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Cross-border litigation and international arbitration

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In person and online



Disclaimer

This is a provisional presentation.
The program and the faculty are still on development.
Please, consult the website of the Summer School to keep updated.



Introducing the Summer School

The Ravenna Campus of the Department of Juridical Sciences of the University of Bologna (Italy) has been very active, in the past years, in the organisation of Summer Schools dedicated to issues of International, European and Comparative law.

In this context, since 2019, Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi has started a Program on Cross-Border Disputes, dedicated to the organization of summer schools, conferences, webinars on issues of transnational civil litigation.

As a matter of fact, **the relevance of cross-border civil litigation is growing.**

The diffusion of world-wide online activities and the globalisation of economic and financial activities lead to the spreading of transnational disputes, which involve issues of jurisdiction, private international law, available remedies, harmonisation of procedural rules.

It is therefore fundamental, for both law students and law practitioners, to become accustomed with this dimension.

In particular, the following Summer Schools have so far been organized in Ravenna:

- **July 2019:** *"Transnational tort litigation: jurisdiction and remedies"*
- **July 2021:** *"Transnational jurisdiction: current issues in civil and commercial matters"*
- **September 2021:** *"Cross-border insolvency"*
- **July 2022:** *"Transnational litigation: between substance and procedure"*
- **July 2023:** *"Cross-border litigation and international arbitration"*

In September 2022, a **newsletter called "Transnational litigation pills"** was created on LinkedIn.

It has been conceived as a virtual companion to the Summer School on transnational litigation. It has the aim to let jurists share, all through the year, their views about the topics to which the Summer School is dedicated, in order to spread information, start discussions, share opinions, expand the network of Private International Law and Cross-Border Litigation enthusiasts.

The call for contributions is always open.

It is possible to read the newsletter editions and to subscribe to it at this link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/newsletters/6963604527434354688/>

It is also possible to follow news, activities and information about the Summer School on transnational litigation on its **social media**:



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Main information

In 2024, on 15-20 July, the Summer School on “Cross-border litigation and international arbitration” will take place.

This year’s program looks at **cross-border litigation from a wider perspective, embracing transnational civil and commercial legal matters as well as international arbitration.**

While at the core of the program still lies the European space of justice, with its private and procedural international law regulations, the comparative and international perspectives are strengthened, with several lecturers from Third States.

As usual, **the approach is both theoretical and practical**: as a matter of fact, lectures alternate with workshops which will involve the participants in the solution of cases and problems.

The Faculty of the Summer School is composed of experts from different jurisdictions with very diverse professional backgrounds.

The Summer School is **aimed at law students as well as law graduates and law practitioners** who want to obtain a specialised knowledge in the increasingly relevant area of transnational civil law.

The lectures will be held in a blended way, **both in person and online.**

The program of the Summer School may be downloaded from the **official website at <https://site.unibo.it/transnational-litigation/en/program>.**

Registrations are open and applicants can register through the procedure described at **<https://site.unibo.it/transnational-litigation/en/fees-and-forms>.**

It is possible to register **until 24 June 2024**. The registration fee is **300,00 €**.

Until 9 June 2024 (23.59 CET) those who are entitled to apply to the call for papers can send their applications to try to attend the Summer School **free of charge** (cfr. page 3).

Early bird registration: the first ten applications to participate will receive a free copy of the book *European judicial cooperation in cross-border litigation*, edited by Paolo Biavati and Michele Angelo Lupoi, published by Bologna University Press in 2024. First come, first served! The complimentary copy of the book will be granted upon confirmation of payment of the registration fee.

For information on the project, please contact the Director, Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi, at **micheleangelo.lupoi@unibo.it**; if you need specific information to participate or after the application, please address your e-mail to the Tutor, Michele Sacco, at **michele.sacco5@unibo.it**; speakers are kindly invited to refer only to the Scientific Coordinator, Dott.ssa Francesca Albi, at **francesca.albi@unibo.it**.

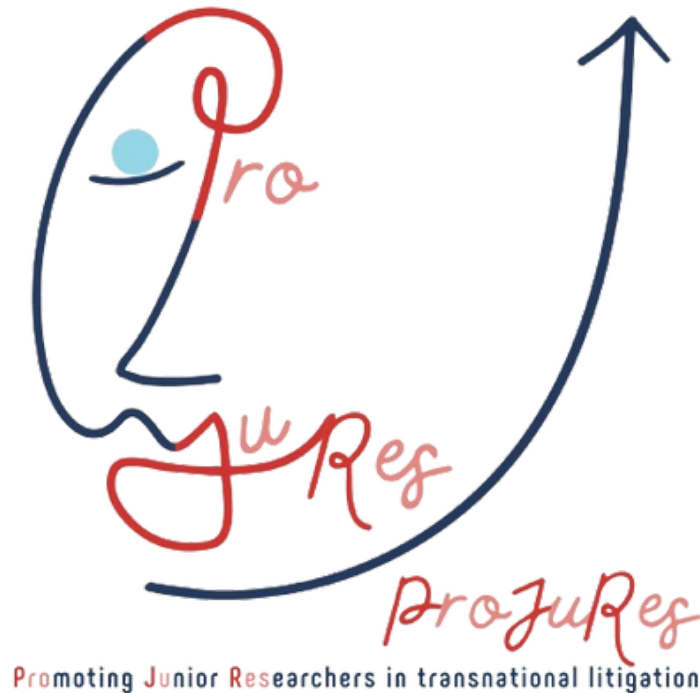
During the past editions of the Summer School, the Ravenna Bar Association has granted **20 formative credits to Italian lawyers** who participate in the Summer School. We are currently working to offer this possibility in this edition too. Detailed information are going to be provided soon.

ProJuRes

Promoting Junior Researchers in transnational litigation

ProJuRes - Promoting Junior Researchers in transnational litigation is a dynamic space within the Ravenna Summer School founded in 2024, which is dedicated to young jurists who are interested in transnational litigation.

Whilst it is a satellite of the Summer School, ProJuRes is active the whole year round.



ProJuRes **aims** to:

- promote junior researchers and scholars who are interested in transnational litigation and other topics which the Ravenna Summer School is dedicated to;
- allow junior researchers and scholars to express their points of view in the international context of the Ravenna Summer School, giving them the possibility to publish papers, lecture or conduct webinars;
- facilitate the debate on transnational litigation-related matters between different generations of legal scholars, students and practitioners.

ProJuRes **initiatives** include:

- a **call for presentations** (deadline: 29 February 2024, 23.59 CET) thanks to which Davide Castagno, Anastasia Kalantzi and Olga Słomińska will lecture in this edition of the program;
- a **call for papers** to participate for free in the Summer School (deadline: 9 June 2024, 23.59 CET);
- a **call for contributions** to the LinkedIn newsletter “Transnational litigation pills”.

Please, contact the Scientific Coordinator, Francesca Albi, at francesca.albi@unibo.it for any kind of information or in case you would like to take part in a ProJuRes initiative.

For further information, visit <https://site.unibo.it/transnational-litigation/en/projures>.

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The University of Bologna | Ravenna Summer School on transnational litigation collaborates with several entities which are active in the field of law and/or promote research.

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The Faculty [1/6]



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The Faculty [2/6]



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Schedule of classes [1/3]

Monday 15 July

8,30 - 9,00

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9,15 - 11,00

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Cross-border patent litigation: the first year of the European Patent Court

13,00 - 13,15

Closing of the Summer School

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