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MAIN ROLES

- Full professor with the Law Department of the University of Turin (Italy). Working on public procurement with focuses on SPP and on remedies, EU and administrative comparative law with focus on judicial protection
- Coordinator of Sustainability and Procurement in International, European, and National Systems - SAPIENS -International Training Network (SAPIENS-ITN - H2020 - MSCA ITN: Grant 956696), supervisor of ESR 7: Enforcing sustainability and social requirements in contract performance (<https://sapiensnetwork.eu/>)
- Member of the EU Trade and Investment Policy -International Training Network (EUTIP-ITN - H2020 - Marie Curie ITN:
- http://www.dg.unito.it/do/progetti.pl/Show?_id=372c)
- Professeur invité at the Universities of Marseille - Aix-en-Provence (2016) and Lyon III (2023)
- Co-director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies - CTLS London for the Academic year 2012/13 (<http://ctls.georgetown.edu/faculty-fall-2012.html>); teacher for the Academic year 2011/2012
- Director for many years of the Master program on Public Procurement management for Sustainable Development with ITCILO
- Legal Expert (since 2014) for ICLEI giving advice on the EU GPP Helpdesk - https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/green-public-procurement/green-public-procurement-helpdesk_en
- Vice chair of the Procurement Review Board of the European Space Agency
- General rapporteur to the 2014 FIDE Congress in Copenhagen: 'General Report' in U. NEERGAARD, C. JACKSON, G.S. ØLYKKe (eds) Public Procurement Law: Limitations, Opportunities and Paradoxes. The XXVI FIDE Congress in Copenhagen, 2014 Congress Publications Vol. 3 (DJØF, 2014)
- Together with the late Prof. Steen Treumer he founded the European Procurement Law Series <https://epigroup.eu/publication-category/epls/>

RECENTLY CONCLUDED PROJECTS

- H2020 Sustainable Market Actors for Sustainable Trade - SMART, dell'Università di Oslo (<https://www.smart.uio.no/>);

- EU Trade and Investment Policy -International Training Network (EUTIP-ITN - H2020 – Marie Curie ITN: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/721916>);
- CoCEAL, un ERC attribuito ai Colleghi della Cananea e Bussani (<http://www.coceal.it/>).

Contributions to recent studies:

- UNEP Sustainable Public Procurement Global Review (https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/377_I_UNEP_Global_Report_2022_EN.pdf)
- How to drive Sustainable Public Procurement forward in the European Union? Greens/EPA Group at the European Parliament (<https://www.greens-efa.eu/en/article/study/shaping-sustainablepublic-procurement-laws-in-the-european-union>)
- Due Diligence in EU Institutions Rules and Practices for the CONT Committes of the European Parliament

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

The PI is the author of more than 300 works in five languages. Among his works on EU economic law placing an emphasis on **sustainability**:

1. 'The changes to the public contract directives and the story they tell about how EU law works' 52 (2015) *Common Market Law Review* 391-459. This often-cited long article was required to the PI by the Review's editors to present the 2014 public procurement and concessions directive reform. Besides the substance of the reform, the article clarifies the divergent policy preferences of the Commission and of the European Parliament, providing insights on the role of the Court of Justice in driving fundamental aspects of the reform.
2. 'Sustainability takes centre stage in public procurement' 85(1) *Ruch Prawniczy Ekonomiczny i Socjologiczny* 2023, 41-54 (available at <https://pressto.amu.edu.pl/index.php/rpeis/article/view/37127>). This article is part of an articulated recent production including W. Janssen & R. Caranta (eds.), *Mandatory Sustainability Requirements in EU Public Procurement Law* (Oxford, Hart, 2023) and 'Towards socially responsible public procurement' ERA Forum (2022) 149-164 pushing the scholarly debate to shift the centre of gravity of public procurement from its fixation on the lowest price to a more balanced consideration of different societal goals, including through mandatory SPP.
3. Study on 'Due Diligence in EU Institutions Rules and Practices' available at [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2024/758335/IPOL_STU\(2024\)758335_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2024/758335/IPOL_STU(2024)758335_EN.pdf). This study was commissioned to C. Methven O'Brien and to the PI by the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) to investigate whether EU institutions

implement human rights and sustainability due diligence when they purchase goods and services. The Study was presented during a session of the Committee and was part of the debate leading to the adoption of Directive (EU) 2024/1760 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on corporate sustainability due diligence. The Study is part of a wider policy-oriented research which include *How to drive Sustainable Public Procurement forward in the European Union? Greens/EPA Group at the European Parliament* (<https://www.greens-efa.eu/en/article/study/shaping-sustainable-public-procurement-laws-in-the-european-union>) and

4. 'The impact of the "Farm to Fork" strategy on sustainable food and catering procurement' M. Stein, M., Mariani, R. Caranta & Y. Polychronakis (eds.). (2024). *Sustainable Food Procurement: Legal, Social and Organisational Challenges* (London, Routledge, 2024) 189-202. The chapter penned by the PI for this interdisciplinary book gives indications as to the possible lines for the design and implementation of public procurement rules for food and catering services that allow for positive impacts on both the environment and producers.

A number of other works at times going beyond European economic law combine to different degrees the **comparative law and the European legal methods**, including:

5. 'Concluding Remarks: Towards Convergence? The Road beyond Institutional and Doctrinal Path-Dependence' in G. della Cananea & R. Caranta (eds), *Tort Liability of Public Authorities in European Laws* (Oxford, OUP, 2020) 339-352; <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198867555.003.0020>. This was the first volume published from the "Common Core of European Administrative Law" (CoCEAL). Together with M. Andenas (Oslo) and J-B. Auby, the PI was part of the 'scientific committee' of the project (http://www.coceal.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=115). The PI has pioneered the comparative method in seminal works such as 'Learning from our Neighbours: Public Law Homogenization from Bottom Up' in 4 (1997) *Maastricht Journ. of Eur. Comp. L.* 220 and 'Pleading for European Comparative Administrative Law: What is the Place for Comparative Law in Europe?' in K.J. De Graaf, J.H. Jans, A. Prechal, R.J.G.M. Widdershoven (eds.) *European Administrative Law: Top-Down and Bottom-Up* (Groningen, Europa Law Publishing, 2009) 155-173) and consistently employed it, often in synergy with the European method, and this is one of its most recent applications.
5. General rapporteur to the 2014 FIDE Congress in Copenhagen: 'General Report' in U. Neergaard, C. Jackson, G.S. Ølykee (eds) *Public Procurement*

- Law: Limitations, Opportunities and Paradoxes. The XXVI FIDE Congress in Copenhagen, 2014, Congress Publications Vol. 3 (DJØF, 2014). The PI was chosen as the General rapporteur for one of the three themes of the 2014 FIDE Congress, the biennial event convening academics, judges from the EU courts and senior officials from the EU institutions to discuss the most pressing themes in EU law. He drafted the questionnaire, coordinated the work of the institutional rapporteur (from the Commission legal service) and national rapporteurs from more than ten Member States, and drafted the general report, an authoritative restatement of the law in the EU and its Member States combining both comparative law analysis and European method.
5. 'Upholding General Principles versus Distinguishing Cases: On the Use of Precedent in EU Public Procurement Law (A Case Study), in A. Sánchez Graells (ed.), Smart Public Procurement and Labour Standards. Pushing the Discussion after Regiopost (Oxford, Hart, 2018) 165-194. In this chapter the European method is applied not so much to any specific concepts but to the analysis of the case law highlighting the specificities of the EU Court approach to precedents and the difficulties that this entails for reading the judgments and predicting the directions of future cases.
 5. Article 47 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the Field of Public Procurement: Time to Take the Charter Seriously?' in M. Bonelli, M. Eliantonio & G. Gentile (eds), Article 47 of the EU Charter and Effective Judicial Protection. Volume 1: The Court of Justice's Perspective (Oxford, Hart, 2022) 213-230. The PI has been a leading author on the principle of effective judicial protection of EU law based rights and this both generally and with reference to different topics in EU economic law, including public procurement. He was invited to contribute to the first and most important collective analysis of the present constitutional foundation of that principle edited by some of the best experts in the area.
 5. 'Knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Standing for non-privileged applicants after Montessori', Common Market Law Review, No 58, 2021, pp. 173 and 174. This long case note was referred to by AG Rantos in Case C-99/21 P *Danske Slagtermestre v Commission* to highlight the inconsistency in the case law of the Court of Justice. Some of the materials in the note have been further investigated in R. Caranta, 'Bringing State aid cases to courts: the need to rethink standing' in J.J. Pernas López, L. Hancher and L. Rubini (eds), *The Future of EU State Aid Law. Consolidation and Expansion* (Madrid, EU Law Live, 2023) 71-84.
 5. 'An intellectual history of concessions and PPP law' (with P. Patrigo) Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions in the EU (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020) 17-36. The EU law conceptual focus of the PI is on this

occasion married with a historical perspective that allowed him and his colleague to clarify two fundamental concepts in public procurement law whose understanding had been complicated not just but different takes in different jurisdictions (the US, the UK and the EU) but also by different disciplines using the same words differently.