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Ravenna Campus

# Summer School

## Transnational litigation: current issues in civil and commercial matters

**19-23 July 2021**

Palazzo Verdi, via G. Pasolini 23, Ravenna, Italy  
(in presence and also online)

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## Introducing the Summer School

The Department of Juridical Sciences of the University of Bologna (Italy), Ravenna Campus, has organized a Summer School on *Transnational jurisdiction: current issues in civil and commercial matters*, to be held in Ravenna (and online), on July 19-23, 2021.

The relevance of cross-border litigation is growing. The diffusion of world-wide online activities and the globalisation of economic and financial activities lead to the spreading of transnational disputes, which involve issues of jurisdiction, private international law, remedies available, harmonisation of procedural rules.

The program of the Summer School deals with various issues of transnational litigation, in a comparative perspective, with both a theoretical and a practical approach.

The Faculty of the Summer School is composed of experts from different jurisdictions, focusing on several aspects of private international and procedural law.

The Director of the School is Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi, who teaches Civil Procedural Law and European Judicial Cooperation at the University of Bologna.

The Summer School is aimed at law students as well as law graduates and law practitioners who want to obtain a specialised knowledge in this complex and fascinating area of International civil procedure.

The lectures, if the conditions will make it possible, will be held in a blended way, both in presence and online.

The pre-registration form and the program of the Summer School may be downloaded from this link:

It is possible to register until **2 July 2021**. The registration fee is **200,00 €**.

**Call for application** available here:

<https://site.unibo.it/transnational-tort-litigation/en>

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The Bar Association of Ravenna will grant **20 formative credits** to lawyers who participate in the Summer School.

## **The Summer School Program**

### **Apostolos Anthimos**

*Cross-border service in civil and commercial matters*

### **Evangelia Asimakopoulou**

*International jurisdiction for legal persons, according the Regulation 1215/2012: special issues and recent developments*

### **Giovanni Chiapponi**

*Time limits in EU cross-border civil litigation and their impact on the right to a fair trial*

### **Elena D'Alessandro**

*Brexit: consequences in transnational litigation in civil and commercial matters*

### **Marco Farina**

*How to draft choice of court and arbitration agreements: cases and materials*

### **Francesca Ferrari**

*Taking of evidence in cross-border litigation*

### **Elisaveta Gromova**

*Torts of the future: new liability questions and regulatory implications of autonomous vehicles (transnational issues)*

### **Maria Chira Marullo**

*Corporations and Transnational Litigations: Kiobel, Vedanta and Ikebiri*

### **Lina Mikaloniene**

*Piercing the corporate veil: a private international law perspective*

### **Elena Alina Ontanu**

*Cross-border debt recovery: A simple complexity via European dedicated procedures  
European procedures and consumer rights: balancing interests in delivering justice*

### **Emma Roberts**

*Cross-border road traffic accidents and the Rome II Regulation  
Applicable law in cross-border non-contractual obligations II: Exceptions to the  
General Rule  
Applicable law in cross-border non-contractual obligations III: Case Studies*

**Zheng Sophia Tang**

*International judicial cooperation: A Chinese perspective*

**Louise Ellen Teitz**

*Introduction to American courts and litigation (court structure state and federal, subject matter jurisdiction)*

*Where can I sue and be sued -Adjudicative / personal jurisdiction*

*Forum/s selection - transfer of forum, forum non conveniens, lis pendens, and parallel litigation*

*Planning for Dispute Resolution - transactional and commercial: choice of forum, choice of law, party autonomy*

*Enforcing Judgments and the new Hague Conventions: Hague 2019 Judgments Convention and Hague 2005 Choice of Court Convention*

**Laura von Bochove**

*Locating the place of damage in cases of purely economic loss*

## The Director



**Michele Angelo Lupoi** is associate professor of the Department of legal studies of the University of Bologna. He teaches Civil procedural law (Ravenna Campus) and European judicial cooperation and Civil commercial litigation (Bologna Campus). He is a lawyer of the Bologna Bar Association. He has written extensively in matters of transnational litigation, cross-border jurisdiction, procedural family law, and other areas of civil procedure. He is an editor of the International journal of civil procedure and of the *Rivista trimestrale di diritto e procedura civile* and is a member of the *Associazione italiana tra gli studiosi del processo civile*, the International association of procedural law, and the European association of private international law.

## The Faculty

(in alphabetical order)



**Apostolos Anthimos** is attorney at law, Thessaloniki Bar, Greece; Ph.D. in International Civil Litigation (2002); he has two masters of Laws from the University of Hanover, Germany (1994) and Thessaloniki (1997). He has published four monographs on Civil procedure and conflict of laws and various publications on topics related to European and international private international law, arbitration and dispute resolution, EU law and civil procedure. He is lecturer of civil procedure, arbitration and mediation, and law on succession at the European University of Cyprus (Department of Greek law). He is co-editor of [www.conflictolaws.net](http://www.conflictolaws.net) / [www.eapil.org/blog](http://www.eapil.org/blog) and founding, Board and Steering Committee Member of the European Association of Private international law. He is a member of the EU expert group on Modernization of Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters (2018).



**Evangelia Asimakopoulou** is Post-Doc Researcher of International procedural law (*Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*). She practices as a lawyer in Thessaloniki and teaches law in the public and private sectors. Her PhD thesis topic is “*The modern approach of fact finding and evidence methods in civil procedure*” (2017), under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Kalliopi Makridou. Her second monograph is titled “*Claims for damages for the infringement of free competition law, procedural aspects of law 4529/2018, especially fact provoking and evidence (Dir. 2014/104/EU)*” (2018), with a preface by Mr. Zavvos, Deputy Minister of Finance in Greece (2019-).



**Giovanni Chiapponi** is a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law in the Department of European and comparative procedural law. He is currently attending a PhD at the University of Luxembourg under the supervision of Prof. Burkhard Hess. His research topic deals with time limits in European civil procedural law. He is carrying out a comparative research of time limits in civil proceedings which may obstacle judicial cooperation in civil matters.



**Elena D'Alessandro** is professor of Civil procedure at the University of Turin, Italy. Before joining the University of Turin, she received a Humboldt Fellowship for conducting academic research in Germany. In the fall semester 2019, she was co- director of the Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. Professor D'Alessandro's scholarship mainly focuses on European civil procedure.



**Marco Farina** holds a PhD degree in Civil Procedure from the Sapienza University of Rome (2007). He is Adjunct Professor (*Professore a contratto*) of Civil procedure at the Law faculty of LUISS University of Rome. He regularly lectures and speaks at academic and professional conferences. He is author of one book and around 50 papers covering different areas of civil procedure (both domestic and transnational) and insolvency law. He is a practicing lawyer since 2003 and has been entitled to practice before the Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*) since 2016. He is a member of the European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL) and of the Associazione Italiana fra gli Studiosi del Processo Civile (AISPC).



**Francesca Ferrari** is associate professor of Civil procedural law at Università degli Studi dell’Insubria, Como-Varese. She has been visiting professor at the Harvard Law School and at the University of Maastricht. She is author of three books and of various publications on civil procedure, evidence, comparative civil procedure and intellectual property, both in Italian and in English. She is also a lawyer at the Milan Bar specialized in intellectual property and media law.



**Elizaveta A. Gromova** is an associate professor at the Department of Business, Competition, Ecological Law, South Ural State University. She is also Deputy Director for the International Cooperation and the Coordinator of the LLM Program "Law and Digital Technologies" of the Institute of Law of South Ural State University (National Research University), Russia. She is a guest lecturer at the University of Maribor (Slovenia) and AMBRA University (USA). Researcher at the International Research Projects “LegalTech: Legal Regulation of AI and Robotics, Legal Provision of the Digital Economy and Creation of the Smart Law for Smart Industry” and “Legal regulation of the Implementation of the Components of Digital Industry in Industrial Regions”. Author of a monograph and textbook and numerous articles in the sphere of business law and law and digital technologies. Her field of expertise includes business law, investment law, and TechLaw.





**Maria Chiara Marullo** is assistant professor of Private international law, Law Faculty, Department of Private Law, Universitat Jaume I, Spain. She is a member of the network: REDH-EXATA, [redhexata.com](http://redhexata.com). She is doctor *cum laude* and Jaime Brunet Award for the best doctoral thesis for the promotion of Human Rights, Public University of Navarra (2016). Maria Chiara Marullo is also a researcher in the European Projects: «SMART Sustainable Market Actors for Responsible Trade» (2016-2020) and «Human Rights in Business» (2014-2016).



**Lina Mikalonienė** is an associate professor at Vilnius University Faculty of Law. Her main specialization is Company law, in particular in the field of closely held companies. She is a member of the European Commission's [Informal Group of Company Law Expert](#) (ICLEG) and a member of [Daughters of Themis: International Network of Female Business Scholars](#).



**Elena Alina Ontanu** is an assistant professor of Private international law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands) and a lawyer of the Bucharest Bar Association (Romania). She is a member of the European Association of Private international law (EAPIL) Working Group on the Feasibility of a European Private International Law Act and an editor of the EAPIL Blog. Previously, she acted as a member of the Expert Group set by the European Commission for the reviewing of Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence Regulations. Her research interests focus on cross-border litigation and transnational dispute resolution, digitalisation of procedures, techno-legal platforms, data ownership and AI accountability, securing access to justice in a transnational context, and quality of justice.



**Emma Roberts** is a Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Programme Leader in Law at the University of Chester (UK). Her doctoral thesis and subsequent publications focus on the Rome II Regulation. She is the Director of the University of Chester's Research Forum in Globalisation and International Law and the Chair of the Seminar Sub-Committee for the regional Law Society in Chester and North Wales. She also serves on the Joint UK-Brussels Law Society Private International Law Working Group.



**Zheng Sophia Tang** is a professor at the Wuhan University, Institute of International Law, the deputy Dean at the Academy of International Law and Governance of the Newcastle University. She also taught law at the University of Leeds and the University of Aberdeen before. She is a barrister-at-law and an accredited mediator. Prof. Tang is specialised in private international law, consumer law, international commercial arbitration, and Chinese law, in which she has published extensively. She is an editor of [conflictoflaws.net](http://conflictoflaws.net) and a member of the advisory board of the *Journal of Private International Law*.



**Louise Ellen Teitz** is professor of Law, Roger Williams Law School, Bristol, RI. She is a renowned scholar of private international law and international procedural law. She served as First Secretary at the Hague Conference. Her academic areas of expertise include private international law, and international: litigation, dispute resolution, business transactions, and family law. Teitz has taught and been a visiting scholar at several US and European law schools, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT. Professor Teitz is the author of two books and numerous articles on international law subjects. She was a member of the US Delegation for the Hague Judgments Convention and Choice of Court Agreements Convention, and is a member of the US Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law. She is a member of the ALI, the International Association of Procedural Law, International Academy of Comparative Law and is a U.S. representative to the ILA's Protection of Privacy and International Commercial Arbitration Committees.



**Laura van Bochove** is assistant professor at Leiden University. She has a keen interest in international tort law and has written several papers on the private international law aspects of cases regarding financial loss, such as investment losses and cartel damage. As a legal advisor, she was involved in various cases, including the well-known case between *Vereniging voor Effectenbezitters* and *BP*.

## Schedule of classes

### July 19

8,30 - 9,00	<b>Lupoi</b>	Opening of the Summer School - Presentation of the program
9,00 - 9,50	<b>Teitz</b>	Introduction to American courts and litigation (court structure state and federal, subject matter jurisdiction)
10,00 - 10,50	<b>Teitz</b>	Where can I sue and be sued--Adjudicative / personal jurisdiction
11,00 - 11,50	<b>Tang</b>	International Judicial Cooperation: A Chinese Perspective
12,00 - 12,50	<b>Tang</b>	International Judicial Cooperation: A Chinese Perspective
14,10 - 15,00	<b>Teitz</b>	Where can I sue and be sued--Adjudicative / personal jurisdiction
15,10 - 16,00	<b>Teitz</b>	Forum/s selection - transfer of forum, forum non conveniens, lis pendens, and parallel litigation
16,10 - 17,00	<b>Chiapponi</b>	Time limits in EU cross-border civil litigation and their impact on the right to a fair trial
17,10 - 18,00	<b>Chiapponi</b>	Time limits in EU cross-border civil litigation and their impact on the right to a fair trial

### July 20

9,00 - 9,50	<b>Teitz</b>	Planning for Dispute Resolution - transactional and commercial: choice of forum, choice of law, party autonomy
10,00 - 10,50	<b>Teitz</b>	Planning for Dispute Resolution - transactional and commercial: choice of forum, choice of law, party autonomy
11,00 - 11,50	<b>Gromova</b>	Torts of the Future: New Liability Questions and Regulatory Implications of Autonomous Vehicles (transnational issues)
12,00 - 12,50	<b>Gromova</b>	Torts of the Future: New Liability Questions and Regulatory Implications of Autonomous Vehicles (transnational issues)
14,10 - 15,00	<b>Farina</b>	How to draft choice of court and arbitration agreements: cases and materials
15,10 - 16,00	<b>Farina</b>	How to draft choice of court and arbitration agreements: cases and materials
16,10 - 17,00	<b>Roberts</b>	Applicable law in cross-border non-contractual obligations I: Background and General Rule
17,10 - 18,00	<b>Roberts</b>	Applicable law in cross-border non-contractual obligations II: Exceptions to the General Rule

### July 21

9,00 - 9,50	<b>Teitz</b>	Enforcing Judgments and the new 2019 Judgments and 2005 Choice of Court Hague Conventions
10,00 - 10,50	<b>Teitz</b>	Enforcing Judgments and the new 2019 Judgments and 2005 Choice of Court Hague Conventions
11,00 - 11,50	<b>Ferrari</b>	Taking of evidence in cross-border litigation
12,00 - 12,50	<b>Ferrari</b>	Taking of evidence in cross-border litigation
14,10 - 15,00	<b>D'Alessandro</b>	Brexit: consequences in transnational litigation in civil and commercial matters
15,10 - 16,00	<b>D'Alessandro</b>	Brexit: consequences in transnational litigation in civil and commercial matters
16,10 - 17,00	<b>Roberts</b>	Applicable law in cross-border non-contractual obligations III: Case Studies
17,10 - 18,00	<b>Roberts</b>	Cross-border road traffic accidents and the Rome II Regulation
18,10 - 19,00	<b>Roberts</b>	Applicable law in cross-border product liability cases: an overview'

### July 22

9,00 - 9,50	<b>Von Bochove</b>	Locating the place of damage in cases of purely economic loss
10,00 - 10,50	<b>Von Bochove</b>	Locating the place of damage in cases of purely economic loss
11,00 - 11,50	<b>Mikaloniene</b>	Piercing the corporate veil: a private international law perspective
12,00 - 12,50	<b>Mikaloniene</b>	Piercing the corporate veil: a private international law perspective
14,10 - 15,00	<b>Ontanu</b>	Cross-border debt recovery: A simple complexity via European dedicated procedures
15,10 - 16,00	<b>Ontanu</b>	Cross-border debt recovery: A simple complexity via European dedicated procedures
16,10 - 17,00	<b>Ontanu</b>	European procedures and consumer rights: balancing interests in delivering justice

### July 23

9,00 - 9,50	<b>Asimakopoulou</b>	International jurisdiction for legal persons in Regulation 1215/2012: special issues and recent developments
10,00 - 10,50	<b>Marullo</b>	Corporations and Transnational Litigations: <i>Kiobel, Vedanta and Ikebiri</i>
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12,00 - 12,50	<b>Anthimos</b>	Cross-border service in civil and commercial matters
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All the lectures on July 23 will be **online only**.