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Education

1992: Degree in Law with Honours (University di Catania)

1994: “Silvano Tosi” Seminar of Parliamentary Studies and Research (Florence) – course promoted by the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Italian Republic including basic courses on Constitutional Law, Parliamentary Law, International and Community Law, Administrative Law, Public Economic Law, Modern History and supplementary courses on Regional Law, Private Law and Political Science.

1997: Academy of European Public Law, on “The Procedure of Administrative Acts” and “Towards a Unified Judicial Protection in Europe(?)”, organised by the European Public Law Center (EPLC)

1998: Academy of European Law – Session on the Law of the European Union (General Course: “The European Union after the Treaty of Amsterdam”) – organised by the European University Institute.

1999: PhD in Administrative Law with Honours (University of Catania)

Research-oriented Scholarships

1995: Scholarship of CNR to be used at the Institute for Legal Documentation (IDG) of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) of Florence, for training and research in the legal informatics and ICT and law sectors

1999-2001: Scholarship of CNR to be used at the Institute for Legal Documentation (IDG) of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) of Florence to study: “Advanced Documentary Tools for Scanning and Classifying Law Journals”.

Prizes

2009: Winner of one of the 100 prizes given to young researchers by CNR for having achieved innovative results of special excellence during the year 2005.

Research

From 2015: Responsible for the activities carried out by ITTIG-CNR within the “Don’t knock on the wrong door: Charterclick!” Project, funded by the European Commission, DG Justice, under the Fundamental rights and citizenship programme

From 2014: Participation in the EVIDENCE (*European Informatics Data Exchange Framework for Courts and Evidence*) project funded by the EU under the 7th Framework Programme

2012-2015: Responsible for the Departmental Project of CNR “Law, Technological Innovation and Legal Culture”

2012-2015: Participation in the RESPECT (Rules, Expectations and Security through Privacy-enhanced Convenient Technologies) project, funded by the EU under the 7th Framework Programme

2011-2014: Responsible for the activities carried out by ITTIG-CNR within the SMART (*Scalable Measures for Automated Recognition Technologies*) project, funded by the EU under the 7th Framework Programme

From 2012: Responsible for the research carried out by ITTIG-CNR in the “Information Systems for the Law” sector

2009- 2011: Responsible for the research activities carried out by ITTIG-CNR in the “Law, Policies and Training for Electronic Administration and the Information Society” sector

2009-2010: Coordinator for the CARE (*Citizens Consular Assistance Regulation in Europe*) project funded by the European Commission – DG Justice,

2010-2011: Participation in the Working Group set up by ITTIG-CNR and the Accademia della Crusca compiling a *Guide to Drafting of Administrative Acts. Rules and Suggestions*, the first edition of which was published in February 2011

dal 2009: Responsible for ITTIG-CNR of the scientific collaboration agreement between ITTIG-CNR and the “Person, Market and Institutions” Department of Legal, Political and Social Studies of the University of Sannio (Benevento)

2007-2009: Participation in the Caselex (Case Law Exchange) project, funded by the European Commission under the eTEN programme

2007: Participation in the Eurovoc studies research project, funded by the Publications Office of the European Union

2005-2006 - Participation in the Caselex (Case Law Exchange) project, funded by the European

Commission under the eContent programme

From 2002: Co-responsible, for the legal documentation aspects, of the DoGi Dottrina giuridica data bank – Abstracts of articles from Italian law journals, bimonthly online data bank

2004: Participation in the Working Group set up within the NiR project, dedicated to the identification of legal documents through their Urn (Uniform Resource Name).

2004: Participation in the National Working Group set up within the NiR project, dedicated to the metadata related to legislative documents

2003: Participation in the Research Group constituted to implement the Convention stipulated with the Tuscany Region for advising on the drafting of a law on the use of information technologies and telecommunications in public administrations

2001-2004 : Participation in the NIR (“Access to Legislation on the Net”) project, directed by the Italian Ministry of Justice, as the person responsible for the operational unit set up within the Institute during the various phases of the project's development

2001: Participation in the IDG – CNUCE-CNR (Pisa) Working Group that compiled, on behalf of the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, the feasibility study for the “Automated Management of Mandatory Attempts to Conciliate in Labour Disputes”.

2000-2001 - Participation in the Working Group constituted within the ambit of the collaboration agreement between the Council of State and IDG (feasibility study for the “Computerisation of the Documentary Flows of the Justice Administration”). – Responsible for phase 2 of the work concerning “Analysis of the Documentary Flows of Administrative Proceedings before Regional Administrative Tribunals and the Jurisdictional and Advisory Role of the Council of State”

1999-2003: Participation in the *Computer Tools for Aiding the Teaching of Law and Multimedia Technologies for the Teaching of Law* research projects, projects coordinated by Agenzia 2000, in collaboration with the Universities of Catania, Perugia and Florence and ISRDS-CNR.

1999- 2000 - Participation in the *Informatics for Teaching Law. A Support Tool for Teaching European Law* project, relating to research and the design of systems for law teaching and assessing the learning of the law with computer tools.

1999- 2000 - Revision and updating of the classification table used for classifying documents stored in the DoGi data bank.

1999: Research carried out within the Inter-university Research Programme, “Comparative Trends of Administrative Reforms” (scientific coordinator, L. Vandelli), research unit of the Department of Public Law of the University of Florence

1997: Research carried out within the University Scientific Research Project, “Transformations of the Executive Power and of Administration between the European Union and National Reforms”, Department of Public Law of the University of Florence

1997: Research carried out within the Inter-university Research Programme, “Innovations in the Public Administration: Comparing Models”, research unit of the Department of Public Law of the University of Florence (the specific title of the research carried out by the unit is “The Influence of the Community Administrative Model on the Italian Administrative System” – head of the unit, M.P. Chiti).

1995 and 1996- Collaboration in the *Modes of Law-making* Strategic Project of CNR, (head of research, Prof. W. Uckmar), Operational Unit of Florence.

Chairing and Participation in the Scientific Committees of Conferences and Seminars

2015: Member of the Programme Committee of the 3rd International Workshop “Network Analysis in Law”

2014: Member of the Programme Committee of the 2nd International Workshop “Network Analysis in Law”

2012: Member of the Organising Committee of the Seminar “Law and Neuroscience”, Rome, 3 December 2012

2012: Programme Chair of the Workshop “Surveilling surveillance”, Florence, 25-26 September 2012

2011: Member of Program Committee of the Workshop “*From information to knowledge – On line access to legal information*”, Florence, 6 May 2011

2010: Member of the Scientific Committee of the “*The Law of Access to the Internet*” Round Table, organised within the ambit of Internet Governance Forum Italia 2010, Rome, 30 November 2010

2010: Member of the Scientific Committee of the “*Robotics and Law*” Seminar organised by ITTIG-CNR and the “Person, Market and Institutions” Department of Legal, Political and Social Studies of the University of Sannio, Benevento, 25 May 2010

2008: Member of the Scientific and Programme Committees of the IX International Conference “Law via the Internet”, Florence, 30-31 October 2008

1998: Responsible for the Scientific Secretariat of the Conference “Constitutional Reform” – under contract for the Conference in Memory of Silvano Tosi, Florence, 27-28 March 1998

Teaching

Teaching Posts in University and Post-University Courses

2008: Lecturer at the Specialist Training Course on the Quality of Law-making (University of Florence)

From 2005: PhD Programme in Telecommunications and the Information Society (University of Florence):

Tutoring students taking their doctorates writing theses on legal informatics and computer law

1996-2005: Lecturer under contract on Public Community Law in the Masters Programme on European Studies, at the “Cesare Alfieri” Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Florence .

2002-2005: Lecturer under contract on Legal Informatics in the Masters Programme on European Studies, at the “Cesare Alfieri” Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Florence.

2002: Lecturer at the Specialist Training Course in “Cultural Heritage and Knowledge Management”, module related to “Legal Informatics”, Department of Italian Studies, University of Scutari, Albania (24-26 May 2002).

1998-2000: Professor under contract of *European Community Law (Advanced Course)* at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lecce

1999: Lecturer at the Specialist Training Course in Community Administrative Law – University of Lecce.

Other Teaching Posts

2008-2010: Lecturer in training courses organised by the Italian Ministry of Justice for personnel within the justice administration on European Union Law and Legal Informatics:

2007:

- Lecturer at the Course for Librarians at the Biblioteca centrale giuridica [Central Legal Library] (Rome) on “*Research and access to legal information with electronic tools*”

- Lecturer on eGovernment in the Masters Programme on the Administration and Management of Local Authorities (University of Catania)

Direction of and participation in editorial boards and scientific committees of journals and series

From 1997: Member of the Editorial Board of the journal, “*Rivista italiana di diritto pubblico comunitario*” ISSN: 1121-404X.

From 2004: Member of the National Scientific Committee of the journal, “*Informatica e diritto*”

From 2010: Member of the Steering Committee of DoGi, Dottrina giuridica, Abstracts of articles from Italian law journals, Bimonthly online database ISSN: 2240-7448

From 2012: Co-Director (with Nicola Lettieri and Carolina Perlingieri) of the International Series, “*Diritto Scienza Tecnologia / Law Science Technology*”, published by ESI

From 2012: Co-Director of the international journal “*Informatica e diritto*” ISSN: 0390-0975

From 2013: Member of the scientific committee of JOAL –Journal of Open Access to Law ISSN: 2372-7152

Selected publications:

Sebastiano Faro has published numerous academic articles, delivered conference papers and edited books on various issues including, i.a.:

- the classification scheme of DoGi – Dottrina giuridica (legal literature) database [SEBASTIANO FARO, *Schema di classificazione utilizzato per l'indicizzazione dei documenti inseriti nell'Archivio DoGi*, Rapporto tecnico IDG n. 4/2000, 144 pp. The classification scheme composed of 7,000 descriptors ca is available on ITTIG's website],

- processing of personal data [S. FARO, *Trattamento dei dati personali e tutela della riservatezza nelle comunicazioni elettroniche*, in: Clarich M., Cartei G.F. (a cura di), “*Il codice delle comunicazioni elettroniche*”, Milano, Giuffrè, 2004, pp. 529-582 (ISBN: 9788814109997); S. FARO, *Trattamento dei dati personali e tutela della persona*, in *Digesto delle Discipline Pubblicistiche*, appendice di aggiornamento, Torino, Utet, 2000, pp. 543-573 (ISBN: 8802056161)],

- consumer protection [S. FARO, *La tutela del consumatore*, in Cassese S. (a cura di), “*Trattato di diritto amministrativo*”, parte speciale, tomo III, Milano, Giuffrè, 2000, pp. 3099-3139 (ISBN: 8814083142)],

- the digitalisation of document processing in the Italian administrative justice system [S. FARO, P. GUIDOTTI, L. SERROTTI (a cura di), *Informatizzazione dei flussi documentali della giustizia amministrativa*,

con scritti di R. Bartoli, G. Cresci, S. Faro, G. Fresta, P. Guidotti, L. Serrotti, O. Signore, F. Turchi; prefazione di G. Barbagallo; 318 pp., *Napoli, Esi, 2003 (ISBN: 8849506716)*],

- European citizenship and consular protection [S. FARO, M.P. CHITI, E. SCHWEIGHOFER (Eds.), *European Citizenship and Consular Protection. New Trends in European Law and National Law*, ISBN: 9788863421804, XIII+627 pp., Napoli, Editoriale Scientifica, 2012],
- semantic mapping among thesauri [E. FRANCESCONI, S. FARO, E. MARINAI, *A framework for semantic mapping between thesauri*, in: Janowski T., Pardo T.A. (Eds.), “ICEGOV 2008, Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on theory and practice of electronic governance (Cairo, December 1-4, 2008)”, New York, ACM Press, 2008, pp. 251-257 (ISBN: 9781605583860)],
- simulation in law teaching [S. FARO, *La simulazione informatica per la didattica del diritto: le esperienze straniere*, in Giuli D., Lettieri N., Palazzolo N., Roselli O. (a cura di), “Simulazioni interattive per la formazione giuridica”, *Napoli, Esi, 2007, pp. 81-110 (ISBN: 9788849514322)*],
- legal informatics [S. FARO, N. LETTIERI, A. TARTAGLIA POLCINI (a cura di), *Diritto e tecnologie. Verso le scienze sociali computazionali. Attualità e orizzonti dell’informatica giuridica*, Napoli, Esi, 2011, 304 pp., ISBN: 9788849523256],
- law and computational social science [S. FARO, *Scienze sociali computazionali, diritto, informatica giuridica (verso la scienza giuridica computazionale)*, in Peruginelli G., Ragona M., *L’informatica giuridica in Italia*, Napoli, ESI, 2014, pp. 603-619 (ISBN: 9788849527995); S. FARO, N. LETTIERI (Eds.), *Law and Computational Social Science*, numero monografico della rivista *Informatica e Diritto*, 2013, fasc. 1, 356 pp. (ISBN: 978-88-495-2638-7); N. LETTIERI, S. FARO, *Computational Social Science and its Potential Impact upon Law*, in *European Journal of Law and Technology*, 2012, vol. 3, fasc. 3 (on line) (ISSN: 2042-115X)],
- network analysis in law [R. WINKELS, N. LETTIERI, S. FARO (Eds.), *Network Analysis in Law*, Napoli ESI, 2014 (ISBN: 9788849527698)].