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Maria Donata Panforti is a full-time full professor (disciplinary scientific group GIUR-11/A - Comparative private law belonging to the GSD 12/GIUR-11 - COMPARATIVE LAW), at the Department of Education and Human Sciences of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, where he teaches “Comparative law of minors” in the master's degree course in Pedagogical Sciences; "People, families, society" in the degree course in Educational Sciences for nursery and socio-pedagogical professions; and "The teacher, children, families: legal aspects" in the master's degree course in Primary Education Sciences.

She is an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) and an ordinary member of the National Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts of Modena. She was recently appointed to the Scientific Committee of the Justice Foundation of Reggio Emilia and is part of the Steering Committee of the ORFECT Interdepartmental Center.

She is a member of the Expert Group of the Commission for European Family Law (CEFL) as well as of the coordination group of Family Law in Europe Academic Network (FL-EUR). She is managing editor of Family and Law; member of the management committee of the Comparative and European Public Law; and referee of the Comparative Law Review. She also belongs to AIDC (Italian Association of Comparative Law), of which she was general secretary and treasurer for a long time, and to AUSE (University Association of European Studies). From 1995 to 2023 she was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL), of which she was vice-president for two terms.

She has held several positions in Unimore, including that of president of the course in Educational Sciences (2013-2018); president of the course of studies in Pedagogical Sciences (2013-2016); director of the Department of Legal Sciences (1999-2001). In the three-year period 2018-2021 she represented the full professors of area 3 in the Academic Senate.

In 2023 the International Society of Family law (ISFL) awarded her the Distinguished Service Award.

He participated as a consultant to the Council of Europe in the “Building a Europe for and with children” program and collaborated in various capacities with the Hamline University School of Law (St. Paul, Minnesota), the China University of Political Law and Science of Beijing, and the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, with the universities of Lyon (Jean Moulin) and Novi Sad, with the T.M.C.Asser Instituut (The Hague), with the European Law Institute (Wien), as well as with EACEA, executive agency of the European Commission and with numerous Italian universities. She was in board of auditors of the Italian Association of Applied Linguistics.

She organized eleven scientific conferences in the Modena and Reggio Emilia venues, five of which with international speakers coming mainly from non-European countries.

She is the author of numerous publications - most of which in internationally distributed magazines and books - in the areas of family law, child law and property rights. She has also written on law teaching and on topics of "law and literature", and has presented more than one hundred papers at national and international conferences.

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