

Ricordo di Lucia Bellucci

In memory of Lucia Bellucci

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On January 30th, 2025, Lucia Bellucci passed away.

She was a member of the Board of Directors of this journal, Associate Professor in the Department of Legal Studies “Cesare Beccaria” at the University of Milan, a distinguished scholar, and a highly appreciated professor.

Lucia made a notable contribution to the field of sociology of law, playing an important role in promoting dialogue both nationally and internationally.

After graduating cum laude in Law from the University of Bologna in 1998, Lucia pursued a Ph.D. in Sociology of Law at the University of Milan, in joint with the Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne (“Doctorat en droit”), under the supervision of Vincenzo Ferrari and Pierre-Laurent Frier. Her dissertation, *Promotional Law and State Aid to Film Production in Italy and France in Light of European Integration and the International Trade in Services Negotiations*, received an excellent evaluation and the French distinction “très honorable avec félicitations du jury à l’unanimité”.

From the thesis came her first book, *Cinema e aiuti di Stato nell’integrazione europea. Un diritto promozionale in Italia e in Francia* (Giuffrè, 2006), followed by *Consuetudine, diritti e immigrazione. La pratica tradizionale dell’escissione nell’esperienza francese* (Giuffrè, 2012), *Media, diritto e diversità culturale nell’Unione europea tra mito e realtà* (ETS, 2012), and *La sindrome ungherese in Europa. Media, diritto e democrazia in un’analisi di Law and Politics* (Giuffrè, 2018).

Lucia’s extensive scholarly work demonstrated the breadth of her interests and her remarkable ability to blend analytical rigor with interdisciplinary openness. Her research and teaching areas include European Union law and international economic law – analysed through a Law and Politics lens – as well as legal ethics of Legal professions, sociology of law, legal anthropology,

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and the study of the relationships between law and development and between law and media policy.

Lucia was a scholar with a strong and unwavering international orientation. She published many essays in foreign journals and edited volumes, served on the editorial board of *Droit et Société*, and taught and conducted research periods at prestigious foreign institutions and universities, among them the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law and the Faculty of Law of Montreal University.

She was a passionate and generous professor, attentive to her students, capable of conveying enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity. With her passing, *Sociologia del diritto*, the scientific community, and her colleagues lose a scholar of exceptional competence and dedication. Her intelligence, kindness, and rigor will remain an example for everyone who had the privilege of knowing and working with her.