

Education and training

1980

Law Degree

For a political economy of punishment. Critical analysis of Rusche's and Kirchheimer's theses. - 110 cum laude

University of Bologna - Bologna – IT

Academic experience

2004 - ONGOING

Full Professor

University of Genoa - Genoa – IT

Teaching activities

I currently teach Philosophy of Law and Sociology of Law and Legal Professions.

Philosophy of Law. In the first part of the course I analyse the contribution of absolutism to the process of codification (17th century) and the legal and political Enlightenment (18th century). In the second part I explore the problems of the criminal question from the nineteenth century onwards. In the third part I deal with Bentham and legal positivism, Marx and the theory of rights, Nietzsche and the genealogy of morality. The fourth part is devoted to twentieth-century legal realism (Scandinavian, American, Giovanni Tarello's antinormativism).

Sociology of Law and the Legal Professions. This course is divided into four main parts. In the introductory part I illustrate the fundamental principles of teaching: an ethical-pedagogical principle (avalutativity), and three scientific principles (legal realism, historicism, duality of social structures: structure and culture). The next part analyses the relations between law and power, and between law and economics (with particular reference to modern western capitalism). The third part deepens the practical and ethical-normative contents of the main legal professions, with a privileged focus on the judicial and forensic professions. The fourth part examines the sociological-legal theories of Max Weber and Emile Durkheim.

Teaching and research activities in higher education

Supervision of doctoral students, postgraduates, postdoctoral fellows.

I supervise the research activities of postdoctoral fellows and doctoral students in the philosophy and sociology of law.

Participation on the teaching board of PhDs accredited by the Ministry.

I am a member of the teaching board of the Doctorate in Law at the University of Genoa (curriculum: philosophy of law).

Research interests

- For a science of the reality of law.
- For a new legal realism: the historical-cultural analysis of law.
- Interpretative sociology of law.
- The theory of action.
- The legal theories of Max Weber, Émile Durkheim and Georg Jellinek.
- Legal clinics.
- Rights of the elderly and social policy.
- Philosophies of punishment.
- Labour law and the history of trade union law in Italy.
- Law & Literature (especially Melville and Gadda).

Editorial activity

I am the editor in chief of the journal *Materiali per una storia della cultura giuridica*, founded by Giovanni Tarello; I also edit the series for the Degree Course in Social Work (Giappichelli, Turin) and the series *Diritto e realtà. Collana di sociologia giuridica*. (Ledizioni, Milan); I am a member of the Scientific Council of Sociology of Law.; member of the Scientific Committee of *L'Altro diritto*.; member of the Scientific Committee of *About Gender*; member of the Scientific Committee of *Calumet. Intercultural Law and Humanities Review*; member of the scientific board of *Cultura giuridica e diritto vivente*.