

EDITORIAL

The essays included in this volume were presented and discussed at the second conference on Italian and Brazilian law held in October 2016 at the Faculty of Law of the Federal University of Minas Gerais. The conference is one of the activities that have been organized in the framework of the international collaboration between our two Faculties of law in Belo Horizonte and Trento. Such collaboration has already led to the publication of two books, as well as the organization of the first conference in Trento in November 2014. Other activities are being planned in the coming years. We are personally involved not only in our capacity as deans of the two Faculties, but also because of our direct interest in the scientific themes on which this collaboration focuses.

Indeed, the essays we present in this volume clearly show the variety of perspectives this collaboration was able to entice. The colleagues who participated to the conference adopted different methodological approaches and focused on a broad range of legal topics. Federico Puppo, Monica Sette Lopes and Alexandre Trivisonno dealt with the theory of legal reasoning and with interdisciplinary approaches to the study of law. Fulvio Cortese and Cristiana Fortini addressed recent debates in national administrative law. Nicola Lugaresi and Leonardo Parentoni debated the most recent developments in Internet and communications law. Paola Iamiceli and Marcelo Milagres explored the strengths and weaknesses of the EU and Brazilian legal frameworks on unfair commercial practices. Alberto Mattei and Livia Miraglia focused on some of the main issues in Italian and Brazilian labour law. Finally, Giuseppe Bellantuono and Fabiano Lara proposed new analytic approaches to transnational governance and the rule of law.

In an overall picture these essays contribute to address the growing complexity of the relationships among state, international and transnational legal regimes. But this growing complexity is probably one of the main reasons which prompted this collaboration. We, and our colleagues as well, are not aiming for final answers to

the thorny questions we have to address in our daily job. But we do believe that opening up channels of communications among scholars from different legal systems is the best, perhaps the only, way to interpret and understand the role of law in our age. Furthermore, the conference and all the activities involved in our collaboration are providing several opportunities for our students and younger scholars to become aware of the international scientific debate and to increase their knowledge of comparative methodologies.

We sincerely hope that both the essays and the opportunities we gave to students and scholars will be a lasting contribution. Thank you so much to all the colleagues who on both sides of the Ocean invested their energies for making this happen. Giuseppe and Fabiano, the two scientific coordinators of the conference, deserve a special mention for their organizational efforts. We hope that their example will soon be followed by many others.

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