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Summer School Overview

The “environmental, social, and governance” (ESG) movement has been a stone thrown into a pond, and its ripples are transforming many aspects of our economy, our ways of living, and our future. While media, policy makers, national legislators and citizens living at any planet latitude are increasingly awakening to the epochal changes still underway, the ESG potentials for a “paradigm shift” have been widely acknowledged in several research areas, including chemistry, economics, engineering, political science, sociology, as well as in the legal field.

The Summer School Faculty – composed of internationally renowned academics and experts with diverse backgrounds – invite undergraduate and post-graduate students from Padova University and other Academic Institutions around the world to deepen their understanding of the many different, transnational, and interdisciplinary ESG issues, which — in their indissoluble, mutual connections with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set forth by the UN’s 2030 Agenda for a Sustainable Future — are reshaping nearly all aspects of social and hard scientists’ traditional benchmarks, putting the correlative economic, social, and political roles of incorporated firms under the spotlight.

This edition of the Summer School will attempt a survey of the proactive attitudes embraced by the European Union legislator, who — by adopting an array of detailed regulations and directives intended to exert a high impact on EU and non-EU business organizations’ operations and governance structures — seems to aspire at becoming the forerunner of some of the most significant global pro-ESG (and SDGs) campaigns, thus redefining the frontier of the traditional public law–private law, as well as the relationship between hard and soft law rules.

A special multidisciplinary session, focusing on some of the most important “E”-related aspects of the ESG triad will conclude this unique five-day, intensive, student-centered, freely accessible learning experience.

Summer School Program

Monday, 23rd September 2024 (14:15 – 18:30 CEST)

Welcome Greetings:

Prof. FRANCESCA DA PORTO, Vice Rector for Sustainability, Padova University

Prof. MANLIO MIELE, Head of the Department of Private Law and Critique of Law – DPCD, Padova University

Prof. PAOLA VALBONESI, Head of the Department of Economics and Management “Marco Fanno” – DSEA, Padova University

Prof. MARCELLO DANIELE, Head of the Department of Public Law, International Law, and European Union Law – DiPIC, Padova University

Prof. PIERPAOLO PAULESU, President of the Padova University School of Law

Mr. PIETRO MAZZON, ELSA Padova

Summer School Introduction and Chair: Prof. MAURIZIO BIANCHINI

Prof. ALAN R. PALMITER

Awakening Capitalism ... Still

Prof. ELEONORA DI MARIA

ESG, Environmental Sustainability Strategies and Firm Competitiveness

[Break]

Prof. ADRIANA TOPO

AI and Labour Law in the European ESG Regulation

Prof. ENRICO GINEVRA

Directors' Obligation to Pursue "Corporate Sustainable Success": Between Hard and Soft Law

Tuesday, 24th September 2024

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:45 CEST)

Chair: Prof. LUCIA PICARDI

Prof. JAAP WINTER

On the Political Company and Taking Responsibility, Humanly

Prof. LUCIA PICARDI

CS3D: Corporate Purpose and Directors' Duties and Liabilities

[Break]

Prof. KRZYSZTOF OPLUSTIL

CS3D: Duties and Liabilities in Corporate Groups

Prof. SIMONA PINTON

The International Law Perspective on the European CSDD Directive: Some Preliminary Considerations

Afternoon Session (14:45 – 18:30 CEST)

Chair: Prof. MARCO SPERANZIN

Prof. GIOVANNI STRAMPELLI

The Role of Institutional Investors in Promoting ESG Goals in Europe

Prof. FRANCESCO A. SCHURR

The Implementation of the CSRD – Risks and Opportunities for Companies, Shareholders, and Stakeholders

[Break]

Prof. MARÍA DE LA CONCEPCIÓN CHAMORRO DOMINGUEZ

Green Bonds: Financing the Transition to a Greener Economy

Prof. CYNTHIA A. WILLIAMS

ESG and Climate Disclosure: Will Market Mechanism Alone Solve the Climate (and Nature) Crises?

Wednesday, 25th September 2024

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:45 CEST)

Chair: Prof. FRANCESCO A. SCHURR

Prof. DOV SOLOMON

ESG Regulation and Financial Reporting Quality – Friend or Foes?

Dr. MAREK PORZYCKI

ESG and the Role of Directors in Crisis and Insolvency – Responsibility towards Shareholders vs. Responsibility towards Creditors

[Break]

Prof. ALEXANDRA BUTTERSTEIN

ESG and CSR Principles in the Field of Investment Decisions of the Trustee

Prof. ALESSIO BARTOLACELLI

The Road to Hell Is Paved with Good Intentions: The Resistible Rise of Benefit Companies in Europe

Afternoon Session (14:45 – 18:30 CEST)

Chair: Dr. MARÍA TAILLEFER MARTOS

Prof. ELENA FREGONARA

Crowdfunding: An "Alternative" System for Sustainable Financing?

Dr. MARÍA TAILLEFER MARTOS

The New European Regulatory Regime on Crypto Assets and Its Concerns on Their Carbon Footprint

[Break]

Prof. CHIARA ABATANGELO

The Green Claims Directive: A Multipurpose Legal Instrument

Prof. W. KEITH ROBINSON

Balancing Artificial Intelligence Advancements and ESG Goals: Intellectual Property Perspectives

Thursday, 26th September 2024

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:30 CEST)

Chair: Prof. ANDREA PIN

Prof. ELISA DE BELVIS

Contract Law and the CSDD Directive: What Role for Sustainability Contractual Clauses (SCCs)?

Prof. FRANCESCA BENATTI

SFDR and Investors' ESG Awareness in a Comparative Perspective

[Break]

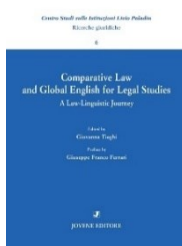
Prof. MARCELLO POGGIOLI

Pushing the Boundaries of Tax Law into the ESG Landscape: Can Taxes Save the World?

Prof. GIOVANNA TIEGHI

SDGs, Taxpayer Rights and Human Rights: A Comparative Outlook

12:30 - 13:00 PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK



Comparative Law and Global English for Legal Studies. A Law-Linguistic Journey (Jovene, Napoli, 2024)

edited by GIOVANNA TIEGHI

Thursday, 26th September 2024 (continued)

Afternoon Session (14:45 – 18:30 CEST)

Chair: Prof. DEBORA PROVOLO

Prof. UMUT TURKSEN

Legal and Ethical Risks in AI Driven Solutions for ESG: The Cases of AML Compliance and Financial Crimes

Prof. COSTANTINO GRASSO

Redefining Corporate Responsibility: From the Myth of Self-Regulation to Mandatory CSR

[Break]

Prof. LORENZO PASCULLI

Preventing Economic Crime of the Future: Towards Sustainable Models of Corporate Governance and Responsibilisation

Prof. DONATO VOZZA

Beyond the 'Tick-the-Box' Approach: Sustaining the Efforts against Modern Slavery through Genuine ESG Commitment

Friday, 27th September 2024 (9:00 – 13:00 CEST)

Chair: Prof. MAURIZIO BIANCHINI

Prof. PAOLA VALBONESI

Green Public Procurement in Italy: A First Empirical Evaluation on Criteria, Requirements and Outcomes

Prof. ELENA BUOSO

European Green Public Procurement: Legal Aspects in the Light of the New ESG Trends

[Break]

Prof. MARIA CRISTINA LAVAGNOLO

Environmental Engineering Supporting the ESG to Avoid Greenwashing

Prof. SILVIA GROSS

From the Critical Raw Materials Act to the Battery Regulation: New Challenges for the European Circular Economy and Circular Chemistry Landscape

Dr. STEFANO SORO

Decarbonising without Deindustrialising. A Resilient European Industrial Base for the Green Transition

Closing Remarks and Farewell: Prof. MAURIZIO BIANCHINI

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Summer School Enrollment Details

The Summer School is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students (including PhD candidates and junior researchers) matriculated at any Italian University or other foreign Academic Institution, and in particular to those currently attending any Law, Economics, Business Administration and Management, Political Science and International Relations Curriculum (and combinations thereof).

Eligible students may attend the Summer School **in person or online**.

Enrollment is **free of charge**; it will take place **from the 1st of August 2024, to the 14th of September 2024** (11:59 pm CEST), by filling out the Padova Summer School Enrollment Form, to be found at the bottom of page 13. Please remember to always use your home Academic Institution e-mail address when enrolling in and/or communicating with the Summer School. Also, please remember to attach to the Enrollment Form a scanned color copy of your home Academic Institution badge, showing your current student status (and a scanned copy of a valid ID, should your badge not include a photo).

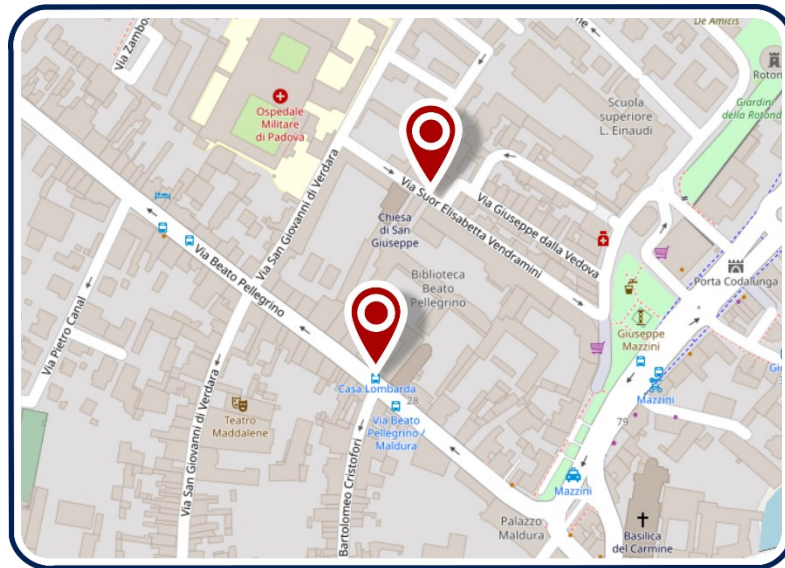
Space for **in-person attendance** is limited, and enrollment will occur on a first-come-first-served basis. If you plan on attending the Summer School **online (via Zoom)**, please note that online access instructions and passwords to each Summer School session will be provided to enrolled students shortly before the Summer School's inception date.

Certificate of Attendance

Upon request, a Certificate of Attendance will be issued to every student attending (in person and/or online) at least 80% of the Summer School lectures.

Summer School Venue

The Summer School Venue is located at the ground floor of the **Beato Pellegrino Building** (Classroom no. 7), via E. Vendramini, no. 13 (main entrance), via Beato Pellegrino, no. 28 (library entrance), 35137 – Padova (PD), Italy.



The Summer School Venue is within walking distance of the Padova main train and bus stations, and it is easily accessible by local public transportation.

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Padova Summer School Enrollment Form:

<https://forms.gle/GuEVsiEeo9Lmh4D2A>

Beato Pellegrino Building:

<https://www.disll.unipd.it/en/department/how-reach-us>

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