, Milano).
- Dr. *h.c.* Political Science, University of Oradea (2011), for his "outstanding merits in the field of European studies" ([see photo gallery](#)).

Further academic commitments and scientific positions

- Former Dean of the Faculty of Political Science (1998-2008), and Director of the Department of Political Institutions and Social sciences (1996-1998), University "Roma Tre".
- Former Chairman of the Italian Conference of the Deans of the Faculties of Political Science for the biennium 2005-2007
- Director of post-graduate courses in "European Citizenship" (2000-2007), University "Roma Tre".
- Scientific director of the monographs series "Biblioteca de Derecho Comparado" (2014-), Motivensa Editora Jurídica, Lima.
- Member of various editorial boards in Italy ("Rivista trimestrale di diritto e procedura civile"; "Annuario di Diritto Comparato e di Studi Legislativi") and abroad ("European Journal of Sinology"; "Romanian Review of European Governance Studies"; Revista "Polis" Journal of Political Science).
- Member of various scientific associations, including: - "Société de législation comparée" (SLC); - "Associazione Italiana di Diritto Comparato" (AIDC); - "European Community Studies Association" (ECSA); - "Associazione Universitaria di Studi Europei" (AUSE); - "Associazione dei Giuristi Europei".

Main scholarly activities

- Holder of courses and teaching modules at University of Perugia (1977-1978), University of Macerata (1985-1997), and University "Roma Tre" (1998-) in: Private Comparative Law, Comparative Legal Systems, European (Union) Law, Comparative and Uniform Law, History and Institutions of Asian Countries.
- Visiting professor (holding courses, delivering lectures) at universities abroad (in the period 2000-): East China University of Politics and Law, Shanghai, China (2000, 2007, 2010); Liège, Belgium (2006, 2007); UADE, Buenos Aires, and Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina (2008); Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador de Bahia, Brasil (2010); University "Babeş-Bolyai", Cluj-Napoca, and University of Oradea (Dpt. Political Science and Communication), Romania (2009-2011).

Main research interests

Scholar of comparative law topics, particularly with regard to relationships between Civil law and Common law, seen in a historical perspective, has published a first monograph (*Glossario per uno studio della Common Law*, 1983, currently reissued), followed by other three titles (*Il sistema di giustizia inglese*, 1984; *Il processo civile inglese*, 1991; *Figure di usucapione e sistemi di pubblicità immobiliare. Sintesi di diritto privato europeo*, 1993), and a wide series of essays and articles, enlarging the scope of these research studies in the perspective of the formation of a “European *ius commune*” (working closely with Gino Gorla, as co-author of various publications, including: “A ‘Revisiting’ of the Comparison between ‘Continental Law’ and ‘English Law’, 1981, in the *Journal of Legal History*, 1981; “A Short Historical Account of Comparative Law in Europe and in Italy during Modern Times”, in “*Rapports nationaux italiens au XII Congrès Int. Droit Comparé*”, Sidney, 1986), ending up with the volume on *Comparazione giuridica e Diritto europeo* (2005), yet followed by the translation of a part of it in a renovated Spanish version (*La formación del derecho europeo. Una perspectiva historico-comparada*, 2012, issued by Complutense University Press).

On this background, a central theme has emerged, regarding the idea and practice of “European law,” in the light both of the historical-comparative perspective of the “Europe of law” of past centuries, and in the new and challenging perspective of the “law of Europe” linked to European integration process. Such idea, concerning also the formation of a “European lawyer” with cultural, professional and scholarly implications, has been dealt with in numerous publications (including *I giuristi e l'Europa*, 1997, edited and co-authored). From within this same perspective, a more specific theoretical approach to European law, one focused on the “European citizenship” as a new paradigm of legal subjectivity, capable of supporting in particular the formation of a “European private law” in today EU context, has been developed in a variety of titles, starting with *Il diritto privato europeo: problemi e prospettive* (1993, volume edited and co-authored), followed by the article, *Du ‘marché’ a la ‘citoyenneté’: a la recherche d’un droit privé européen durable et de sa base juridique* (published in the “*Revue internationale de droit comparé*,” 2004), finally culminated in the collective volume (based on the proceedings of the Conference held at the University Roma Tre, 9-11 May 2012) titled *The Making of European Private Law: Why, How, What, Who* (2013). These research studies are currently carried out, within the university Centre Altiero Spinelli (CeAS), through the medium of the six-monthly journal “*La cittadinanza europea*” and the monographs series of the Centre (including *Diritti fondamentali e Cittadinanza dell’Unione europea*, 2010).

Amidst other research interests, a large place is occupied by several publications investigating the idea of law in traditional Chinese society (in particular: *Profili emergenti del sistema giuridico cinese*, 1999, edited; *Il diritto in Cina. Tra ritualismo e modernizzazione*, 2009; and more recently “The ‘Dual Paradox’ of Modernity in China, from the Point of View of the Chinese Idea of Law”, in *European Journal of Sinology*, 2012; and), together with publications, edited and co-authored, dealing with general theoretical issues and cultural studies (such as, *Estudios aplicados de teoria geral do direito*, 2011; *Estudios aplicados de filosofia do direito*, 2012; *China and Europe. Fostering the Mutual Understanding Between China and Europe by Multi-level Comparison of their Cultures, Societies, and Economies*, 2014); in addition to the project of the “*Biblioteca de Derecho Comparado*”, launched in 2014, as a joint effort with the participation in particular of young comparative law scholars from Latin American countries.