

CURRICULUM VITAE

Thomas Casadei is Full Professor of Philosophy of Law at the Department of Law of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Education

He graduated in Humanities and Philosophy (Lettere e Filosofia) from the University of Bologna in March 1998 with a thesis in Philosophy of Law (on Michael Walzer; supervisor Prof. Gianfrancesco Zanetti, co-supervisor Prof. Anselmo Cassani), and received an award for the best academic record of his year (1996-1997). In 2003 he obtained a PhD in Political Philosophy from the University of Pisa (with a thesis on “Rights, Constitution and Social Citizenship in Tom Paine”; supervisor Prof. Eugenio Ripepe).

Teaching

After collaborating for a decade (2000-2010), as subject expert (cultore della materia) and research fellow, in the teaching and research activities of the Chair of Philosophy of Law at the Department of Law of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, from academic year 2010-2011 to academic year 2014-2015 he taught Theory and Practice of Human Rights as adjunct lecturer at the same University.

He teaches Philosophy of Law (M-Z) and Theory and Practice of Human Rights, as well as Philosophy of Law for the inter-university degree programme in Philosophy (administrative seat: University of Parma). In academic years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 he also taught Legal Informatics and, in 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, Law Teaching and Media Education.

For three academic years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019) he taught the course in Communication and Argumentation Techniques at the Postgraduate School for the Legal Professions.

He was also tutor for the course in History of Political Doctrines at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Bologna – Forlì campus “R. Ruffilli”, in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010; from academic year 2009-2010 to academic year 2013-2014 he was adjunct professor of Theory and History of Public Opinion – Module II at the same Faculty (degree programme in “Media and Politics”).

In academic years 2020-21 and 2021-22 he taught a lecture module (20 hours) within the First-level Master’s programme in “Management of Communication and Cultural Policies” at IUAV University of Venice.

In academic years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 he was entrusted with the lecture modules “Migrants and Labour Exploitation” and “Young People with a Migrant Background”, respectively, in the [Advanced Training Course “Legal and Social Practices in the Reception and Integration of Migrants”](#) at the University of Bologna.

He was **Visiting Professor** at the Faculty of Law (Facultad de Derecho) of the University of Seville (January-February 2024; January-February 2025).

Institutional Roles

Formerly Coordinator for orientation, tutoring and school-work alternation projects (January 2015-November 2019) and Deputy Director of the Department of Law (November 2018-November 2019), from November 2019 to October 2025 he served as Delegate for

Communication and Spokesperson of the Rector of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. In this role he was, among other things, Editor-in-Chief of the University's monthly web magazine FocusUnimore.

He is registered in the special register of the Italian Order of Journalists (Ordine dei giornalisti).

He is a member of the Scientific Council of the University Law Library.

He was head of LABdi – Laboratory on Forms of Discrimination, Institutions and Positive Action (2007-2010).

Since 2020 he has been a member of the [GameSci ReCenter](#) (Modena section) and, together with Claudio Baraldi, is the Unimore contact person for [RUniPace, the network of Universities for Peace](#).

Member of the [Italian Society of Philosophy of Law – SIFD](#), corresponding member of the Italian Association [for the History of Political Thought – AISPP](#) and founding member of ASGGE aps (Association for Gender Legal Studies), he sits on the Scientific Committee of the “[Permanent Seminar on Legal Theory and Practical Philosophy](#)”, active since 2001 at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and now in its 30th cycle (he coordinated it up to the 20th cycle), and on the Scientific Committee of the “Anselmo Cassani” Legal-Historical Archive, and he is Scientific Director of the IT Workshop “Law Ethics Technologies” – DET. Since September 2022 he has been a member, appointed by the Municipality, of the Board of Directors of the [Interreligious Museum Foundation of Bertinoro](#), a position that was renewed in September 2025.

Since November 2022 he has been a member of the Scientific Coordination of the [Fondazione San Carlo – Modena](#).

Since September 2024 he has been a member – as external expert – of the Organising Committee for the [second-level Master's programme in “Philosophy for Community”](#) for academic year 2024/2025, proposed by the “Piero Martinetti” Department of Philosophy of the University of Milan (Statale).

Research Activities and Roles, Editorial Positions

Member of the Faculty Board of the PhD programme in “Legal Sciences” of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and of the Faculty Board of the PhD programme in Humanities, Technology and Society of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, run jointly with Fondazione San Carlo and Almo Collegio Borromeo.

Since 2004 he has been a member of the Operational Unit “Legal and Social Aspects of Security” of [CRIS – Interdepartmental Research Centre on Security and Risk Prevention](#). Since October 2024 he has been a member of the Centre's Executive Board.

In July 2016 he co-founded, together with Prof. Gianfrancesco Zanetti, [CRID – Interdepartmental Research Centre on Discrimination and Vulnerability](#); he was a member of its Executive Board from July 2016 to November 2022 and has been Director of the Centre since December 2022.

Together with Gianfrancesco Zanetti he co-edits the Centre's series of studies and research “[Diritto e vulnerabilità](#)”, published by Giappichelli.

Since November 2018 he has also co-edited, again with Zanetti, the series “[Prassi sociale e teoria giuridica](#)” published by Mucchi.

Since July 2019 he has co-edited, together with Stefano Pietropaoli, the series “[Comp.lex. Diritto, computazione, complessità](#)” published by Wolters Kluwer.

Since June 2020 he has co-edited, together with Roberto Cammarata, the series “[Altera pars. Studi e ricerche di Filosofia politica e Teoria del diritto](#)”, published by Libereditazioni.

Since September 2025 he has co-edited, together with Orsetta Giolo, the series “[AltreFondamenta](#)”, published by Pacini Giuridica.

Since 2020 he has been a member of the [Pri.MI Research Group](#) (coordinated by Prof.

Marina Lalatta Costerbosa), which works on child protection.

He is a member of the Scientific Board of the following book series: [“Rifrazioni. Studi critici di storia della filosofia del diritto”](#) (ETS – since 2024 also as a member of its coordinating board), [Storia e scritti di donne](#) (Mucchi), [effe. scaffale del femminismo](#) (tab), [kaosmos](#) (Artetra), [Storia della filosofia politica](#) (Mimesis), [Dimorare la fragilità](#) (Pensa Multimedia), [Inteligencia Artificial Jurídica](#) (Comares editorial), “Studi su razzismi e discriminazioni/Studies on racisms and discriminations” (Unisalento).

Formerly Director of the Istituto Gramsci of Forlì (2003-2010), from 2012 to 2022 he was a member of the Scientific Committee of the [Fondazione Gramsci Emilia-Romagna](#).

Since 2015 he has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute for the History of the Resistance [and the Contemporary Age of Forlì-Cesena](#) and of the Scientific Committee of the [International Centre for Studies and Documentation on Youth Culture \(ISDC\)](#) based in Trieste.

Since 2017 he has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the [Festival della Migrazione](#) and since 2018, together with Gianfrancesco Zanetti, he has coordinated the Observatory on the Reception of Asylum Seekers in the [Modena Area](#).

Projects (Participation and Leadership)

As a member of the Steering and Coordination Committee, he took part in the FAMI Project “ReAcT – ER Territorial Anti-Discrimination Network Emilia-Romagna” [Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014 – 2020; Specific Objective 2 Integration/Legal Migration – National Objective 3 Capacity Building – Letter L) PROG. 165 – ReAcT-ER Rete Antidiscriminazione Territoriale Emilia-Romagna; CUP E49D16001350007], coordinated by the Emilia-Romagna Region in partnership with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia – Department of Law, the Municipalities of Reggio Emilia, Modena, Bologna, Ferrara and Ravenna, and the ASP of the Cesena Valle Savio district (Funding body: Ministry of the Interior – Italy).

He took part in two PRIN projects (Research Projects of National Interest):

PRIN Project [2015 call] “Legal Subject and Vulnerability: Institutional Models and Legal Concepts in Transformation” (Start and end date: 05.02.2017 – 05.02.2020).

PRIN Project [2004 call] “Multicultural Society, Immigration and Security: Problems of Social Integration”
(Start and end date: 01.01.2005 – 31.12.2006).

He was Principal Investigator (PI) of the FAR Mission Oriented Project 2021-2023 [“Second Generations”: an Interdisciplinary Approach between Forms of Discrimination and Inclusion Practices](#).

He was Principal Investigator (PI) of the PNRR Project (National Recovery and Resilience Plan, 2024-2025) [SAFELY – Social media Awareness For Education and Legal Youth](#) – Spoke 8 “Risk Management and Governance” of the SERICS Foundation (PE SERICS – PE00000014 – theme no. 7 “Cybersecurity, New Technologies and Protection of Rights”).

He was a member of the project and steering committee of “GE&PA – Gender Equality & Public Administration. Training Paths for Gender Equality in Public Administration and Local Communities” (Funding body: Emilia-Romagna Region).

International Research Activities

At the international level he has been a member of:
the Unimore Research Unit within the [Horizon 2020 project EQUAL-IST](#) “Gender Equality Plans for Information Sciences and Technology Research Institutions” (2016-2019); the project “Control de Fronteras y Derechos Humanos en El Mediterráneo”, based at the University of Almería (UAL18-SEJ-C004-B, funded by the Agencia Andaluza del Conocimiento y la memoria: 2019-2022);
the project “Desafíos teóricos, éticos y normativos de la inteligencia artificial. Oportunidades y límites de su regulación” – DENORIA PID2023-146621OB-C21 (1 September 2024 – 31 August 2027);
the project “Derechos humanos y desinstitucionalización: apoyos, cuidados y acogimientos inclusivos” (1 September 2024 – 31 August 2027);
the project “El derecho al cuidado en la sociedad digital. Análisis de la efectividad de los derechos relacionados con los cuidados de larga duración, en el contexto de su creciente digitalización” (e-CARE) (1 September 2024 – 31 August 2027).
He is a member of: the “Red Iberoamericana de Investigación sobre Formas Contemporáneas de Esclavitud y Derechos Humanos”;
the [UNIGreen](#) project, a network of 8 European universities established within the Erasmus+ Programme (European University Network action – EUN);
the *board* of the section “History of Philosophy of Law”, coordinated by Prof. Gianfrancesco Zanetti, of the “[Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy](#)” (eds. [M. Sellers](#), [S. Kirste](#), Springer 2018-), promoted by the Internationale Vereinigung für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie (IVR);
the coordinating Scientific Committee of the “[Seville-Modena Colloquia](#)”.

Editorial Activities (Journals)

He is Editor-in-Chief of [Diritto artificiale](#).

He is a member of the Scientific Committee of [Rivista di Filosofia del diritto](#), [Derechos y Libertades](#), [Quaderni di Organizzazione e Trasformazione Digitale della Giustizia](#), and of the International Scientific Committee of “[L’Altro diritto](#)”; of the Steering Committee of “[Filosofia politica](#)”, “[Democrazia e Diritto](#)”, “[Ordines – Per un sapere interdisciplinare sulle istituzioni europee](#)”, “[AG About Gender – International Journal of Gender Studies](#)”, “[Eunomia. Rivista di Studi su Pace e Diritti Umani](#)”; of the Editorial Council of [Materiali per una storia della cultura giuridica](#); of the Editorial Board of *Bdl* – Biblioteca della [libertà](#); of the Advisory Committee of “[Notizie di Politeia](#)”; and of the Referee Committee of “[Diacronia – Rivista di Storia della Filosofia del Diritto](#)”.

He is a member of the Editorial Staff of “[Jura Gentium](#)”, “[La Società degli Individui](#)”, “[Scienza e Pace](#)”, and “[SR – Il Senso della Repubblica nel XXI secolo](#)”.

He was also a member of the Steering Committee of the international journal “[Cosmopolis](#)” (2006-2022), of the Scientific Committee of “[Governare la paura – Journal of interdisciplinary studies](#)” (2008-2019) and of the Scientific Committee of *IRIAD Review. Studi sulla pace e sui conflitti* (2018–2024). He was a member of the Editorial Staff of the “[Rivista trimestrale di Scienza dell’Amministrazione. Analisi delle politiche pubbliche e istituzioni](#)” from 2008 to 2013 and of the “[Rivista di Filosofia del diritto](#)” from 2011 to 2018. He contributes to the monthly magazine “[Una città](#)” and to “[Clionet. Per un senso del tempo e dei luoghi](#)” (a Public History journal: stories, pathways, knowledge, arts and crafts).

Publications

Among his numerous [publications](#) the following may be highlighted:

Five textbooks: [Donne, diritto, diritti. Prospettive del giusfemminismo](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2015); [La didattica del diritto. Metodi, strumenti, prospettive](#) (Pisa, Pacini editore, 2019; new edition 2021; co-authored with V. Marzocco and S. Zullo); [Manuale di Filosofia del Diritto. Figure, categorie, contesti](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2019; revised and updated edition 2020; expanded and updated multimedia edition 2022; co-authored with Gf. Zanetti – the book has been published in Spanish by Tecnos, edited by Fernando H. Llano Alonso); [Diritto e tecnologie informatiche. Questioni di informatica giuridica, prospettive istituzionali e sfide sociali](#) (Wolters Kluwer-Cedam, 2021; second expanded and updated edition, 2024; co-edited with Stefano Pietropaoli); [Prassi e teoria dei diritti umani. Questioni scelte](#) (Pisa, Pacini, forthcoming).

Five monographs: [Tra ponti e rivoluzioni. Diritti, costituzioni, cittadinanza in Thomas Paine](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2012); [Il sovversivismo dell'immanenza. Diritto, morale, politica in Michael Walzer](#) (Milan, Giuffrè, 2012); [I diritti sociali: un percorso filosofico-giuridico](#) (Florence, Firenze University Press, 2012); [Il rovescio dei diritti umani. Razza, discriminazioni, schiavitù](#) (with a dialogue with Étienne Balibar, Rome, DeriveApprodi, 2016 – series «Labirinti»); [Diritto e \(dis\)parità. Dalla discriminazione di genere alla democrazia paritaria](#) (Rome, Aracne, 2017 – series «Limina»).

Edited volumes: among the main ones (out of 40), [Differenza razziale, discriminazione e razzismo nelle società multiculturali](#) (2 vols., Reggio Emilia, Diabasis, 2007 [with L. Re]); [Lessico delle discriminazioni: tra società, diritto e istituzioni](#) (Reggio Emilia, Diabasis, 2008); the [Carteggio Capitini-Calogero](#) (Rome, Carocci, 2009, with G. Moscati); [Il senso della repubblica. Schiavitù](#) (Milan, Franco Angeli, 2009, with S. Mattarelli); [Diritti umani e soggetti vulnerabili: trasformazioni, violazioni, aporie](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2012); [Donne, diritto, diritti. Prospettive del giusfemminismo](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2015); [Lo sfruttamento del lavoro minorile. Fattispecie e azioni di contrasto](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2021, with A. Tampieri); [Un dialogo su Olympe de Gouges. Donne, schiavitù, cittadinanza](#) (Pisa, ETS, 2021; co-edited with L. Milazzo); [Sconfinamenti. Esperienze, analisi, ricerche sulle "seconde generazioni"](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2023, with L. Pierini, B. Rossi); [Promuovere la parità di genere nelle istituzioni pubbliche e private. Materiali per la formazione \(Glossario\)](#) (Modena, Mucchi, 2024, with T. Addabbo, T. Fabbri, C. Mussida, C. Robustelli, C. Serra); [Un dialogo su Olympe de Gouges. Pace, diritto, istituzioni](#) (Pisa, ETS, 2025; with L. Campi, S. Simonetta, Gf. Zanetti); [Giovani in rete. Guida per un uso consapevole delle tecnologie](#) (Turin, Giappichelli, 2025, with V. Barone, B. Rossi); [Società digitale e mondi professionali: opportunità, rischi, sfide](#) (San Lazzaro di Savena [BO], Bonomo Editore, 2025, with V. Colomba); [Minori stranieri non accompagnati ed esercizio dei diritti. Sicurezza, consapevolezza, uso delle tecnologie](#) (Modena, Mucchi Editore, 2025, with B.G. Bello).

He has also published **200 scientific works, including articles, essays and book chapters** (the complete list is available at this [link](#)).

Modena, 25 September 2026

Sincerely,

Prof. Thomas Casadei

