



CROSS-BORDER LITIGATION AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Summer School

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INTRODUCING THE SUMMER SCHOOL



The world-wide **relevance of cross-border civil litigation is growing**. The diffusion of world-wide online activities, the higher mobility of people and families across national borders, the globalisation of economic and financial activities have contributed to increase the relevance of transnational disputes.

Such disputes present complicated issues of jurisdiction, applicable law, available remedies, recognition and enforcement of foreign decisions and it is **fundamental, for both law students and law practitioners, to have a deep understanding of this dimension**.

Several years ago, the Department of Legal Studies of the University of Bologna has started a specific program dedicated to this area of the law: the **Ravenna Summer School on cross-border litigation and international arbitration**.

It all started in 2019, when Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi decided to create, at the University's Ravenna Campus, a space for discussion and dialogue on cross-border litigation. His goal was to create a community of scholars and enthusiasts of the subject, to explore together issues of common interest, in a convivial atmosphere. A Summer School was considered to be the best way to create such a community: an intensive event, of necessarily concentrated duration, to enable the creation of a community for studying and researching.

The place was immediately identified in the city of Ravenna, an ancient imperial capital, rich in history and culture, where Dante's poetry meets the joy of living of the Romagnola Riviera.

In July 2019, therefore, the first edition of the Summer School was held. After a “ghost” second edition in 2020, year after year, the Summer School established itself as an important reality in the field of private international law. Every year, the Ravenna Summer School offers a different program, in an effort to always bring something new to the participants (especially because several of them keep returning, year after year!). Since 2024, **the program combines topics of transnational litigation before State courts and international arbitration**.

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While at the core of the program lies the European space of justice and its private international law regulations, the comparative and international perspective has strengthened over time, with several lecturers coming from non EU countries. The approach is both theoretical and practical: **lectures mix with workshop and also with roundtables** dedicated to specific topics.

The Faculty of the Summer School is composed of experts from different jurisdictions with very diverse professional and cultural backgrounds. The Director of the School is **Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi**, who teaches Civil Procedural Law at the University of Bologna. The Vice-Director of the School is **Marco Farina**, Adjunct Professor of Civil Procedural Law in Rome.

The Ravenna Summer School is directed 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.

It is possible to attend the Ravenna Summer School **both in person and online**.

MAIN INFORMATION

Registrations to the Ravenna Summer School are open now

Applicants may register following the procedure described at <https://site.unibo.it/transnational-litigation/en/fees-and-forms>.

It is **possible to register until 30 June 2025**.

The **registration fee is 300,00 €**.

Until 30 April 2025 (23.59 CET) those who are entitled to **apply to the call for papers** can send their applications to try to **attend the Summer School free of charge**.

MAIN INFORMATION

For information on the program, please contact the Director, Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi, at micheleangelo.lupoi@unibo.it.

If you need specific information to participate or after the application, please address your e-mail to the Tutor, Zsofia Ancsin, at zsofia.ancsin2@unibo.it.

A certificate of attendance will be released to every participant at the end of the Summer School.

In September 2022, a **newsletter called "Transnational litigation pills"** was created on LinkedIn. It has been conceived as a virtual companion to the Ravenna Summer School and it aims at letting jurists from all over the world present, all through the year, their views about the topics to which the Summer School is dedicated, to spread information, start discussions, share opinions, expand the network of Private International Law and Cross-Border Litigation enthusiasts.

The call for contributions to the newsletter is always open.

It is possible to read the newsletter editions and to subscribe to it here: <https://www.linkedin.com/newsletters/6963604527434354688/>

It is also possible to follow news, activities and information about the Ravenna Summer School on transnational litigation on  [LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/86636461/admin/dashboard/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/86636461/admin/dashboard/)



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Marie-Élodie Ancel



Marie-Élodie Ancel is a professor at University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, where she mostly teaches private international law and comparative law. Professor Ancel regularly publishes case notes and articles related to dispute resolution and applicable law, mostly regarding contracts, intellectual property and e-commerce. Her first book was dedicated to *La prestation caractéristique du contrat* (Economica, 2002) in French law and European private international law. Co-author with Professors Pascale Deumier and Malik Laazouzi of a book on international contracts (Sirey, 2020), she has also been working with Professor Hélène Gaudemet-Tallon on the new editions of her book *Compétence et exécution des jugements en Europe* (LGDJ) since 2018. In 2013, she created Lynxlex, an online legal database dedicated to the private international law instruments of the European Union. Furthermore, Professor Ancel is one of the vice-chairpersons of the Comité français de droit international privé, a member of the Comité français de l'arbitrage and one of the co-founders of the International Academy for Arbitration Law (Arbitration Academy).

Cristina Antonello

Cristina Antonello is an associate at PARAGON Advocacy in Vienna. She specializes in international arbitration and litigation and has represented clients in cases involving a range of common and civil-law jurisdictions. She has experience in *ad hoc* as well as in institutional arbitrations conducted under major institutional rules (including the Vienna, ICC, DIS, HKIAC and the CAM-Milan Rules). Prior to joining PARAGON, Cristina worked as a trainee lawyer in Italy and as an arbitration paralegal in Austria. She has contributed to various publications on topical issues in alternative dispute resolution and is a member of several international arbitration associations. Cristina studied law in Italy (University of Ferrara) as well as in Austria (University of Graz) and is admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law (*avvocato*).



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Chiara Azzaroni is a PhD Student at the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Bologna – Alma Mater Studiorum, where she conducts research on cross-border litigation, with a particular focus on issues of international jurisdiction. She also researches international arbitration and arbitration-related litigation.

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Giovanni Chiapponi is legal administrator at the Court of Justice of the European Union and post-doc researcher in private international law at the University of Florence. He holds a PhD in law at the universities of Luxembourg and Bologna. He previously worked as a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for 5 years. His area of expertise deals with EU procedural and private international law.

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Aleksandrs Fillers



Aleksandrs Fillers is an Associate Professor at the Riga Graduate School of Law and a faculty member at the University of Antwerp. He holds a Doctorate from the University of Antwerp. His primary teaching and research expertise covers private international law, international commercial law and arbitration law. He also is a coach of the Riga Graduate School of Law Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team. He is an author of multiple publications on EU private international law, international commercial and arbitration law, and has co-authored multiple studies on implementation and application of EU legal instruments.

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Letizia Ceccarelli is an associate in the International Dispute Resolution Practice in our Milan and Geneva offices. Letizia has experience in investor-state arbitrations under the arbitration rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute (ICSID) and United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). She has also acted for private companies in international commercial arbitration proceedings conducted under the rules of the London Court of International Arbitration, International Court of Arbitration and Milan Chamber of Arbitration. Her cases have involved a wide range of sectors, including oil and gas, construction and infrastructure, aerospace and telecommunications. She has also assisted both Italian and foreign companies in commercial litigation in courts in Italy, focusing in particular on contract disputes and bankruptcy disputes.



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Maria Beatrice Deli

Maria Beatrice Deli is Founding Partner of DeliSasson, Rome-Milan. She is Professor of International Law currently serving at the Universitas Mercatorum in Rome. Her areas of expertise include international commercial and investment arbitration law and complex litigation, acting as counsel and arbitrator. As counsel, Professor Deli spent 15 years in the international department of a major Italian law firm, where she gained extensive experience with foreign-based clients in a wide range of commercial disputes across a variety of industries. She initially gained arbitral tribunal experience by serving as the administrative secretary to tribunals in complex international cases, and she now acts as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, and tribunal chair in arbitral proceedings, both *ad hoc* and institutional, with seats in various countries. In 2011 Maria Beatrice was appointed Secretary General of the Italian Association for Arbitration (AIA-Associazione Italiana per l'Arbitrato), overseeing the promotion of the institution in Italy and abroad. She is Chair of the ICC Italy Commission on Arbitration and ADR. From 2013 to 2021 she was Secretary General of ICC Italy. From April 2016 to March 2021, she was a member of the Council of the Milan Chamber of National and International Arbitration. Maria Beatrice is member of the Anti-Doping National Court of Appeal and presently included in the List of CAS Anti-Doping Division Presidents of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Maria Beatrice is also author of articles and books (most recently, with Massimo Coccia, a handbook on international arbitration) and member of various international associations on arbitration, like Club Espanol e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje, Arbitral Women, ICCA, a Founding member of ArbIt (Italian Forum on International Arbitration and ADR) and member of the ICC World Business Institute.



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Marco Farina



Marco Farina is Adjunct Professor (*Professore a contratto*) of Civil procedure at the Law faculty of L.U.I.S.S. Guido Carli of Rome. He also teaches International Arbitration at the European University of Rome. He holds a PhD degree in Civil Procedure from the Sapienza University of Rome (2007). He regularly lectures and speaks at academic and professional conferences. He is author of two book and around 65 papers covering different areas of civil procedure (both domestic and transnational), arbitration 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. His areas of practice are litigation and arbitration in commercial and corporate matters (both before national courts and arbitrators), insolvency related matters and corporate and banking contractual transactions. He is a member of the *European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL)* and of the *Associazione Italiana fragli Studiosi del Processo Civile (AISPC)*. He coaches teams of University of Bologna for the Vis Moot competition and the Pax Moot Competition.

Franco Ferrari

Professor Franco Ferrari is the Director of NYU's Intesa Sanpaolo Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Commercial Law. Professor Ferrari has been a member of NYU's full-time faculty since 2010. He has previously been a tenure professor of law schools in Italy and the Netherlands. He served as a member of the Italian delegation to UNCITRAL and was Legal Officer at the UN Office. Professor Ferrari is a prolific author. He is also a recipient of the 2018 Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftmanship and Utility to Practicing Lawyers and Scholars awarded by the American Society of International Law; a member of the editorial boards of various peer-reviewed law journals. Prof Ferrari also acts as an arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations and investment arbitration.



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Francesca Ferrari

Francesca Ferrari, a professor of Civil Procedure Law at the University of Insubria – Como/Varese, has an extensive academic background, having served as a visiting scholar at both Harvard Law School and Maastricht University. She holds the qualification for full professorship both in Civil Procedure and in Comparative Law. She boasts a prolific publication record, with over one hundred works focusing on civil procedure and intellectual property (IP) subjects, including four books and numerous essays published in esteemed journals. Presently, she holds the position of IP and Consumer Protection attaché at the Italian Permanent Representation at the European Union, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition to her academic pursuits, she is also an experienced lawyer and had been partner and of counsel of several law firms in Milan, the latter being Eptalex, with offices in Beirut, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, etc. Ferrari's professional trajectory has endowed her with profound insights into Intellectual Property (IP) law, particularly in transnational litigation involving patents and trademarks, with a focus on pharmaceuticals. She also possesses expertise in copyright law, particularly in relation to emerging technologies and artificial intelligence as well as in antitrust law. Actively engaged in scholarly communities, Ferrari is a member of several scientific associations and seats in the editorial boards of prestigious journals. She is frequently invited to speak at both domestic and international conferences on civil procedure and IP-related matters.



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Stefaan Voet



Stefaan Voet studied law at Ghent University (2001). In 2011 he wrote his PhD thesis about complex litigation in Belgium, for which he received in 2014 the Triannual Price of Civil Procedure awarded by the vzw Algemene Modellenverzameling voor de Rechtspraak. Since 2015 he is an associate professor of civil procedure at the University of Leuven and a host professor at the University of Hasselt. Stefaan was a visiting scholar at the University of Houston (2009) and Stanford Law School (2014). He was a visiting lecturer/professor at the University of Houston, SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, University of Tennessee, Syracuse University, China-EU School of Law in Beijing, University of Pavia, University of Pretoria and en EMARF (Escola da Magistratura Regional Federal da 2E Regiao) in Rio de Janeiro. In 2016-2017 he held the TPR (Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht) Chair at the University of Utrecht (Molengraaff Institute for Private Law). In 2020 he was an external scientific fellow at the (former) Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. He is a member of different working groups of the European Law Institute. Stefaan is also a substitute justice of the peace in Bruges and a member of the board of directors of Ombudsfijn.



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She was awarded an Eiffel scholarship to continue her studies in Poitiers (France) where she obtained a Master's degree in International and European law. She won three prizes for her academic achievements (Paris Bar association and Caen Bar association prizes for the year 2024 and a prize from the University of Poitiers for the year 2023). She speaks three languages (French, English and Arabic) and aspires to become a member of the Hague Academy and to contribute to the unification of private international law in relations between the Member States of the European Union and third countries.



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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Welcome to the Summer School

15:15-16:00 PM

Keynote Speech: International Arbitration is not International Arbitration - Franco Ferrari

16:15-18:00 PM

The conflict of jurisdictions: basic notions and terminology - Michele Lupoi and Marco Farina

18:15-19:00 PM

The art of determining applicable law in cross-border disputes: EU general regime for civil and commercial matters - Dominika Moravcova

19:00-21:00 PM

Opening cocktail

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9:00-9:45 AM

The importance of the seat of the arbitration (I) - Franco Ferrari

10:00-10:45 AM

Understanding internationality in cross-border civil litigation - Serena Zoghaib

11:00-11:45 AM

Arbitral awards in electronic form - Pietro Ortolani

12:00-12:45 PM

The resolution of content moderation disputes in (and beyond) social media platforms - Pietro Ortolani

Lunch Break



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14:15-17:15 PM

Round Table: Arbitration regulations and the law of the seat of arbitration: which relationship?

**Chair: Elena Zucconi Galli
Fonseca**

Panel:

Maria Beatrice Deli, Catherine Rogers, Franco Ferrari, Rinaldo Sali, Marco Farina, Marco Torsello, Nina Jankovic

17:30-18:15 PM

Limits of party autonomy in determining applicable law - Dominika Moravcova

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9:15-10:00 AM

Cross-Examination in International Arbitration (I) - Mark McLaughlin

10:15-11:00 AM

The importance of seat of the arbitration (II) - Franco Ferrari

11:15-12:00 PM

The market for arbitration services - Catherine Rogers

12:15-13:00 PM

Arbitrators selection - Catherine Rogers

Lunch Break

15:00-15:45 PM

Consumer protection in EU private international law - Aleksandrs Fillers



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16:00-16:45 PM

Choice of court agreements in domestic disputes: pros and cons of the Inkreal case - Aleksandrs Fillers

17:00-17:45 PM

International jurisdiction in online defamation cases - Anastasia Kalantzi

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9:00-9:45 AM

EU Succession Regulation: first 10 years of application before CJEU and domestic courts - Anna Wysocka-Bar

11:15-13:00 PM

The laws applicable in international commercial arbitration: merits, procedure and arbitration agreement - Marco Torsello

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9:15-10:00 AM

Jurisdiction in cyberspace disputes: why national private international law is not enough - Ioana Maria Bratu

10:15-11:00 AM

Collective Redress in Europe: A Dancing Procession of Echternach - Stefaan Voet



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**EU Consumer Alternative
Dispute Resolution:
Harder, Better, Faster,
Stronger - Stefaan Voet**

12:15-13:00 PM

**The Unified Patent Court:
recent developments
at EU level - Francesca Ferrari**

15:00-16:45 PM

**Round Table: The decline of
territoriality in p.i.l.?**

**Chair: Michele Lupoi
Panel: Ilaria Pretelli,
Mark McLaughlin, Albert
Henke, Pasquale
Mazza**

17:00-17:45 PM

**The problem of unbalanced
jurisdiction clauses (I) - Marie
Elodie Ancel**

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9:15-10:00 AM

**The problem of unbalanced
jurisdiction clauses
(II) - Marie Elodie Ancel**

10:15-11:00 AM

**New legal tools for corporate
governance in
international law - Ilaria
Pretelli**

11:15-13:00 PM

**Round Table: Class actions in
p.i.l.
Chair: Marco Farina**



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Panel: Marie Elodie Ancel, Ilaria Pretelli, Albert Henke, Stefaan Voet

The relationship between arbitration and the Brussels I-bis regulation: insights from the CJEU decision and the recent Court of Appeal ruling in the London Steam-Ship case - Chiara Azzaroni

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Arbitration in Action: A Practical Workshop on International Commercial Arbitration - Cristina Antonello & Letizia Ceccarelli

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Practical Skills in International Arbitration: Analysing Real Case Studies and Developing Effective Strategies - Tatevik Karapetyan

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Workshop: The Intersection of Diverse Legal Traditions, Religion, and PIL in Asia's Cross-Border Dispute Resolution - Shamila Nair

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Cross-Examination in International Arbitration (I) - Mark McLaughlin

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Workshop: establishing jurisdiction in the context of collective claims under the Brussels Ibis Regulation - Giovanni Chiapponi

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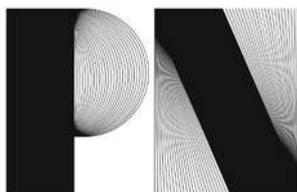
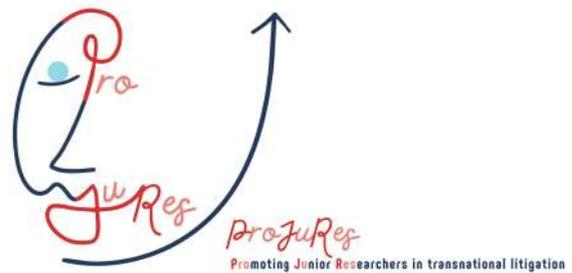
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