
Rapporto annuale 2024/2025

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Introduzione

L'Istituto di diritto (IDUSI) si dedica alla ricerca e coordina tutti gli insegnamenti di diritto in tutte le Facoltà dell'USI.

L'attività di ricerca in seno all'IDUSI si articola attualmente su quattro assi principali: (i) il diritto internazionale ed europeo dell'economia e le sue interconnessioni con il diritto e le politiche dell'ambiente e dell'energia e (ii) il diritto penale economico con particolare attenzione ai reati di criminalità organizzata, riciclaggio e di corruzione; (iii) la giustizia riparativa nella sua dimensione nazionale e internazionale; (iiii) strutture di governance e assetti istituzionali, sia formali sia informali, come risposte ai problemi di costi di transazione e incompletezza contrattuali.

Le attività dell'IDUSI hanno generato finanziamenti di ricerca competitivi e proposte di progetti in corso di valutazione/sottomissione portati avanti attraverso collaborazioni interdisciplinari con altre Facoltà dell'USI e con altre Università in Svizzera e all'estero.

1. Progetti finanziati 2024/2025

1.1. In corso

- Progetto SWEET reFuel.ch – Sustainable Fuels and Platform Chemicals (2024-2029) finanziato dall'Ufficio federale dell'energia (fondi IDUSI: CHF 738'640), in collaborazione con EMPA, ZHAW, UniBasel, PSI, ETH, SUPSI (WP lead: Ilaria Espa)
- Progetto ERW Reg4Fuels - Maximizing the value of carbon-neutral fuels in integrated energy networks through regulations (2024-2027) finanziato dall'Ufficio federale dell'energia (fondi IDUSI: CHF 91'000), in collaborazione con ETH (co-PI: Ilaria Espa).
- Progetto NRP84 Regulating New Plant Breeding Technologies: An international and interdisciplinary perspective (2025-2029) finanziato dal Fondo Nazionale Svizzero per la Ricerca Scientifica (fondi IDUSI: CHF 455'230), in collaborazione con UniBasel (Main PI: Ilaria Espa)
- Progetto. USI PS/ORD DigitChart (2024-2026), finanziato da USI nell'ambito dell'iniziativa Open Science e ORD, CHF 50'000 (PI: Massimiliano Vatiero)
- Progetto Horizon Europe Networks and the Rule of Law: Uncovering Socio-Economic Outcomes (NET-ROL) finanziamento UE (membro del team di ricerca: Massimiliano Vatiero)
- Ricerca e disseminazione in Law and Economics, finanziato da Fondo Galli (PI: Massimiliano Vatiero)
- Progetto Costruire spazi di dialogo finanziato dal Fondo Nazionale Svizzero per la ricerca scientifica, programma Agora (importo USI: 158'203 CHF), (Co-Applicant: Annamaria Astrologo).
- Progetto Cross-border rules on commuters between Switzerland and Italy (CROCSIT), finanziato nel programma INTERREG Italia – Svizzera 2021-2027 in collaborazione con SUPSI (lato svizzero) e Università dell'Insubria (lato italiano).

1.2. Conclusi

- Progetto MAECI Energia, sicurezza nazionale e cambiamenti climatici: la promozione di uno sviluppo sostenibile nell'ottica del diritto internazionale e del diritto dell'Unione europea (2025) finanziato dal Ministero italiano degli Affari esteri (esperto internazionale: Ilaria Espa)

2. Pubblicazioni 2024/2025

Articoli in rivista e capitoli in volume

- Anna Panarella, 'SOEs for a New Renewable Energy Regulatory Framework: What Constraints under WTO Law?' (2025) 59(6) *Journal of World Trade* 925-950.
- Ilaria Colombo, 'Mainstreaming Social Sustainable Development Objectives in EU Free Trade Agreements. Possible Legal Implementations in the Case of Labour Standards' 467 - 484, in *Sustainable Development as a Fundamental Pillar of Economic Governance and Public Affairs* (Elisa Baroncini et al. eds, Bologna University Press 2025)
- Varacca, A., Soregaroli, C., Kardung, M., Espa, I., Colombo, I., Cortesi, B. et al. (2025) 'The effect of the EU's novel food regulations on firm investment decisions' *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 76, 211–229.
- Espa, Ilaria. 'A Trade and Climate Agenda for Promoting CO₂ Management through Carbon Markets', *Revue Québécoise de Droit International* (2025), pp. 363-375
- Espa, Ilaria and Elena Cima, 'Making Sense of Fragmented Carbon Governance: Towards Greater Interoperability through Trade' (with E. Cima), 18 *Journal of World Energy Law and Business* 4 (2025), pp. 1-10
- Cordonier Segger, M.-C., Espa, Ilaria, Gehring, Markus and Marios Tokas. 'Climate Change and Sustainability Advances in EU Trade Agreements: Policy and Legal Innovations, Interlinkages and Implementation', 30 *European Foreign Affairs Review* (2025), pp. 7-34
- Espa, Ilaria, Harro van Asselt and Dominic Coppens. 'Energy Subsidies and International Trade Law' (with H. van Asselt and D. Coppens), in M. Mehling and H. van Asselt (eds.), *Research Handbook on Climate Finance and Investment Law* (Edward Elgar, 2025), pp. 248-278
- Espa, Ilaria. 'Enforcing Sustainability Obligations: Adjudication and Post-Adjudication Enforcement' in K. Claussen and G. Vidigal (eds.), *The Sustainability Revolution in International Trade Agreements* (Oxford University Press, 2024), pp. 217-233
- Espa, Ilaria and Marios Tokas. 'Interrelation Between Paris Agreement and EU Free Trade Agreements' Commitments: In Search of a Sustainable Path' (with M. Tokas), 30 *European Foreign Affairs Review* (2025), pp. 1-6
- Vatiero, Massimiliano. 'Editorial.' *Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity*, 14(2):1–4 (2025).
- Vatiero, Massimiliano, Traverso, Silvio, Zaninotto, Enrico. 'The complementarity between automation and flexible labor contracts: Firm-level evidence from Italy,' *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 21, e15, 1–17 (2025).
- Vatiero, Massimiliano, Fiorito, Luca. 'Natural forces matter: A note on Simon N. Patten's critique of John B. Clark's theory of distribution,' *Ecological Economics*, 235, 108637 (2025)
- Vatiero, Massimiliano, Pieri, Fabio. 'Firm hierarchy and the market for knowledge,' *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, 34: 714–794 (2025).
- Vatiero, Massimiliano, Roe, Mark J. 'Corporate governance and its political economy updated,' In J.N. Gordon and W.-G. Ringe (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Corporate Law and Governance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780192888006 (2025).
- Vatiero, Massimiliano. 'Varieties of capitalism, competition, and prosocial corporate purposes,' In F. Thépot and A. Tzanaki (Eds.), *Research Handbook on Competition and Corporate Law*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 47–66. ISBN: 9781803920542 (2025).
- Vatiero, Massimiliano. 'The "dark side" of smart contracts: A contract theory perspective,' *European Management Review*, 21(3): 516–519 (2024).
- Vatiero, Massimiliano. 'Mentore, collega, amico (toscano), e ancora mentore: Il mio ricordo e percorso con Riccardo Del Punta,' In W. Chiaromonte and M.L. Vallauri (Eds.),

Trasformazioni, Valori e Regole del Lavoro. Pisa: Pisa University Press, pp. 1175–1179. ISBN 9791221505078 (2024).

- Annamaria Astrologo, La lotta contro la criminalità organizzata in Svizzera: un'analisi dell'art.260 ter CP alla luce delle modifiche legislative e dell'interpretazione giurisprudenziale in *Tempus fugit. 20 anni, Tribunale penale federale, Helbing Lichtenhahn*, 2024, 291-300.
- Annamaria Astrologo, From the regulatory aspects to existing practices of restorative justice: the experience in Switzerland, in *Droit et Cultures Special Issue*, 2024 (<https://journals.openedition.org/droitcultures/9628>).

Altre pubblicazioni

- Marianna Vanuzzo, 'Transparency in EU Law. From Legal Principles to a Food Sector Analysis' (2025), *Studies in European Economic Law and Regulation*, Springer. (book)
- Espa, Ilaria. 'Energy Transition-Related Industrial Policies in EU, US and China and the Economic Diversification of Developing Countries Dependent on Critical Minerals, Background Paper for the 2024 UNCTAD Commodities & Development Report, 2024
- Blandi, Clara, Espa, Ilaria, Evenett, Simon and David Kleimann, 'Green Industrial Policy: How G20 members can foster Better Practices through Disclosure, Evaluation, and Dialogue' (with C. Blandi, S. Evenett and D. Kleimann), *T20 Policy Brief*, 2024

3. Presentazioni a conferenze

- Ilaria Espa, *Sustainable Fuel Technologies for the Green Transition in Light of Trade Law : Time to Reshape the Trade-and-Climate Nexus?*, 9th SIEL Biennial Conference, National Taiwan University (NTU) and the Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy (ACWH), Taipei (9-11 July 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, *Green Policies for Inclusive Trade and Climate Justice*, WTO Public Forum 2024, World Trade Organization, Geneva (10-13 September 2024)
- Ilaria Espa, *The Paris Agreement and EU Free Trade Agreements' Commitments*, Workshop on 'Against the (Trade) Winds: Legal Tools for Europe to Strengthen Climate Finance and Green Trade in Turbulent Times', CISDL-Green Trade Network (24 April 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, *Trump's New Tariff Initiatives and WTO Law*, Conference on 'The European Union and International Law in Times of Trump II', Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan (16 April 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, *Criteri ESG e Responsabilità delle imprese alla luce delle nuove normative EU*, Roundtable on 'ESG e Futuro del Lavoro', Settimana della Sostenibilità economica, USI Lugano (11 March 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, *Latest Developments in EU ESG Regulation and Some Reflections on their WTO Implications*, Workshop on 'Is ESG Over-Regulated? EU Over-Regulation vs US Under-Regulation', Gianni Origoni-KU Leuven, Milan (11 February 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, *Latest Developments in the Regulation of Non-CO₂ Emissions in Aviation in the EU ETS*, reFuel.ch Non-CO₂ Climate Impacts – Sustainability Platform (15 November 2024)
- Ilaria Espa, *Regulatory Overviews for Sustainable Aviation Fuels*, reFuel.ch (online) Roundtable on 'Overcoming Regulatory Challenges for SAF Demand' (21 October 2024)
- Ilaria Espa, *Green Industrial Policy and WTO*, World Trade Forum on 'Trade and the Quest for Accountability: Perspectives and Challenges', World Trade Institute, University of Bern (6-7 September 2024)
- Ilaria Espa, *Navigating the Green Tide: Legal Issues raised by the Impact of Environmental Regulations on Developing Nations*, World Trade Forum on 'Trade and the Quest for

Accountability: Perspectives and Challenges', World Trade Institute, University of Bern (6-7 September 2024)

- Anna Panarella, "Integrating climate change concerns in international trade law: is there a role for the embedded liberalism compromise?", Green Trade Lab Workshop on "The Greening of Trade in Times of Planetary and Geopolitical Crises? Ideas, Institutions and Interdependence in the Environment-Trade-Nexus" (9 July 2024).
- Anna Panarella, Marianna Vanuzzo, Oliver Engel, 'Legal Pathways for Green Hydrogen in Switzerland and Comparative Insights from the EU' Disentis Energy Research Talks (31 January 2025).
- Anna Panarella, "Regulatory Barriers to Scaling SAFs: Safeguarding EU Technological Leadership and Decarbonization Targets in the Context of an Increasingly Interconnected World", EUIA 2025 (21 May 2025).
- Anna Panarella, "Fueling the Energy Transition through Trade: Regulatory Challenges for the Scaling of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs)", 2025 Society of International Economic Law Taipei Conference (10 July 2025).
- Anna Panarella, "Legal Pathways for Integrating Trade and Sustainability: The ACCTS Approach to Fossil Fuel Subsidies and its Implications for the WTO", 2025 ESIL Annual Conference (12 September 2025).
- Marianna Vanuzzo, "Recycled carbon fuels and e-fuels: where does the EU stand?", Energy Transition Conference, speaker at the Carbon market session (Joensuu, Finland 27-28 June 2024).
- Ilaria Colombo, 'US and EU Unilateral Trade Measures on Forced Labor in Global Supply Chains', 9th Biennial Society of International Economic Law Conference (10 July 2025, Taipei).
- Ilaria Colombo, US UFLPA and EU Forced Labour Regulation, World Trade Forum, Bern 6-7 September 2024 (poster presentation)
- Massimiliano Vatterio, STILE Workshop of Law & Economics, University of Trento, 27-28 June 2025.
- Massimiliano Vatterio, Italian Society of Law and Economics (SIDE) – 20th Annual Conference, Sapienza University of Rome, December 2024.
- Massimiliano Vatterio, WINIR Conference, University of Pittsburgh, September 2024.
- Annamaria Astrologo, '30 Jahre Art. 260ter StGB: Fazit und Ausblick', Convegno "Fokus kriminelle und terroristische Organisationen", Ministero pubblico della Confederazione, Berna 2024.

4. Collaborazioni principali (in corso/concluse)

- International Law Association, Committee on International Law for the SDGs (co-rapporteur : Ilaria Espa)
- Swiss Energy Law Association (Secretary General : Ilaria Espa)
- Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) (Lead Counsel Natural Resources Programme : Ilaria Espa)
- Italian Society of Law and Economics (SIDE) (Elected Secretary: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- Doctoral Program in Economics and Finance (University of Trento and Free University of Bolzano-Bozen) (Faculty Member: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- *Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity* (ISSN: 2281-8642) (Editor-in-Chief: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- *Journal of Industrial and Business Economics* (ISSN: 0391-2078) (Advisory Board Member: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice* (ISSN: 2515-6918) (Editorial Board Member: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- *Journal of Law, Market & Innovation* (ISSN: 2785-7867) (Editorial Board Member: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- *History of Economic Ideas* (ISSN: 1122-8792) (Editorial Board Member: Massimiliano Vatiere)
- SwissRJForum (Board member: Annamaria Astrologo)
- Osservatorio ticinese sulla criminalità organizzata (Responsabile accademica: Annamaria Astrologo)

5. Conferenze e seminari

Keynote e relazioni invitate

- Ilaria Espa, Teach-in Seminar on 'Export Restrictions, Mineral Security and the WTO: Fostering the Green Transition through Trade' for the United Kingdom Cabinet Office, International Economic Unit (UK) (September 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, *The Trade-Climate Nexus of CO₂ Management in the context of Emission Trading Systems: A Legal Analysis*, International Economic Law and Policy Seminar Series (23 May 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, 'International Law and Climate Change Action', University of Geneva Summer School on International Law & International Humanitarian Law: 'International Trade Law and Climate Change Action' (June 2025)
- Ilaria Espa, 'International Economic Law and Food Security (SDG2)' guest lecture at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern (CH), MILE, course on 'International Economic Law and the Pursuit of Core Societal Values and Interests' (course of Prof Isabelle van Damme)
- Anna Panarella, "Certification standards for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs): a focus on ISCC and RSB CORSIA and EU certification programmes" Lunch Seminars ReFuel.ch (29 October 2024).
- Anna Panarella, "A focus on the interplay between the EU ETS and CORSIA and the Swiss ETS and the notion of SAFs", ReFuel.ch internal presentation (20 June 2024) .
- Marianna Vanuzzo, 'A focus on the Hydrogen Strategy in EU and comparative elements', ReFuel.ch internal presentation (22 October 2024).

- Anna Panarella, "SOEs regulation under WTO law and PTAs: a focus on subsidies" International Economic Law II course, Module of Advanced International Economic Law, European Legal Studies, Prof. Lorenza Mola, University of Turin (22 November 2024).
- Anna Panarella, Marianna Vanuzzo, ReFuel.ch internal presentation (18 November 2025).
- Anna Panarella, "Legal Pathways for Integrating International Trade and Sustainability: the ACCTS Approach to Fossil Fuel Subsidies", Guest lecture - International Trade and Investment Law Course, European Legal Studies, Prof. Lorenza Mola, University of Turin (25 November 2025).
- Anna Panarella, "La regolamentazione delle imprese pubbliche nell'ambito dell'Organizzazione Mondiale del Commercio (OMC) e degli accordi commerciali preferenziali", International trade law course, Prof. Ilaria Espa, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan) (26 November 2025).
- Ilaria Espa, Anna Panarella, Oliver Engel, "Reg4Fuels - Maximizing the value of carbon-neutral fuels in integrated energy networks through regulations" Stakeholder workshop (7 May 2025).

Teaching activities e altre attività accademiche

- Marianna Vanuzzo, teaching 'EU Economic Law' (15 hours module) (adjunct professor) Faculty of Banking and Finance, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milano (2024/2025).
- Ilaria Espa, teaching of 'Diritto del commercio internazionale' (20 hours module) (adjunct professor), Law Faculty, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milano (2024/2025).
- Annamaria Astrologo, teaching of 'Diritto penale svizzero' (20 hours module) (adjunct professor), Dipartimento di diritto economia e culture, Università dell'Insubria (2024/2025)
- Annamaria Astrologo, teaching of 'La responsabilità dell'ente ex d.lsg. 231/2001' (12 hours) (collaboration), Master diritto penale dell'impresa e dell'economia "Filippo Sgubbi", Università degli studi di Bologna.
- Annamaria Astrologo, teaching of 'Reati penali dell'impresa e dei suoi organi' (16 hours module) (collaboration), Master in Business Law (Usi-Supsi).
- Annamaria Astrologo, teaching of 'Corruzione pubblica: responsabilità delle persone fisiche e dell'impresa' (8 hours) (collaboration), Master in Diritto economico e Business Crime (Supsi)

6. Eventi

- International Law for the SDGs: Opportunities and Challenges in Turbulent Times (15 Maggio 2025, USI Lugano)
- First Meeting International Law Association Committee "International Law for the SDGs" (14-15 Maggio, USI Lugano)
- Formazione continua e aggiornamento per giuristi, edizione 2024 in collaborazione con la Facoltà di Giurisprudenza dell'Università di Lucerna, Divisione della Giustizia del Cantone e Supsi (Responsabile scientifica: Annamaria Astrologo).
- Corso di formazione continua per le persone detenute: 'Narrare, dialogare e ricostruire' edizione 2024 in collaborazione con l'Ufficio di assistenza riabilitativa del cantone (Responsabili scientifiche: Annamaria Astrologo e Sara Greco).
- Corso di formazione continua 'Imprenditrici si diventa' in collaborazione con Equi-lab (Responsabile Usi: Annamaria Astrologo)
- MAS Business Law, Usi-Supsi (Responsabile USI: Annamaria Astrologo)

- Giornata di formazione sulla giustizia riparativa in collaborazione con Supsi e Suffp (9 maggio 2025, Suffp Lugano)
- 'Come lo dico?' in collaborazione con l'associazione rJustice, il servizio LINEA e la Scuola universitaria federale per la formazione professionale (SUFFP) (16 novembre 2024, Usi Lugano).
- La mafia declinata al femminile (3 ottobre 2024, Usi Lugano)
- Presentazione del libro 'Mafiadigitale.ch' (26 febbraio 2025, Usi Lugano)

7. Affiliazioni e riconoscimenti

- IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (Member: Ilaria Espa)
- Energy and International Law Interest Group of the European Society of International Law (Co-convenor : Ilaria Espa)
- Society of International Economic Law (Executive Council Member : Ilaria Espa)
- USI Raiffeisen Best Teaching Award for excellence in teaching 2025, USI Lugano (Ilaria Espa)
- Verifier ("Verificatore"), appointed by the Italian Council of State, 2025 (Massimiliano Vatiero)
- World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) (Executive Board: Massimiliano Vatiero)
- SwissRJForum (Board: Annamaria Astrologo)
- Rjustice Ticino (Presidente: Annamaria Astrologo)
- Juristinnen Schweiz (Membra: Annamaria Astrologo)
- Equi-lab (Membra di Comitato: Annamaria Astrologo)
- Review per Fondo Nazionale Svizzero per la Ricerca Scientifica (FNS) (Annamaria Astrologo)
- Centro di diritto svizzero dell'Università dell'Insubria (Membra: Annamaria Astrologo)
- Liceo di Mendrisio e del Liceo di Lugano 3 (Esperta di materia: Annamaria Astrologo)

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