Università di Genova

Elena Grasso

Adjunct Professor of Comparative Private Law

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2010
Joint Ph.D. in Comparative Law, Doctoral School of Legal Sciences, University of Florence (21st cycle) and Université Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense.
Doctoral dissertation defended on March 30, 2010: "La questione della terminologia nell'Unione europea: il multilinguismo tra diritto alla differenza e uniformazione / La question de la terminologie dans l'Union européenne: le multilinguisme entre le droit à la différence et l'uniformisation". Awarded the distinction *"Très honorable avec félicitations du jury."*

2003
Law Degree (4-year program), University of Genoa.
Thesis: "The Principle of Contract Completeness and the Administration of Supervening Events: the Hardship Clause."

2001
Diplôme Universitaire de premier cycle in French Civilization, Université d'Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand.

1998
Classical High School Diploma, *Liceo Classico Andrea D'Oria*, Genoa.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2025- present
Adjunct Professor of Comparative Private Law
University of Genoa

2019-2025
Assistant Professor (RTDA) of Comparative Private Law
University of Genoa

2019-2012
Research fellow in Comparative Private Law
University of Turin

2010-2011
Research fellow at the Laboratorio dei Diritti Fondamentali (LDF)
Turin

2010-2011
Research fellow in Comparative Private Law
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TEACHING ACTIVITY

In addition to my teaching activities at the Department of Law, University of Genoa, I have contributed to the training activities of the National PhD Programme in European Studies (DISPI) and the STIET Doctoral Programme, as well as to public lectures within the UnigeSenior educational initiative.
Over the years, I have also taught abroad at the University of Antwerp (module: The Changing Status of Animals in Comparative Private Law), Université Catholique de Lyon (course: Systèmes juridiques comparés, within the UNESCO Chair "Mémoire, cultures et interculturalité"), Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, and Université François Rabelais de Tours (Master Juriste-Linguiste).

RESEARCH INTEREST

My research spans several areas of comparative private law. One line of inquiry focuses on the relationship between law and language across different national and European legal systems. A second research axis examines the comparative challenges posed by new technologies to the right to health, with particular attention to issues such as post-mortem reproduction, surrogacy, and embryo protection. A third line of research addresses consumer information and misleading labelling in food law. Additionally, part of my research has been devoted, from a comparative perspective, to the Third Sector, citizenship income, and the implementation of Directive 2014/92/EU (Payment Accounts Directive – PAD).

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

I have delivered seminars and lectures both in Italy and abroad. I have carried out research stays at several international academic institutions, including the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne; the Centre for European Private Law, University of Münster (funded by the Heinrich-Hertz Stiftung); Tsinghua University, Beijing, within the EU-funded Marie Curie IRSES EPSEI project; the Swiss Institute of Health Law, Neuchâtel; and the Université François Rabelais, Tours.
I have been a member of the following academic societies: the Italian Society for Research in Comparative Law (SIRD), the Henri Capitant Association of Friends of French Legal Culture, the Italian Society of Civil Law Scholars (SISDiC), and the Italian Society for Fertility, Sterility and Reproductive Medicine (S.I.F.E.S.–M.R.).

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

Member of the Genoa editorial team of DPCE Online law journal (since November 2019).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French	English	Spanish
Expert	Expert	Good