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Faculty

- Claudia Sandei, University of Padova (Scientific Coordinator)
- Giulia Ballerini, University of Padova
- Nicoletta Ciocca, Tor Vergata University of Rome
- Veerle Colaert, KU Leuven
- Alberto De Prà, University of Padova
- Andrea Minto, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Gabriele Nuzzo, University of Milano- Bicocca
- Carlotta Rinaldo, University of Padova
- Marco Speranzin, University of Padova
- Rüdiger Veil, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- Alessandra Zanardo, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Agenda

Monday 15 September Day 1- Kick-off Day

9:00-9.15	Registration
9.15-9.30	Opening and Introduction (VIU and Scientific Coordinator)
9.30-11.00	Global Challenges, Policies and the role of Academia Prof. Claudia Sandei (University of Padova)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-12:30	Myself in 3 mins - Students
12:30-13:45	Lunch
13.45-15.00	Myself in 3 mins – Feedback and Lab - Students
15.00-16.00	Buzzwords of the next decade: AI, Sustainability & Corporate Social responsibility Dr. Giulia Ballerini (University of Padova)

Tuesday 16 September
Day 2-Corporate Law

9.15-10.30	Teaching in an Int. Context. Strategies and Tools. Prof. Claudia Sandei (University of Padova)
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00-12.30	Using Gen AI in Research: best practices and tools
12.30-14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30-17.30	Soft skills session: How to communicate effectively (LinkedIn, podcast, interview) Prof. Gabriele Nuzzo (University of Milano- Bicocca)



Wednesday 17 September
Day 3-Financial Law

9.30-10.30	Emerging Topics in Financial Law Prof. Marco Speranzin (University of Padova)
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	The changing role of EU regulation in a changing world Prof. Andrea Minto (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
12.30-13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45-15.00	Soft skills session: How to run an Int. Project Prof. Rüdiger Veil (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
15.00-17.30	Role, activities and skills of academics in EU bodies Prof. Veerle Colaert (KU Leuven) and Prof. Rüdiger Veil (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
Evening	<i>Social Dinner (tbd)</i>

Thursday 18 September
Day 4 – Competition Law

9.15-10.30	Emerging Topics in IP and Competition Law Prof. Claudia Sandei and Prof. Alberto De Prà (University of Padova)
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	Opportunities and grants for int. experiences Prof. Carlotta Rinaldo (University of Padova)
12.30-13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45-15.00	Communication Skills Activity - Students
15.00-16.30	Opportunities and pitfalls of co-authoring a paper Prof. Rüdiger Veil (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) and Prof. Veerle Colaert (KU Leuven)
16.30-17.30	Publishing your papers in a high-impact international Journal: optimizing Law Review Submission

Friday 19 September
Day 5-Soft Skills for teaching and researching

9.15-11.30	Emerging Topics in Corporate Law Prof. Nicoletta Ciocca (Tor Vergata University of Rome)
11.45-12.30	Emerging Topics in Insolvency Law Prof. Alessandra Zanardo (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
12.30-13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45-15.45	Communication Skills Activity - Students
15.45-16.45	Final discussions and Wrap-up - All



Claudia Sandei is (Full) Professor of Company Law at the School of Law of the University of Padova and Director of Innovation and Technology Law Lab (ITLL), Co-founder and Managing Director of the Digital Law Network (DNL). Qualified Lawyer since 2008, after graduating in Law in Padova in 2003, Prof. Sandei got a Ph.D. at the University of Ferrara in 2009. Besides IT Law, her main areas of legal expertise include Corporate/Financial Law and IP Law. Author of three books on the impact of Technology on Company and Financial Law (online AGM; Initial Coin Offerings) and of many articles, in

2020 she has also acted as coeditor of a research book on The Law of Fintech (2020). Professor of EU Financial Regulation and Technology at the University of Hong Kong in 2022 and 2023, she also served as lecturer in many foreign Universities (Hannover, Varsavia, Budapest, Leeds, Nottingham, Barcelona, etc.), Member of the Academic Board of the PhD Programme in Corporate Law (Milan University). Member of the editorial board of some of the most important Law Journals (Rivista di diritto civile; Banca borsa e titoli di credito; Giurisprudenza Commerciale, Rivista di diritto societario; Int. Rev. of Law, Computers & Technology, Revista Rede de Direito Digital, Intelectual e Sociedade), Prof. Sandei has been in the Panel of the 2018 ELI Conference (Digital Law SIG) as one of the most renowned experts of Fintech in Italy and in 2021 in the Annual Conference of the European Law Institute (ELI Panel devoted to smart contract). In 2020 she has also been appointed member of the Expert Panel of the European Blockchain Observatory and Forum and served severally as expert for the EU Commission in Research Report on Company Law and Digitalization. Speaker at the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2021-#111); TEDx Speaker. Member of the Human Inspired Technology Research Centre (HIT, Padova University).



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