

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2015 PhD in Philosophy of Law and Legal Bioethics (EU Label), Law Faculty, University of Genova (Italy).
2010 M.A. in Law: European, International and Comparative Legal Studies, Trieste University (Italy), Law Faculty (Italy)
2007 B.A. in Law, Trieste University (Italy), Law Faculty

CURRENT POSITION(S)

2023–Present: **Full Professor, Law Department, University of Genova, Italy**

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2022+2024: Research Visiting Associate at the London School of Economics – LSE Cities (UK)
2020–2023: Assistant Professor (Full-Time), Law Department, University of Genova, Italy
2022–Present: Seminar Leader in Critical Thinking – Bocconi University
2021–2022: Nawa-Ulam Fellow, Law Faculty, Jagiellonian University (Krakow), Poland
2019–2020: Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow (Post-Doc), Law Department, Heidelberg University (Germany): 24 months Research on comparative public law and legal interpretation
2018–2019: Teaching Fellow in Law and Economics & Legal Argumentation, Law Department, Bocconi University, Milan (Italy)
2017: Invited Visiting Scholar, Law Department, University of Taipei (Taiwan)
2014–2018: Full-Time Researcher with Grant (Post-Doc), Law Department, Bocconi University. Milan (Italy)
2014: Invited Visiting Scholar, Law Department, University of Kiel (Germany)

PROJECTS (Selected)

2023–Present: PI ERC Starting Grant: HABITAT – How European Big Cities and Legal Systems Trigger Urban Inequality: An Inquiry into Law and Economics SH2

2024–Present: (with Prof. Antonella Bruzzese): PI of the Research on the Publicness of Privately Owned Public Spaces in Italy. Joint research project conducted by the University of Genoa, Law Dept., and Politecnico Milano, Dept. of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU).

2023–Present: PI PRIN ERMETE - 2022X2P5S2 Fairness and Transparency in Online Commercial Speech: From Pragmatic Analysis to Regulation (ERMETE). Consortium: Universities of Genoa, Trieste, and Siena.

2022: Urban Transportation Governance (UTG) Project, London School of Economics, LSE Cities & World Bank: *Legal Policies Analyst (Senior Consultant)*

2022–Present: HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01 (Proposal no.: 101094731/ Acronym: ARENAS/ Analysis and Responses to Extremist Narratives): *Team Member*

2021–Present: HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-03 (Proposal no.:101079177/Acronym: ALF/ Advancing Cooperation on the Foundations of Law): *Team Member*

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022: Boosting Excellence Grant UNIGE
2020: Italian National Habilitation for the Position as Full Professor (Sector IUS/20: Legal Theory and Philosophy of Law) (ASN “*Prima fascia*”)
2020: Research Distinction (Honorary Professorship) from the Law Faculty of the University of Ica (Peru): for outstanding under-40 legal scholars
2020: Nawa–Ulam Grant, Krakow University (Poland) Law Department (Research on ICT & Law)

2019–2020: Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship (Post-Doc), Heidelberg University (Germany)
Research field: “Comparative Public Law and Constitutional Theory” (20 Months+4 Months extension)
2018: Italian National Habilitation for the Position as Associate Professor (IUS/20) (ASN “*Seconda fascia*”)
2017: DAAD Short-Term Visiting Grant, Kiel University, Germany: 7 months (Research on the inferential structure of preferences, Arrow’s economic theory, and judicial balancing)
2014–2018: Full-Time Research Grant, Bocconi University, Milan (Italy): 4 years (Research on comparative constitutional law and methods for legal reasoning)
2011–2014: Full PhD Scholarship: 3 years (Research on the socio-legal history of constitutional interpretation)

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

2024–Present: 3PhDs: Honorable Judges of the Brazilian Judicial Power: Sérgio Fernandes Martins [President of Tribunal de Justiça de Mato Grosso do Sul] [law&economics/urban inequalities]; Marcus Abreu [“Juiz de direito” Tribunal de Justiça de Mato Grosso do Sul] [law&economics/corruption/risk and compliance]; Ricardo Adelino Suaid [“Juiz Substituto” Tribunal de Justiça de Mato Grosso do Sul][law and economics/public law]
2024–Present: 1 Post-Doc Simone Robbiano [applied economics/econometrics]
2024–Present: 1 Post-Doc Chiara Baggetta [applied economics/econometrics]
2024–2025: 1 Post-Doc Beatrice Dassori [labour law – digital nomads]
2024–Present: 1 Post-Doc Giorgia Mannaoli [online advertisement]
2024: 1 Post-Doc: Daniela Arlia [urban economics]
2023–Present: 1 Post-Doc: Arnulfo Mateos Duran [urban inequalities]
2023–2024: 1 Post-Doc: Elena Ferrari [urban inequalities]
2023–Present: 2 PhDs: Allegra Grillo [urban inequalities] Angelika Kaczmarek [sustainable finance, access to credit, and socioeconomic inequality]
2023–Present: 1 PhD [ALF project]: Ana Zdravcovic [External Advisor][ECHR case law]
2022–Present: 1 PhD: Yuneisy Boada-Perez [stratification in urban law]
2022–2023: 1 Post-Doc: Evgenia Kopytsia (Kharkov, Ukraine) [climate change]
2022: 2 Visiting PhDs: Klaudyna Horniczak [LGBTQ+ rights] and Bartek Biskup [Host][legal ontology]
2021–Present: 1 PhD candidate: Agnés Diez Castellano [Tutor] [legitimacy and governance]
2021–Present: 2 PhD candidates: Cecilia Isola [digital regulation]; Francesca Ceresa Gastaldo [environmental law]
2021: 1 Visiting PhD: Tommaso Braida [Host][citizenship and migration]
2016–2020: 5 LLM Students [dissertations on comparative public law and fundamental rights]

MAIN TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2023–Present: Seminar Series for Postgraduates on Law & Economics and Rationality [selected topics], UEEs University, Guayaquil (Ecuador)
2023–Present: Seminar Series for Postgraduates on Public Law and Economic Rights [selected topics], San Francisco University, Quito (Ecuador)
2022: Lectures on Hate Speech and Commercial Speech Online: Freedom of Expression Summer School – Warsaw (Poland) – NAWA Program “Spinaker” & European Social Fund
2022–Present: Seminar series on Law and Economics for PhD candidates, University of Genova
2020–2021: Lecturer in Social Media Law, Jagiellonian University
2020–Present: Lecturer in Computer Sciences for Lawyers, University of Genova
2021–Present: Lecturer in Methods for Legal Interpretation and Argumentation, University of Genova
2016–Present: Course Convener on the Global Rule of Law and Constitutional Democracy Master, jointly run by the Universities of Genoa and Girona [social media law]
2018–2019: Academic Fellow in Philosophy of Law, Bocconi Law Department
2017–2018: Seminar leader in Critical Thinking, Bocconi Economics Department
2017–2018: Academic Fellow in Legal Argumentation and Law and Economics, Bocconi Law Department

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (SELCTED)

2024: Organizer of two Special Workshops [Law & Economics + Urban Inequalities] at Seoul IVR World Congress, 7-12 July 2024 (10 Speakers).

2024: Organizer of the ERC STG HABITAT International Conference “Urban Inequalities, Spatial Segregation, and Socio-Legal Changes: Comparative Perspectives”, University of Genoa (10 Speakers)
2023: Organizer of the ERC STG HABITAT International Conference “Urban Inequalities & Legal Systems”, University of Genoa (10 Speakers)
2020: Organizer of the International Online Conference “The Legacy of Alf Ross”, Themis (CH) (5 Speakers)
2019: (w/ Stanley L. Paulson) Convener of the Workshop “The End of Legal Positivism” IVR Luzern (20 speakers)
2016: Organizer of the Event “A Workshop on Deontic Logic”, Bocconi, Milano (4 Speakers)
2014: (w/ Damiano Canale) Organizer of the International Conference “Fundamental Rights and Proportionality: A Discussion with Robert Alexy”, Bocconi, Milano (5 speakers)
2014: (w/ Luka Burazin and D. Gardašević) Convener of the 2014 Central and Eastern EU Forum, University of Zagreb (35 international speakers)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2021–Present: Coordinator of the International LLM offered by UEES (Guayaquil, Ecuador) – UNIGE (Italy)
2020–Present: Coordinator of the Research Group “Regulating SMART Cities in EU”, Tarello Institute, Law Department, University of Genova
2021–Present: Member of the International Relation Committee (Implementation of Erasmus+) and of the Faculty Committee for the improvement of webpages, Law Department, University of Genova
2020–Present: Member of the Board for the interdisciplinary PhD in *Security, Risk and Vulnerability* (University of Genova)
2014–2018: Member of the Faculty Committee for the evaluation of the final exams M.A. in Law and Economics, Bocconi University, Milano (Italy)
2014–2018: Organizer of the Permanent Internal Seminar in Legal Theory and Legal Philosophy, Bocconi University, Milano (Italy) (30 national and international speakers)

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

2024–Present: Member of the Scientific Board of *Revus. Journal for Constitutional Theory and Philosophy of Law*
2020–Present: Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the *Revista Cubana de Derecho*
2016–Present: Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of *Analisi e Diritto* (international journal in jurisprudence published by ETS Publishing House, Italy)
2014–2016: Member of the Editorial Board of *Analisi e diritto*
2021: Scientific Evaluator for the National Agency for the Evaluation of University and Research Institutes (ANVUR), Italy (evaluation of more than 30 research outputs)
2015–Present: Referee for *Cyprus Research Awards – Research and Innovation Foundation; The International Journal of Human Rights, ECHR Law Review, Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development; Philosophy and Public Affairs (PAPA), Archives of Public Health, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Quaestio Facti, The Age of Human Rights Journal (AHRJ), Open Journal of Humanities, Discusiones, Ratio Juris, Materiali per una Storia della Cultura Giuridica, SIFA 2023 Conference, Genova University Press, Politeia, Isonomia, Revus. Journal for Constitutional Theory and Philosophy of Law, Analisi e Diritto, Ragion Pratica, Ars Interpretandi*.

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2024–Present: Member of the Young Academy of Europe (YAE)
2020–Present: Member of AULS – Association of Urban Legal Scholars <https://www.auls.net/>
2020–Present: Member of the Network Heidelberg Alumni
2020–Present: Member of the Network Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Alumni
2018–Present: Member of the Network DAAD Alumni
2019–Present: Member of the Italian Association of Law and Economics (SIDE – ISLE)
2019–2021: Member of I-CON

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS (13 selected out of 40 since 2011)

13) Anselmo, G., Mannaioli, G., Sardo, A. (2025). "Ensuring Fairness in the Digital Marketplace: A communicative and Cognitive Analysis of Deceitful Influencer Marketing within Regulatory Frameworks and Benchmarks." Forthcoming in *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*

12) Sardo, A., Cerruti, G., Mateos Duran, A., Grillo, A. (2024). "The Judicial Response to Rent Controls in Europe: Protecting Property Rights against State's Intervention?" In: *European Journal of Law and Economics* 58: 221–281

11) Tuzet, G., Canale, D., Sardo, A. (2024). "Scenario Analysis in Karlsruhe: Exploring New Argumentative Steps of the Federal Constitutional Court." In: *German Law Journal* 25: 707-725.

10) Sardo, A. (2023). "Introduction to Brian H. Bix, Svein Eng, and Giorgio Ridolfi on Alf Ross." In: *Ratio Juris* 36(1): 57–60

9) Sardo, A. (2022). "Hate Speech: A Pragmatic Assessment of the European Court of Human Right's Jurisprudence." In: *The European Convention on Human Rights Law Review* 4(1): 58–99

8) Sardo, A., Tuzet, G. (2022). "Judicial Fictions and Constitutive Speech." *Jurisprudence* 13(1): 121–129

7) Sardo A. (2021). "Border Walls, Pushbacks, and the Prohibition of Collective Expulsions: The Case of N.D. and N.T. v. Spain." 23 (2021) *European Journal of Migration and Law*: 308–331

6) Sardo, A. (2020b). "Categories, Balancing, and Fake News: The Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights." *The Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*. Issue Aug. 2020: 1–26

5) Sardo, A. (2020a). "Robert Alexy, Frederick Schauer, and the 'Positivist' Theses." *Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie*, Beiheft 161: 189–202

4) Roversi, C., Sardo A. (2019). "Ekins on Groups and Procedures." *The American Journal of Jurisprudence* 64(1): 79–103

3) Sardo, A. (2017b). "Some Reflections on the Proof-based Theory of Legal Exceptions." *The Modern Law Review* 80(2): 352–369 [review essay]

2) Sardo, A. (2017a). "文脈におけるデイフィージビリティ." *Kanazawa Law Review* 59(2): 393–421

1) Poggi, F., Sardo, A. (2016). "Do the Right Thing! – Robert Alexy and the Claim to Correctness." *Rechtstheorie* 47(4): 413–441

CHAPTERS IN COLLECTIVE VOLUMES AND PEER-REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS (5 selected out of 12 since 2014)

5) Barberis, M., Sardo, A. (2024) The Separation of Powers: Old, New, and Newest. In: *Research Handbook on Legal Evolution*. Eds. Wojciech Zaluski, Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde, A Dyrda (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar): 261–273

4) Sardo, A. (2022). Bargaining in Philadelphia: Constitutional Games, Rational Law-Making, and Originalism. In: *Exploring the Province of Legislation: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*. Eds. F. Ferraro, S. Zorzetto & D. Oliver Lalana (Dordrecht: Springer): 9–33

3) Sardo, A. (2021). "The Invisible Foundations of Originalism." In: *Common Law/Civil Law: The Great Divide?* Eds. F. Schauer, C. Bezemek & N. Bersier Ladavac (Dordrecht: Springer): 73–93

2) Sardo, A. (2020). "Freedom of Expression, Sliding-Scales, and Fake News." In: *The Rule of Law in Europe. Recent Challenges and Judicial Responses*. Eds. M. Elósegui, A. Miron & I. Motoc (Dordrecht: Springer): 265–288

1) Sardo, A. (2017). "The Dark Side of Imperatives." In: *Pragmatics and the Law Vol. II: Practical and Theoretical Perspectives*. Eds. A. Capone, F. Poggi (Dordrecht: Springer): 243–272

RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS (2 selected out of 2 since 2018)

2) Sardo, A. (2018). *L'originalismo e la sfida del bilanciamento*. Marcial Pons: Madrid. 432 pp. ISBN: 978-84-9123-492-0. [*A socio-legal inquiry on the evolution of originalism and balancing in American law*]

1) Sardo, A. (2018). *Due voci del costituzionalismo*. Marcial Pons: Madrid. 277 pp. ISBN: 978-84-9123-516 [*Analysis of balancing and process-based models for legal argumentation*]

PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS (10 selected out of 90 since 2012)

10) 12.07.2023. “Analyzing the Role of Legal Systems in Urban Inequality.” Sydney – Macquarie University. Law Dept. MLS Invited Speakers Seminar Series. [*Invited Speaker*]

9) 27.10.2022. “The Rise and Fall of Berlin’s Rent Cap: A Comparative Analysis.” LSE Cities, London School of Economics (UK) [*Project catch-up Seminar*]

8) 19.12.2021. “Berlin: A Neo-Liberal City?” Seminarium Kiry-Kościelisko 17–19 XII 2021. Jagiellonian University Krakow (Poland). Founded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (Nawa) [*Invited as International Guest*]

7) 17.01.2021. “Free Market or Housing Shortage? Berlin Rent Cap and its False Dilemma.” SIDE-ISLE Conference – Organized by the Italian Society of Law and Economics at the University of Trento (Italy) [*Peer reviewed*]

6) 30.11.2021. “Robert Alexy and his Night in Montecarlo: A Probabilistic Reading of the Proportionality Test.” The 26th Luso-Hispano-Franco-Italian Seminar on Legal Theory, Lisbon (Portugal) [*Invited International Guest for the roundtable in honor of Prof. Robert Alexy*]

5) 16.07.2021. “The Spatial Development Strategies for the City of London and the Fundamental Right to Habitation: An Inquiry into Law and Architecture” 7th Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference July 15th – 17th, 2021, co-organized by Fordham Urban Law Center NY (USA) & TU Berlin (Germany) [*Peer reviewed*]

4) 11.06.2021. “Hate speech in the Age of Social Networks: Semantic Meaning, Presuppositions, and Implicatures.” Online Workshop “Old and new threats to freedom of expression Can the European Court of Human Rights meet the challenges?” at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (Germany) [*Peer reviewed*]

3) 24.06.2020. “The Game of Legislation: A Positivist Account of Rational Law-Making and Its Normativity.” International Conference: The Unity of Normativity, FoNTI Project, Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Wien Universität (Austria) [*Peer reviewed*]

2) 27.04.2019. “The Construction of Freedom of Expression in Strasbourg: A Jurisprudential Take” Humboldt-Kolleg in the European Court of Human Rights, Strasburg (FRA) [*Invited for the “young scholars’ section” by the Honorable Judge Maria Elósegui*]

1) 30.07.2016. “Imperatives between Law and Language”; Meiji University. Tokyo (Japan) [*Keynote*]

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCES

Italian (Native)
English (Advanced)
Spanish (Advanced)
French (Upper-Intermediate)
German (Intermediate)