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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

American University, Washington College of Law

Director of the Program on International Organizations Law and Development 2014-present.
Full Professor 2014-present, Associate Professor 2010-2013, Assistant Professor 2006-2009

Research and Teaching: Comparative Law, U.S. Constitutional Law, European Union Law, Local Government Law, EU Law, EU Policy and Diplomacy, Private Law Theory, Women Judges and Lawyers.

Visiting Professor Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC) Campus France Grant (December 2024)

Permanent Visiting Professor, iCourts, University of Copenhagen (May 2018-June 2023)

Director of the Program on International Organizations, Law and Development (2015-2025)

Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Visiting Professor (Spring 2012)

Temple University, Beasley School of Law

Visiting Professor (Fall 2011)

New England School of Law

Adjunct Professor of EU Law (2004-2006)

University of Turin, Law School

Teaching Fellow on Comparative Law and PhD Candidate in Trento University (2000-2003)

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

American Bar Association (ABA) Human Rights Pro Bono Expert, participated in missions to Warsaw (June 2023) and Budapest (June 2024) as EU law expert on Rule of Law, Judicial Independence and Foreign Agents Laws.

Academy of European Law, European University Institute (Florence, Italy)

Course on How to do Archival Research on the jurisprudence of the CJEU, July 2017

Carlo Alberto Summer School on Regulatory Cooperation, University of Turin (Italy)

Course on Regulatory Tort Law, with Professor Hans Micklitz (EUI), July 2017

EU Law and Regulation, AUWCL summer course in Brussels

Course on the EU law and Regulation, June 2017 and June 2019

Harvard Law School

Teaching Fellow in EU Law, Harvard Law School, Professor Verstrynge (winter 2005-6)

Research Assistant for Professor Daniel Meltzer on Federal Courts (spring 2004); Research Assistant for Professor Janet Halley on Family Law (2002-2005)

Goodwin Procter LLP, Boston Law Clerk (summer 2004)

Studio Legale Ferreri, Turin, Italy Trainee attorney (2000-2002)

ILO Training Center of Turin

Academic Coordinator for the post-graduate course on International Trade Law (2001)

University of Turin, TMR Network Manager on the Harmonization of European Private Law (1997-2000)

Coach for *Rene Cassin* Moot Court at the ECtHR Strasbourg (1998-2000)

Council of Europe, Political Affairs Committee

Intern for the Office of the Clerk of the Parliamentary Assembly (June-August 1996)

European Parliament, MEP Rinaldo Bontempi, Civil Rights, Civil Liberties Committee

Assistant for European asylum and refugee policies and the delegation on Ukraine, Georgia, Moldavia and Belarus (1995-6)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Paris-Est Campus France Grant, Visiting Professor in Paris (December 2024)

Bridges Award for Co-Teaching *EU Law, Governance and Policy* with Michelle Egan (2019-2020)

Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Award under the leadership of AU SIS (2019-2023)

Erasmus + Programme of the EU on The State of Women, Mapping Women Leadership in the World under the leadership of the IWPR (2019-2023); <https://www.state-of-women.org/>

LUISS Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Rome (Italy) Grant (spring 2017 and 2020)

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship, EUI Florence (Italy) Grant (spring 2017)

EDUCATION

S.J. D. Degree, Harvard Law School

Fields: Local Government Law (Gerald E. Frug, HLS); Private Law Theory (Duncan Kennedy, HLS); EU Private Law (Daniela Caruso, BU); Tort Law & Behavioralism (Jon Hanson, HLS)
Title: *Decentralization and Private Law Harmonization in the Construction of Europe* (2009)

P.h.D. in Comparative Private Law, Trento University

Fields: Comparative Private Law (Michele Graziadei, Turin); European Private Law (Christian Joerges, Bremen)

Title: *Legitimation, Reception and Distribution in the Europeanization of Private Law* (2006)

LL.M. Degree, Harvard Law School,

Degree waived, requirements completed (2002)

Laurea in Legge (Law degree) University of Turin, Law School

Cumulative Grade 107/110, Thesis: *The Place and Performance of Monetary Obligations in Private International Law*, Supervisor: Professor Michele Graziadei (2000)

Laurea in Scienze Politiche (B.A. in Political Sciences), University of Turin

Cumulative Grade 107/110, thesis title: *The Russian Federation entering the Council of Europe: A Challenge for Human Rights*; Supervisor: Professor Umberto Morelli (1997)

Certificat d'Etudes Politiques in International Relations, Institut d'Etudes Politiques,

Sciences Politiques, Strasbourg, France (1996-7) Academy of European Law, European University

Institute (EUI), Italy; EU law and European Human Rights (summer 1997)

PUBLICATIONS

OP-EDS OR BLOGS

- Fernanda G. Nicola and Laure Clément-Wilz, *Making Gender Equality Visible in Judicial Selections at the European Court of Justice*, Guest Editorial, International Journal of Constitutional Law, 02/15/2025
- Fernanda G. Nicola; Jasmine D. Cameron, [The Spreading Impact of Restrictive 'Foreign Agent' Laws and How to Stop Them](#), Just Security, 12/10/2024
- Fernanda G. Nicola and Laure Clément-Wilz, [Rising Gender Disparity at the CJEU](#), VerfBlog, 11/11/2024
- Fernanda G. Nicola; Jasmine D. Cameron, [First Time as Tragedy, Second Time as Farce: The Chilling Effects of the Hungarian Law Protecting National Sovereignty](#), VerfBlog, 9/05/2024
- *The Logic of Patriarchy*, [Verfassungsblog](#), on July 1 2022 with Günter Frankenberg.
- *Scandal involving World Bank's 'Doing Business' index exposes problems in using sportslike rankings to guide development goals*, [The Conversation](#) October 15, 2021.
- *Essential EU legal History Research for EU lawyers*, [EU Legal History of EU Law Live's Weekend Edition](#) February 27, 2021.
- *Against Authoritarianism: Can the Court of Justice of the EU rescue democracy in Europe?* [IACL Blog](#) February 02, 2021.
- *Trump sees power as Private property – A habit shared by autocrats throughout the ages*, with Günter Frankenberg, [The Conversation](#) January 19, 2021
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Exporting the Italian Model to Fight COVID-19*, featured in *The Regulatory Review's 2020 Year in Review Series*, December 28, 2020.
<https://www.theregreview.org/2020/04/23/nicola-exporting-italian-model-fight-covid-19/>
- Fernanda G. Nicola [La Doctrine in Denial and the Missing Distributive Analysis](#) for [Verfassungsblog](#) on September 2, 2020.
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Tackling Inequality in the EU: The New foundation for a Green and Social Europe*, [OpinioJuris](#) on May 2, 2019.

WEBINARS (PRESENTATIONS)

- *When Values Collide: The Rule of Law in the EU*, Penn center of Regulation, Tuesday June 7th, 2022 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUK8LVyPboY>
- *Is a European or an American college degree worthier*, EU Jean Monnet grant, June 12, 2022 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TeQYH18yeQ>

PODCAST

- **EU Law Live**, [Special edition: welcome to FIDE 2025 in Katowice, with K. Lenaerts, M. Szpunar and F. Nicola](#); December 11, 2025.
- **EU to Campus**, podcast episode for the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) on the “European Union Legal System” in which Professor Nicola answers questions with AU WCL students Eric Wenz and Catrina Crittenden. The Podcast is on [Spotify](#) , [Apple Podcasts](#) and EPLO [website](#).

ARTICLES

Fernanda G. Nicola and Günter Frankenberg, *Authoritarian Transfers*, Issue 1 of Volume 80 of the University of Miami Law Review (forthcoming 2025)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Localizing the Rule of Law to Counter Democratic Erosion*, forthcoming law review article (Spring 2025)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Is a Distributive Analysis Enough? A Critical Take on the Case Law of the European Court of Justice in Transnational Legal Theory | Taylor & Francis Online, April 2024 (tandfonline.com)*

Fernanda G. Nicola, Cristina Fasone, Daniele Gallo, [Comparing the Procedures and Practice of Judicial Dialogue in the US and the EU: Effects of US Unconstitutionality and EU's Preliminary Interpretative Rulings](#), European journal of legal studies, Vol. 15, No. SI, pp. 147-188 (2023)

Fernanda G. Nicola and Michelle Egan, [The Value-Based Trade Agenda](#), 25.2 NYU JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY (2023)

Fernanda G. Nicola and Antonio Caiola, [Defending Democracy through Law: The Creation of the Legal Service of the European Parliament](#), 46 FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (2022)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Gino Scaccia, [The Italian Model to Fight COVID-19: Regional Coordination, Regulatory Inflation and the Cost of One-Size-Fits All Lockdown Measures](#), 73:1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REVIEW (2021)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Legal Diplomacy in an Age of Authoritarianism*, 27:3 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN LAW (2021)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Gino Scaccia, *It's All About the Pasta: Protectionism, Liberalization, and the Challenge for Quality and Sustainability of Made in Italy*, [14 FIU L. Rev. 479](#) (2021); [Jowell Review](#)

Fernanda Nicola & Chiara Grazzini, *Expert Opinion or Deadly game? The Shifting Supreme Court Jurisprudence on COVID-19*; PERCORSI COSTITUZIONALI (Jovene ed. 2021) pp. 381-401.

Fernanda G. Nicola & Oreste Pollicino *The Balkanization of Data Privacy Regulation*, 123 WEST VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 61-115 (2020)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Another view of the Cathedral: What does the rule of law crisis tell us about democratizing the EU?* MAASTRICHT J. OF EUROPEAN AND COMP. LAW, 1-6 (2018)

- Fernanda G. Nicola, *The Luxembourg Style with or Without the UK*, 40 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 1505 (2017)
- Fernanda G. Nicola & Bill Davies, Introduction: *Judges As Diplomats in Advancing The Rule of Law: A Conversation With President Koen Lenaerts And Justice Stephen Breyer*, forthcoming 66:5 A.U. LAW REV. (2017)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *National Legal Traditions at Work in the Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union*, 64 AM. J. COMP. L. 865 (2016)
- Fernanda G. Nicola & Bill Davies, *Introduction: Supranationalism and Foreign Law at the Court of Justice of the EU*, 64 AM. J. COMP. L. 797 (2016)
- Fernanda G. Nicola & Daniele Gallo, *The External Dimension of EU Investment Law: Jurisdictional Clashes and Transformative Adjudication*, 39 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 1081 (2016)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Genealogies of Cost Benefit Analysis in Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation*, in GENEALOGIES OF EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE, MARK BEVIR AND RYAN PHILLIPS EDS., 15:5 COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN POLITICS 729-750 (2016)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *The Politicization of Legal Expertise in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) Negotiation*, 78 DUKE LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 153 (2015)
- Fernanda G. Nicola & Adrienne Jules, *The Contractualization of Family Law in the United States*, 62 AMERICAN J. OF COMPARATIVE LAW 151 (2014)
- Fernanda G. Nicola & Sheila Foster, *Comparative Urban Governance for Lawyers*; Volume XLII FORDHAM URBAN LAW REVIEW (2014)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Critical Legal Histories in EU Law*, 28 AM U INTL L REV 1173 (2013)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Intimate Liability: Tort Law, Family Law and the Stereotyped Narratives of Interspousal Torts*; 3 WILLIAM AND MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW 445 (2013)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Invisible Cities in Europe*, 35 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 1282 (2012)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *The False Promise of Decentralization in EU Cohesion Policy*, 20 TUL. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 65 (2011)
- Author, *Family Law Exceptionalism in Comparative Law*, 58 AM. J. COMP. L. 777 (2010)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Promises of Accession: The Asymmetrical Trade Relationship between Turkey and the EU*, 24 AMERICAN UNIV. J. OF INT'L L. 739 (2009)
- Fernanda G. Nicola, *Transatlanticism: Constitutional Asymmetry and Selective Reception of U.S. Law and Economics in the Formation of European Private Law*, 16 CARDOZO J. INT'L & COMP. L. 87 (2008)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Ingrid Nifosi-Sutton, *Beyond Monetary Damages: Assessing New Trends before the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice*, HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF (2007)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Reparations: A Comparative Perspective*, 56 AM U LAW REV. 6. 1377 (2007)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Ugo Mattei, A 'Social Dimension' in European Private Law? The Call for Setting a Progressive Agenda, 41 NEW ENGLAND LAW REVIEW, 1 (2006)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Per una nuova prospettiva sull'integrazione europea: I profili distributivi dell'armonizzazione*, in Rivista Critica del Diritto Privato, Nov. (2006)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Fabio Marchetti, *Constitutionalizing Tobacco: The Ambiguous Shift in European Federalism*, 46 HARVARD INT'L L.J. 507 (2005)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Fernanda G. Nicola and Jasmine D. Cameron, *The Chilling Effects of Foreign Agent-Style Laws*, HANDBOOK OF CHILLING EFFECTS (G. GOSZTONYI AND G. FERENC LENDVAI EDS. Springer, 2025)

Fernanda G. Nicola and Sarah Madsen, *A Cautionary Tale for the European Union: The Stigmatization of Dissenting Voices through Foreign Agent Laws*; DISINFORMATION IN NEW AND OLD MEDIA IN THE XXI CENTURY (CLAUDIA MASSA AND ROBERTO MASROIANNI EDS. Springer 2025)

Fernanda G. Nicola, Daniele Gallo, Roberto Mastroianni, and Lorenzo Cecchetti, *Conclusion: Four Traits of the Italian Influence on EU Law*, in [THE ITALIAN INFLUENCE ON EU LAW: JUDGES AND ADVOCATES GENERAL 1952-2000](#) (HART, BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, 2024)

Fernanda G. Nicola and Gino Scaccia, *La pasta Made in Italy fra protezionismo, liberalizzazione e sfida della sostenibilità* in [MADE IN ITALY. L'IDENTITÀ DI UN BRAND STORICO](#), BARBARA POZZO ED. (Giappichelli Editor 2024).

Fernanda G. Nicola and Günter Frankenberg, [Critical Approaches to Comparative Law](#), Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law; J.Smits, J. Husa, C. Valcke & M. Narciso (eds.); pp. 495-502 (Elgar Publishing 2023)

Mikael Rask-Madsen, Fernanda G. Nicola and Antoine Vauchez, *From Methodological Shifts to EU Law Embeddedness*, Chapter 1 in [RESEARCHING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE: METHODOLOGICAL SHIFTS AND LAW'S EMBEDDEDNESS](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2022) pp. 1-26.

Fernanda G. Nicola and Ann Shalleck *The Familial Subject*, [THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO GENDER & LAW](#) (R.MARIN-RUBIO AND S. HENNETTE-VAUCHEZ EDS, CUP 2023)

Chris Kimura and Fernanda G. Nicola, *EU-Asian Free Trade Agreements: The Negotiating Capital of Trade Experts* in [LAW, LEGAL EXPERTISE, AND EU POLICY-MAKING](#), PÄIVI LEINO-SANDBERG EMILIA KORKEA-AHO, EDS; (CUP 2022)

Jeffrey Miller and Fernanda G. Nicola, *The Failure to Grapple with Racial Capitalism in European Constitutionalism*, [EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL IMAGINARIES: BETWEEN IDEOLOGY AND UTOPIA](#) (JAN KOMÁREK ED. 2023, OUP) <https://academic.oup.com/book/45655/chapter/398022370>

Fernanda G. Nicola *Local, Resistances to Global Convergence*, book chapter in [FRAMING CONVERGENCE WITH THE GLOBAL ORDER: THE EU AND THE WORLD](#), ELAINE FAHEY Ed. (Hart Bloomsbury, Publishing, 2020)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Waiting for the Barbarians: Inside the Archive of the European Court of Justice* in CLAIRE KILPATRICK AND JOANNE SCOTT EDS., *NEW LEGAL APPROACHES TO STUDYING THE COURT OF JUSTICE* (OUP, 2020) Reviewed by John Cotter, *Common Market Law Review* 59:505-622, 2022.

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Bottom up Narratives at the European Court of Justice* in *Les Récits Judiciaires de l'Europe*, by Elise Bernard and Antoine Bailleux (Bruylant, 2019)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Daniela Caruso, *Legal Scholarship and external critique in EU Law*, in *THE TRANSFORMATION OR RECONSTITUTION OF EUROPE: THE CRITICAL LEGAL STUDIES PERSPECTIVE ON THE ROLE OF THE COURTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION* (SINIŠA RODIN AND TAMARA PERISIN EDS., Hart Publishing, 2018)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Bill Davies, *Introduction to in EU LAW STORIES: CONTEXTUAL AND CRITICAL HISTORIES OF EUROPEAN JURISPRUDENCE* (BILL DAVIES AND FERNANDA NICOLA EDS., 2017)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Global Diffusion of U.S. Legal Thought: Waning Influence, Selective Exportation and Education Crisis*, in *CONSTITUTIONALISM IN THE AMERICAS*, COLIN CRAWFORD AND DANIEL BONILLA MALDONADO EDS. pp. 240-257 (2018); in Spanish in *EL CONSTITUCIONALISMO EN EL CONTINENTE AMERICANO* (DANIEL BONILLA MALDONADO ED., Siglo del Hombre Ed. 2016)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Conceptions of Justice from Below: Distributive Justice as a Means to Address Local Conflicts in European Law and Policy* Book Chapter in “Europe’s Justice Deficit”; Gráinne de Búrca, Dimitry Kochenov & Andrew Williams Eds. (Hart Publishing, 2014)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *What’s Love Got to Do with It? Stereotypical Women in Dispositionist Torts*; Book Chapter in “Ideology, Psychology and the Law”; Jon Hanson, Ed. (Oxford UP, 2012)

Fernanda G. Nicola, ‘*Creatures of the State*’: *Regulatory Federalism, Local Immunities, and EU Waste Regulation in Comparative Perspective*; Book Chapter in “Comparative Administrative Law,” Susan Rose-Ackerman and Peter Lindseth Eds. (Elgar Publishing, 2011)

Fernanda G. Nicola, *Another View on European Integration: Distributive Stakes in the Harmonization of European Law* in *PROGRESSIVE LAWYERING, GLOBALIZATION AND MARKETS: RETHINKING IDEOLOGY AND STRATEGY*, CLARE DALTON ED. 233-260 (2007)

EDITED VOLUMES

Co-editor with DANIELE GALLO, ROBERTO MASTROIANNI, FERNANDA G. NICOLA AND LORENZO CECCHETTI, *THE ITALIAN INFLUENCE ON EU LAW: JUDGES AND ADVOCATES GENERAL 1952-2000*, (HART, BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, 2024)

Co-editor with MIKAEL RASK MADSEN, FERNANDA G. NICOLA AND ANTOINE VAUCHEZ Eds., *RESEARCHING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE: METHODOLOGICAL SHIFTS AND LAW'S EMBEDDEDNESS* (Cambridge University Press, May 2022)

Co-Editor with BILL DAVIES, EU LAW STORIES: CONTEXTUAL AND CRITICAL HISTORIES OF EUROPEAN JURISPRUDENCE (Cambridge University Press, December 2017)

BOOKS

FERNANDA G. NICOLA, MISUSES OF COMPARATIVE LAW IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Cambridge University Press, 2025 forthcoming)

FERNANDA G. NICOLA AND GÜNTER FRANKENBERG, COMPARATIVE LAW: INTRODUCTION TO A CRITICAL PRACTICE (Edward Elgar, 2024)

BOOK REVIEWS

Fernanda G. Nicola, [Book Review](#) of EU LAW IN POPULIST TIMES, FRANCESCA BIGNAMI ED (CUP 2020) 36 American Journal of Comparative Law, Volume 71, Issue 3, Fall 2023, Pages 777–782, December 2023.

Fernanda G. Nicola. [Failures of comparability in global governance: Exploring the practical dimension of the redress of law](#). *European Law Open*. 2023;2(1):173-183, June 2023.

Fernanda G. Nicola, Steven Weatherill, *European Consumer Law and Policy*, Oxford Yearbook of European Law, edited by Gráinne de Búrca (2008)

Fernanda G. Nicola & Anna di Robilant, W. BROWN AND J. HALLEY EDS., LEFT LEGALISM/LEFT CRITIQUE (2002), *Il Liberalismo alle prese con identità e redistribuzione: Le critiche al rights discourse da parte della sinistra Americana*, Rivista Critica del Diritto Privato, Dicembre (2004)

Fernanda G. Nicola, JAMES GORDLEY ED., THE ENFORCEABILITY OF PROMISES IN EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW; 44 HARVARD INT’L L.J. 597 (2003)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 SCIENCES PO, PARIS, [EU law and the city: Untangling a co-constitutive relationship](#), presented a paper on *Between Rights and Punishment: A Tale of Two Cities in the EU and US*, October 30 funded by Sciences Po.
- 2025 AALS SAN FRANCISCO, Book Presentation Comparative Law: *Introduction to a Critical Practice* for the Comparative Law Panel on Teaching Comparative Law, January 8 funded by AU WCL.
- 2024 ASCL TEXAS A&M, Book Presentation Comparative Law: *Introduction to a Critical Practice* for the Comparative Law Panel on Teaching Comparative Law, October 14 funded by AU WCL.
- 2024 [OSCE Human Dimension Conference](#) in Warsaw, three side events organized by ABA on Foreign Agent Laws in Hungary, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan, October 1-3 funded by ABA.

- 2024 CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Rule of Law in Hungary: Challenges for Free Speech and Media Pluralism, presentation of the co-author report for Transparency International, [Protecting national Sovereignty: What is the Threat? Comparing the U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act to Hungary's Protection of National Sovereignty Law](#) (Budapest, June 2024) funded by ABA.
- 2024 MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Between Narratives and Reality: The EU at the Gates of a New Mandate, presented a paper on *The Political Economy of the Rule of Law: Beyond Judicial Independence in Poland, June 20-21*, funded by Maastricht University.
- 2024 TRINITY UNIVERSITY in Dublin, Workshop on European Legal History, presented the edited volume: THE ITALIAN INFLUENCE ON EU LAW: JUDGES AND ADVOCATES GENERAL 1952-2000, May 23, online.
- 2024 UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE LAW SCHOOL, Workshop on Comparative Law works in progress; presented a chapter on the forthcoming book Misuses of Comparative Law, May 20, funded by Baltimore Law School.
- 2024 UNIVERSITY OF AIX-MARSEILLE, workshop on Controversies on Methods in EU Law, presented a paper on *A Critical Take on the Case Law of the European Court of Justice*, April 26, online.
- 2024 BERKELEY LAW SCHOOL, EU LAW SCHOLARS WORKSHOP, Presented paper on *The Political Economy of the Rule of Law: Beyond the ECJ Narrative of Judicial Independence in the Polish Saga* April 12, funded by Berkeley.
- 2024 UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES, FEDERICO II, ITALY book presentation of edited volume THE ITALIAN INFLUENCE ON EU LAW: JUDGES AND ADVOCATES GENERAL 1952-2000, (HART, BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, 2024), March 12, funded by Naples Law school.
- 2024 UNIVERSITY OF LUISS, ROME, ITALY book presentation of edited volume THE ITALIAN INFLUENCE ON EU LAW: JUDGES AND ADVOCATES GENERAL 1952-2000, (HART, BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, 2024), March 15, funded by LUISS.
- 2024 UNIVERSITY OF NOVARA, ITALY, CONFERENCE ON COMPARATIVE FEMINISM, presented paper on *The Missing Feminist and Critical Race Theory insights in the Comparative Method*, March 18, funded by Novara University, School of Law.
- 2023 European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy, presented a report and examined the PhD Defense of Alexander Lazovic - *Structuring Perception. How Structures of Practice Influence Decision-Making at the Court of Justice of the European Union*, September 29, online.
- 2023 *Florida International University*, MIAMI. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW, Commentator to the book *Proportionality and Transformation theory and practice from Latin America*, October 27/

- Presented the *AU WCL, George Mason and Baltimore Law School proposal* for the new Editorial Board of the American Journal of Comparative Law., October 28, funded by AU WCL.
- 2023 BOLOGNA UNIVERSITY, ITALY, CONFERENCE ON LAW, TECHNOLOGY AND AI IN EUROPEAN LAW, Presentation on *The End of EU law Stories? Over Anonymization at the CJEU*. February 17, funded by Bologna.
- 2023 University of Luxembourg, Panel on edited volume *Researching the ECJ*, funded by University of Luxembourg, May 17, funded by Luxembourg.
- 2024 ABA Expert Mission to Warsaw, contributed to the drafting and presented the Free Court Foundation Report on *Business and the Rule of Law*, May 19, funded by ABA.
- 2023 EUSA PITTSBURG, Panel on edited volume *Researching the ECJ*, May 5.
- 2023 Boston University, Commenting on Bojan Bugaric paper on Sanctions and presented paper on the *Anti-authoritarian dialogue of the ECJ*, February 22, funded by BU.
- 2022 Organized and chaired the workshop on *Women and Courts*, addressing the challenges for women judges in EU and US federal courts, sponsored by the EU program on Women in Leadership and so-sponsored by the Women and the Law, the Health Law and Policy Program and the Program on International Organization Law and Development. October 11 at AU WCL.
- 2022 Presentation on book project entitled *Misuses of Comparative law in International Development*, at iCourts 3.0, Conference at the Center of Excellence for International courts at the University of Copenhagen, October 4th, funded by iCourts
- 2022 Presentation on *Critical Direction in EU law*, Seminar organized at AUWCL sponsored by Jean Monnet Center of Excellence on Thursday September 29th.
- 2022 Presentation of the paper *The Anti-Authoritarian dialogue of the ECJ*, for the workshop the ECJ as a Relational Actor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden September 12.
- 2022 Presentation of the paper, *Failures of Comparability in Global Governance* at the University of Vienna as part of the workshop on Emiliós Christodoulidis' book *Redress of Law* (2021). Vienna, June 29-30, funded by Uni Vienna
- 2022 Presentation in French on *L'Influence Italienne sur le droit Européen, The Italian influence on European law*. This will take place at Paris-Est University, Creteil, June 27-28, funded by University of Paris.
- 2022 Presentation on book project on the *Italian Influence on European Law: Italian Judges and Advocates General at the ECJ (1952-2000)* workshop in Rome, LUISS June 24-5 (funded by AU and LUISS)
- 2022 Copenhagen iCourts Book Launch MIKAEL RASK MADSEN, FERNANDA G. NICOLA AND ANTOINE VAUCHEZ Eds., *RESEARCHING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE*:

- METHODOLOGICAL SHIFTS AND LAW'S EMBEDDEDNESS (Cambridge University Press, 2022) May 11 sponsored by iCourts, Center of Excellence for international courts, University of Copenhagen.
- 2022 Presentation of the US Legal system to [EFLIT, English for Law](#) group of 35 Italian lawyers and judges visiting AUWCL for a study abroad program in Washington DC and Philadelphia, April 22, 2022.
 - 2022 State of Women, Sage-Russel Foundation, Presentation on *Women in Courts: Comparing SCOTUS and European Court of Justice*. April 15.
 - 2022 NYU HAUSER GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL PROGRAM, Book Launch, AUTHORITARIANISM: CONSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVES, by Günter Frankenberg moderated by Gráinne de Búrca, book presentation April 13.
 - 2022 Presentation of the paper, *The Anti-Authoritarian Dialogue of the European Court of Justice* , at the conference hosted by the University of Gothenburg School of Law, December 16-17
 - 2022 Talk featuring my article [Legal Diplomacy in an Age of Authoritarianism](#)” on April 20th <https://www.pennreg.org/law-and-governance/> Discussants: Karen Alter (Northwestern), Gráinne de Búrca (NYU), Erin Delaney (Northwestern), and Neysun Mahboubi (Penn) April 20, 2022.
 - 2021 Presentation of [Distributive analysis of EU law](#), at the Emerging Voices in EU Law & Social Justice Workshop organized by Ivana Isailovic, University of Amsterdam School of Law, November 18
 - 2021 Presentation [on Clubhouse: The Polish Challenge to the Future of the European Union](#), Penn Law School, Program on Law & Governance, October 29.
 - 2021 Presentation at the ASCL “Hot Topics Plenary: COVID and Legal Trajectories across the Globe: Continuity or Transformation? *Reconciling Populism and Constitutionalism: The Italian Model to Fight COVID-19*, University of Wisconsin, October 20.
 - 2021 Presentation of my book chapter [The Failure to Grapple with Racial Capitalism in European Constitutionalism](#), at the Global Systemic Racism Book Conference organized Kristen Barnes and David Oppenheimer, Berkeley Law School, September 17.
 - 2021 Workshop at the ICON Conference on the book AUTHORITARIANISM: CONSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVES, by Günter Frankenberg, July 15
 - 2021 Presentation on *Great Judgments of the European Court of Justice: Rethinking the Landmark Decisions of the Foundational Period* (Cambridge 2019). Advocate General Gerard Hogan & Professor Fernanda Nicola, Trinity College, Dublin, April 15, 2021.
 - 2021 Presentation for ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, *Compartmenting Regulatory Response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, One Year on*, March 12.
 - 2020 Presentation on EU LAW IN POPULIST TIMES, CRISES AND PROSPECTS, FRANCESCA BIGNAMI ED, GW School of Law, February 27 and forthcoming book review for AJCL.

- 2020 Presentation, *How to work with the CJEU's archives as an EU lawyer*, EUI workshop on THE COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE ARCHIVES PROJECT: FIRST FINDINGS AND NEXT STEPS, 20 February 2020 Florence, Italy.
- 2020 *The Power of Women Judges at the CJEU*, AALS, International and Women in Legal education sections, Washington D.C., 2020.
- 2020 *Legal Diplomacy in an Age of Authoritarianism*, Maryland Law School Comparative Constitutional Law Workshop, Baltimore, January 21, 2020.
- 2019 *Brexit Legal Diplomacy*, AU Symposium Brexit Countdown, October 15 Washington D.C. While Brexit has raised many multifaceted political questions, the legal dimension of the UK's decision to leave the EU is another vastly complex challenge. Professor of Law Fernanda Nicola, who specializes in EU and comparative law, participated in a panel discussion at American University main campus on October 15, 2019 under the theme *Countdown to Brexit: Causes, Consequences and Controversies*. She presented her research on the interactions between UK and EU courts in their recent judgements related to Brexit. She concluded that the UK Supreme Court and the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) have become willingly or unwillingly major players in determining the legal boundaries of Brexit, in light of the vague guidelines in article 50 of the Treaty of the EU.
- 2019 *Reforming International Investment Law: Comparing Goals, Expertise and Strategies in the creation of the Multilateral Investment Court*, American Society of Comparative Law, October 17, Columbia Missouri School of Law, MO.
- 2019 *Comparing EU and US Jurisprudence on Rule of Law*, Aggiornamenti sulla Rule of Law nel Diritto dell'Unione Europea, Federico II, Naples July 9, 2020 (part of AU WCL and Federico II MOU for University Partnership).
- 2019 *Bottom Up Narratives at the European Court of Justice*, May 24 at l'Université Saint-Louis on *Les récits judiciaires de l'Europe*, Brussels and June 22 at the University of Amsterdam workshop on the *Beyond Method: The Politics of Legal Research*.
- 2019 *At the Origins of the Legal Services of the European Parliament*, article with Antonio Caiola presented at the Conference on June 18-19 at the Max-Planck Institute for Legal History in Frankfurt on *The Contribution of the Legal Services of the European Institutions*.
- 2019 *The Absent Ideology of Racial Capitalism in European Constitutional Imaginaries* (European Law Journal, symposium on European Constitutional imaginaries, submitted 2020) *article* with Jeff Miller, presented at IMAGINE workshop with Jan Komárek on May 22, 2019 iCourts, Copenhagen.
- 2019 *The Fragmented Reception of the GDPR in the United States*, Paper presented in Paris on March 20 for the Transnational European Network of Experts organized by Paris I Sorbonne, Paris-II Assas and the Association des Notaires.
- 2019 *The "Italian Style" in the Opinions of the Advocates General*, paper for the conference on The advocate General at the CJEU: The Linguistic Aspect, Dublin, January 14
- 2018 Paper Presentation on *The Legal Diplomacy of the CJEU*, iCourts, Copenhagen University, November 2.

- 2018 *Three Consumers stories and the Reception of the GDPR in the US*, presentation at the University of Florence at the National Congress SIRD October 28
- 2018 Paper Presentation, *Comparative Law and Development: A Critical Approach* in Bogota, Colombia IGLP Uni Andes, August 27
- 2018 Paper Presentation on the *The Rule of Law Crisis in the EU* at Harvard Law School for HELA Symposium 2018 on The Future of EU and US Integration: State, National and Supranational Power Balance, April 6

PAST PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 *Judicial Diplomacy in Luxembourg*, paper presented at LUISS, March and Federico II, Naples in May
- 2017 *EU Law Stories*, Book Launch and presentation at EUI conference on *The EU's constitutional foundation and the Court of Justice, 1957-2017*, March
- 2017 *Luxembourg style with or without the UK*, Fordham Law School, February
- 2016 *Cities and Climate Change*, Law Justice and Development Week, World Bank, December 5 <https://eventmobi.com/ljdweek2016/agenda/191422/1000013>
- 2016 *National Legal Traditions at Work in the Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union*, EU Law Scholarship Roundtable at Boston College, November 17
- 2016 *Genealogies of Cost Benefit Analysis in Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation*, Comparative Regulation: Transatlantic perspectives on rule-making, cost-benefit analysis, and regulatory cooperation at Boston Law School, September 9
- 2016 *Introduction to EU law Stories: Contextual and Critical Histories in European Jurisprudence and Private Actors and Public Regulators in International Trade Agreements: The Case of TTIP* at CES, Resilient Europe, Philadelphia, April 14
- 2016 *Océano Grupo: Missed Opportunities and a Second Life for EU Consumer Law* at the LUISS Workshop on Shaping legal identities in EU law, Rome, December 4
- 2016 *The External Dimension of EU Investment Law: Of Jurisdictional Clashes and Public Interest* Madrid, University of Carlos III, December 3
- 2015 *The External Dimension of EU Investment Law* paper presented at Boston University, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Moving towards Transatlantic Economic Integration, October 8
- 2015 *The Politicization of Expertise: Transparency in the TTIP Negotiations and EU Law Stories* presentations at EUSA, Boston, March 10
- 2015 *Genealogies of Cost-Benefit Analysis in Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation*, Harvard Law School; IGLP workshop; June 1-3
- 2015 *The Politicization of European Judicial Narratives in the Academic Discourse*, University of Zagreb conference on *American Critical Legal Studies Perspective on the*

- Role of the Court of Justice of the European Union - Transformation or Re-Constitution of Europe*, June 28
- 2015 *TTIP and the challenge of ISDS* at AALS for the EU law section, Washington, January 2015
- 2014 *Genealogies of Cost-Benefit Analysis in Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation* Berkeley University, October 13
- 2014 *The Global Diffusion of U.S. Legal Thought: Waning Influence, National Security and Legal Education in “Crisis”* Los Andes, Bogota, August 20
- 2014 *Océano Grupo: Missed Opportunities and a Second Life for EU Consumer Law*; Law and Society in Minneapolis, May 31
- 2014 *EU law stories in European Jurisprudence*, at EU law roundtable, Columbia Law School, May 2
- 2014 *The Politics of Regulatory Cooperation and the Divergence in Administrative Cultures in TTIP* at the Council for European Studies conference, Washington D.C., March 14
- 2014 Commented and organized the *EU law stories conference*, sponsored by AU Washington College of Law and School of Public Affairs and EUSA, March 13
- 2014 *Will TTIP create a Transnational Legal Order?* conference on *New Approaches to International Regulatory Cooperation*, at the Institute for International Law & Justice, NYU Law School, February 10
- 2014 *Comparative Urban Governance and Works in Progress in Comparative Law*, Chaired and organized panel at AALS annual meeting in NYC, January 2014
- 2014 *Global diffusion of US Legal Education and its Crisis*, presented Harvard Law School in the IGLP program on Comparative Law, June 2013
- 2013 *Intimate Liability: Tort Law, Family Law and the Stereotyped Narratives of Interspousal Torts* Faculty Talk at William and Mary School of Law, March 2013
- 2012 *Global diffusion of US Legal Education and its Crisis* Drexel Law School, Journal Symposium “Building Global Professionalism”, Philadelphia, October 12
- 2012 *Beyond the Greek/German Divide in the Euro-Zone Crisis*, Iowa School of Law, ASCL, Annual 2012 meeting, “Hot Topics” session of the Global Financial crisis, October 6
- 2012 *Conceptions of Justice from Below: Distributive Justice as a Means to Address Local Conflicts in European Law and Policy* London School of Economics, Europe’s Justice Deficit? Beyond Good Governance; September 22
- 2012 *Invisible Cities in Europe*; Harvard Law School, The European Legal Project: New Approaches; Friday April 13
- 2012 *The Court of Justice and the Eurocrisis* Drexel Law School, Constitutional and Economic Implications of the EU Financial Crisis, March 22
- 2012 *Intimate Liability: Tort Law, Family Law and the Stereotyped Narratives of Interspousal Torts* Faculty talk, Temple University, Basely School of Law, Nov. 7

- 2011 *Beyond Legal Convergence: Intimate Liability in the US, France and Italy*, at the Third Globalization of Legal Thought, Boulder, Colorado, October 17
- 2011 *The False Promise of Decentralization in EU Cohesion Policy*, Law paper presented at Law and Society, San Francisco, Comparative Administrative Law IV: Development, Privatization, Legitimacy June 2011 and at Tulane Law School, conference on THE EUROPEAN UNION 20 YEARS AFTER MAASTRICHT—TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVES, March 17
- 2010 *The European Regional jurisprudence: A Local Critique of Labor and Cohesion Policy* conference on “The State of the European Economic Union” organized by the EU Center of Excellence, Washington DC. Paper on, November 7
- 2010 *Family Law Exceptionalism in Comparative Law*; presented at XVIIIth International Congress of Comparative Law, Washington D.C., July 20 and at Paris I Sorbonne, for Comparative Law Seminar of Cornell Summer Institute, July 9

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Roundtable Commentator on *Legal Scholarship and Foreign Legal Systems*, Baltimore School of Law, The Fate of Scholarship in American Law Schools, March 31
- 2015 *The Legacy of the City as a Legal Concept*, Harvard Law School; IGLP; June 1-3
- 2010 *The European Regional jurisprudence: A Local Critique of Labor and Cohesion Policy* Harvard Law School, Developing Europe conference, April 17, 2010
- 2010 *The Family Law in Comparative Law: Rene David and the Ethiopian Civil Code* Cornell Law School, Modernization and Development in the Middle East, North Africa and beyond; April 9
- 2010 *Harmonization of Private Law in Europe*, Lecture at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 *Family Law Exceptionalism in Comparative Law* Faculty presentation at Wayne State Law School, January 25
- 2009 *Federal-Local Cooperation in the US and the EU*; Public and Infrastructure Finance in the Wake of the Financial Crisis: Emerging Legal and Policy Resources AU WCL, November 9
- 2009 *La excepcionalidad de la familia en el derecho comparado*; University of Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, November 5
- 2009 *Pluralism and Decentralization in EU Labor Law*; Law and Society Conference in Denver, Colorado, paper on, May 31
- 2009 *Invisible Cities in Europe*, CES Speaker Series, Harvard University, April 28
- 2009 *The Problem with City Empowerment in Federal Regimes*; The Learning City, Conference at Osgoode, Toronto, March 5
- 2008 *Comparative Local Government in the EU and US*; Law and Society Conference in Montreal, Canada; May 30

- 2008 *The Methodologies of Comparative Family Law*, University of Virginia School of Law, Junior Faculty Workshop; May 9
- 2008 *Invisible Cities in EU Law*, Georgetown Law Center, Faculty Speaker Series, April 17
- 2008 *A Genealogy of the Access to Justice Literature in Europe and the United States* Global Conceptions on Access to Justice, AALS Section on Comparative Law, New York; January 4
- 2007 *Comparative Local Government: Federalism, Economic Development and Democracy in European Union Law*, Paper presented at Faculty Speaker Series of the Washington College of Law, September 18 and Harvard Law School, Graduate Program colloquium, December 13
- 2007 *Where is Comparative family law? From Exceptionalism to Critical Perspectives*, paper presented at the conference on Up Against Family Law Exceptionalism, Harvard Law School and Toronto Law School, September 15
- 2007 *Comparing European and U.S. Local Government Law*, conference on Global Law in Comparative Perspective, Harvard Law School, June 17
- 2007 *Final Remarks on Public Interest Lawyering from a Comparative Perspective* Interschool Junior Faculty Workshop on Poverty Law, AU WCL June 1
- 2007 *Methodologies in Comparative Family law*, Comparative Family Law workshop, AU WCL, April 15
- 2007 *European Consumer Protection: Challenges and Possibilities*, paper presented at AU conference on “The European Union, a model for the U.S.? Assessing fifty Years of the Treaty of Rome (1957-2007);” March 28. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) lunch organized by the International consumer protection division, April 15
- 2007 Presentation on Local government in the EU for the workshop on *Legal issues for city-to-city co-operation: a framework for local government international action*; held at Un-Habitat workshop Seville, Spain, January 5
- 2007 *The Rise and Fall of the European Civil Code*, Washington College of Law conference organized by the Center for North American Studies (AU) on “A North American Legal System: It is Possible? Desirable?” February 16
- 2006 *The City as a Legal Concept in EU law*, Law and Society conference, Baltimore, MD June 3
- 2006 *The Reception of Law and Economics in European adjudication*, Harvard International Law Journal conference, Cambridge, MA, March 16
- 2005 *Socialization of the Market or Marketization of the Social? The Role of Private Law in European Integration*, International PhD in Law and Economics, University of Turin, October 27, <http://www.iel-turin.it/>
- 2005 *Anti-Formalism in the Legal Scholarship of Rodolfo Sacco*, The Relationship between the Modes of Legal Rationality and Contexts of Production of Legal Discourse, Harvard Law School, April 20

- 2005 *Rethinking the Role of Legal Scholarship in the Harmonization of European Private Law*, Comparative Visions of Global Public Order, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, hosted by the Harvard International Law Journal, March 6
- 2004 *Transatlanticism: Selective Reception of U.S. Law and Economics in the Formation of European Private Law*, New World Legal Orders Conference: New Approaches Meet New Worlds of law, Toronto Law School, February 17
- 2003 *European Consumer Protection: Market or Social Citizenship for European Integration? In Rethinking Ideology & Strategy: Progressive Lawyering, Globalization and Markets*, Northeastern University, Boston, January 26