

Irene Canfora
Full Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Bari
PhD in Italian and Comparative Agricultural Law

Previous academic position: January 2005 – May 2017: Associate Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Bari. April 2001- December 2004: Researcher of Agricultural Law, University of Bari

Education and training

- 7th July 1997: PhD in “Italian and Comparative Agricultural Law”, University of Pisa, discussing a thesis on “Organic Agriculture in European Union: the legislative framework”, coordinator prof. A. Carrozza.
- August 1994: DAAD Scholarship grant, research activity and language course at Saarbrücken University.
- January - December 1993: IDAIC Scholarship grant, research study on “Milk quotas in Germany” (International and Comparative Agricultural Law Institute, Florence, Italy)
- 24th October 1992: Degree in Law, University of Bari, discussing a thesis on “Vertical integration contracts in French experience”, supervisor: prof. A. Jannarelli

Teaching Activity (degree Courses Department of law, University of Bari):

European Agricultural law; Law of Agrifood markets, Agri-Food Law, Agri-environmental law and rural development law; Food Law.

PhD teaching activity:

- Member of PhD Board - University of Bari “Rights and protection in globalized markets” (established in 2021, XXXVII cycle to date); previously member of PhD Board “Legal principles and institutions between global markets and fundamental rights”, (since XXIX cycle to XXXVI) Environmental Law and economics (XVIII-XIX), Private Law and new technologies (XX-XXV), Italian and comparative Private law (XXVI-XVIII).
- Currently responsible of several PhD Thesis on Agrifood law; yearly responsible of the cycle of lectures for PhD students (“Market Regulation and the limits of freedom of contract”).
- Invited speaker by the PhD Courses of the University Ca’ Foscari (Venice) “Diritti Mercato e Persona” in the academic years 2016-17; 2017-18; 2018-19; University of Ferrara 2021-22
- Referee for PhD Thesis and member of Commission at the following Universities: Macerata, Ferrara, Università Cattolica Piacenza.

Post graduate teaching activities:

Director of the Short Master “Contracts and Business in the Agrifood chain” (University of Bari, established in academic year 2021/22; second edition: 2022/23; third edition: 2023/24)

Coordinator of Soft skill course “Agenda 2030: food, safety and social inequalities” project funded by University of Bari (March-May 2022)

Teaching activities in Master:

Academic year 2021/22: Lecture for Master in Law, business and food safety, Modena Reggio Emilia University

Academic year 2018-19; 2019-20: Teaching module at Agricultural and Food Law Master in Roma Tre University

Academic year 2016-17: Teaching module on Food Law at the Master in Food Law, LUISS University in Rome.

Academic year 2014-15 to 2017: Teaching module at Agricultural and Food Law Master in Viterbo University

Academic year 2010-11 and 2011-12: Teaching module on European Law at the Post graduate School in Animal public health and at the Post graduate school in Food Inspection (Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bari)

Teaching activity for the Italian Higher School of Judiciary: Agricultural businesses and labour standards (January 2024) Unfair trade practices and agrifood offences (October 2022); Agriculture and Labour law (May 2021)

Teaching module for the Seasonal school Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Pisa) Food, Sustainability and rights (February 2021) – “Animal welfare”.

Teaching activity for the “Specialization Course for employee at Carabinieri Command for agrifood protection” Carabinieri Command for Agrifood protection (Roma, September-October 2021) – “Agricultural business” – “Organic farming”.

Teaching activities in foreign Universities:

Academic year 2023-24: Visiting professor at the University of Elbasan “Alexander Xhuvani” (January 2024)

Academic year 2008-09: Teaching module on European Agricultural Law at the Post graduate Course “European Union and Mercosur” (Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Buenos Aires Universidad Nacional La Plata)

Academic year 2005-06: Teaching module on European Agricultural Law at the Post Graduate Course “Comparative Law Italia-Argentina” (Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Buenos Aires; Universidad Concepcion de Uruguay)

Responsibility in Academic International networks

Responsible for the University of Bari for the Cooperation Agreement REDPREA “Red de Derecho Privado comparado y de la Integracion: perspectiva euroamericana”, promoted by the University of Granada (Spain).

Responsible for the University of Bari for the Agreement with the Catholic University of Graben (Congo Democratic Republic).

Member of the Commission for the implementation of the Agreement between the University of Bari and the University of Saint Petersburg

Responsible for the Department of Law - University of Bari for the Erasmus Agreement with the University of Bayreuth (Germany), the University of Nantes (France), the University of Poznan (Poland), the University of Almeria (Spain)

Academic Responsibilities:

2023- 2025: Member of the Evaluation Committee of the University of Salerno

2023-2028: Member of the Evaluation Committee of the University of Bari

2016-2022: Vice-Head of Department of Law – University of Bari

2014-2020: Coordinator of Degree Courses of the Department of Law – University of Bari

Competitive Research Projects and Research Groups Membership:

2023-24 2023-24: Principal Investigator for the Research Project of National Relevance (PRIN – Progetti di Ricerca di rilevante Interesse Nazionale) – Call 2022 Funded by the Ministry of University “TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD SYSTEM: LEGAL TOOLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN AGRIFOOD SUPPLY CHAIN” – Research Units involved: University of Bari, University of Florence, Sant’Anna School of Advanced studies, Pisa – University of West Piedmont – University of Molise

2022-2025: Member of the project ONFOODS spoke 1, Research and innovation network on food and nutrition Sustainability, Safety and Security, funded by Ministry of University within NextGenEU (lead partner University of Parma) as Principal investigator for the Task 1.1.3. “Definition of an ethical legal model of sustainable food system relationships”

2021-2023: Principal Investigator of the project “Food systems, nutrigenomic and safety: rules for agriculture and consumers information”, funded by University of Bari

2020-2022: Member of the research project “Una vision ecosistemica para el buen gobierno del agua” CUIA (Consorzio Universitario Italia Argentina), Responsabile, prof. L. Paoloni

2020-2022: Member of the research group University of Bari for the project PON TARANTO – “OR6 Energy for the Environment”, responsible prof. G. Selicato.

2019-2022: Responsible for PhD research project financed by a competitive grant FSE–FESR Research and Innovation 2014 – 20 “Innovative PhDs with industrial characterization of PON RI 2014-2010 cycle 35 on the topic: “PDO of agrifood products: promotion, protection and controls in EU and national legislation”

2017- 2020: Responsible for PhD research project financed by a competitive grant FSE–FESR Research and Innovation 2014 – 20 “Innovative PhDs with industrial characterization of PON RI 2014-2010 cycle 32 on the topic: “Legal framework of the agrifood trade on global markets”

2017: Member of the National Ministry of Agriculture working group for the revision of national legislation on agricultural law - “Gruppo di lavoro per la predisposizione di un d.lgs di riordino della normativa vigente in materia agricola, con riguardo ai soggetti e alle attività dei mercati agricoli e agroalimentari, alla contrattazione per l’impresa agricola e alla contrattazione di filiera (ai sensi dell’art. 5 L. 154/2016)” established by MIPAAF Decree no. 1685 of 7.2.2017

2015: Member of ISMEA (Institute for Agricultural Market services) Working group for a study on implementation of EU Reg. 1308/13 in Italy

Member of Research projects of relevant national interest financed by National Ministry of Education, University and research:

2009 “Impact of new European rules after the Treaty of Lisbon on Common Agricultural Policy, food safety and environmental protection”;

2006 “Food safety governance”

2003 The trade of new food products between competition rules and consumers protection

2008-2009 Member of Project financed by CUIA (Union of Italian and Argentinian Universities): “The European model of supernational markets. European Union and Mercosur”.

2007 Responsible for the Faculty of Law for the INTERREG Innova Project “Archimed IIIB” “Establishing Common Models of Integrated Sustainable Monitoring, Planning and Management of High Environmental Value Areas to Control Natural Resources Degradation”

2006 Member of CNR- IDAIC study working groups on the Agricultural Code Draft

Editorial Board activity in peer-reviewed scientific journals

Member of the Directive Editorial Board:

Diritto Agroalimentare (Giuffré – Francis Lefevre – Milano – Scientific Journal – Class A)

Section: “European Union and Human rights” of the online journal: giustiziocivile.com (Scientific Journal)

Guest Editor

for the supplement issue “Animal welfare: an interdisciplinary analysis -WEL22” of the open access Journal “Animal: The international Journal of animal biosciences” (Elsevier)

Supplement, August 2023

Member of the Scientific Board:

Przeglad Prawa Rolnego (Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (2021): 70 points

Rivista di Diritto Agrario (ES, Napoli)- Scientific Journal – Class A;

Agricoltura Istituzioni Mercati (FrancoAngeli Milano) Scientific Journal – Class A;

Diritto e Giurisprudenza Agraria Alimentare e dell'Ambiente (open access) Scientific Journal

Member of the Editorial board (Conselho Editorial)

Revista do CAAP Centro Academico Alfonso Pena – open access scientific Journal (Brazil)

Member of the Comité Asesor:

Revista Española de Estudios Agrosociales y Pesqueros – open access scientific Journal (Spain)

Member of the Reviewer committee:

Rivista Quadrimestrale di Diritto dell'Ambiente (open access) Scientific Journal– Class A (Member of external referee committee)

Quaderni di Diritto Privato Europeo (published by Cacucci Bari)

Peer reviewer for several Scientific Journals and for the National Agency for Evaluation of research quality (ANVUR) as referee for the Evaluation of Research quality (VQR) and as degree courses expert for the Universities Accreditation.

Scientific Association – Membership

President of the “Scientific Community of Agricultural Law” (2021-2024); previously: Secretary-treasurer and elected member of the Directive board (2018-2021).

Member of the Scientific-Technical Committee “Metes Foundation”, Rome (2022-2024)

Since 2021: member of the Scientific Committee CeDiSA (Centro Studi sul Diritto e le Scienze dell'Agricoltura, alimentazione e ambiente)

Since 2005: Corresponding member of IDAIC - CNR (International and Comparative Agricultural Law Institute – National Research Centre)

2013-2017: Member of the Directive Board of the Italian Food Law Association

Since December 2014: Member of Research Centre for Appraisal and Land Economics

Member Ce.S.E.T - Centro studi di Estimo e economia territoriale

Member UMAU - Unione Mondiale Agraristi Universitari (World Union of Agricultural Law)

Member AICDA - Associazione Italiana Cultori di Diritto Agrario (Italian Association of Agricultural Law experts)

Member of the FLAN – Food Law Academic Network (established in Wageningen, 2023)

Research experience:

My research interests are in the field of European agricultural and food law, in particular with regard to: Common Agricultural Policy, rural development and social aspects of agricultural sector, environmental law, animal welfare in agricultural perspective, social and economic sustainability in agriculture, competition rules, consumers’ protection, agricultural business, supply chain contracts in agricultural sector, intellectual property and geographical indications.

I published more than 170 contributions, including scientific articles on referred journals and chapters of books; two research book on the topic of Organic farming (Bari, 2002) and Agricultural markets and sale of agri-food products (Bari, 2008). A complete list of publication is available at <https://ricerca.uniba.it>

Selected recent publications:

Canfora I. (2024). The trends of the EU common agricultural policy: the legal tools for straightening farmers position within the agrifood supply chain. In: (a cura di): A. Gjeta, EU enlargement and acquis adoption burden: state of art and proposals for a correct adoption of the acquis for Albania. p. 10-19, Elbasan:Shpresa, ISBN: 9789928810212, Elbasan

Canfora I. Leccese V (*in press*). Social Sustainability as the Milestone for a Sustainable Food System: the Essential Role of People Working in Agriculture. In: European Journal of Risk regulation (*accepted Apr-24*).

Canfora I (2023). La PAC 2023-2027 : un nouvel équilibre dans les relations contractuelles au sein de la filière agroalimentaire. In: REVUE DE DROIT RURAL, p. 44-48, ISSN: 0395-9015

Miribung, G, Canfora, I, Gaulty, M, Lintner, M M (2023). Editorial: Animal welfare from a transdisciplinary perspective. In: ANIMAL, vol. 17 Suppl 4, ISSN: 1751-732X, doi: 10.1016/j.animal.2023.100977

Canfora I (2023). Politica Agricola Comune e digitalizzazione del comparto agroalimentare. In: RIVISTA DI DIRITTO ALIMENTARE, vol. quaderno 1-2023, p. 11-19, ISSN: 2240-7588

Canfora I. (2023). The «fair price» in agri-food chain. In: A.M. Mancalone R. Torino (Eds), AGRI-FOOD MARKET REGULATION AND CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE LIGHT OF DIRECTIVE (EU) 2019/633. vol.16, p.75-90, Roma: RomaTrE-Press, ISBN: 979-12-5977-231-2

Canfora I (2022) Special regulation of agricultural business in the framework of sustainable agri-food system in Europe, PRZEGLĄD PRAWA ROLNEGO nr. 1 (30) – 2022, 45–56
doi: 10.14746/ppr.2022.30.1.4

Canfora I. (2022). Remuneración justa de los agricultores y equilibrio del valor en la cadena agroalimentaria. REVISTA ESPAÑOLA DE ESTUDIOS AGROSOCIALES Y PESQUEROS, vol. 259 (2022), p. 201-220, ISSN: 2605-0323, doi: 10.24197/reep.259.2022.201-220

Canfora, Irene (2022). Legal Instruments of Health Protection Against Unsafe Food of Agricultural Origin in Italy. In: Katarzyna Leśkiewicz (ed.), Legal Protection of Human Health Against the Unsafe Agricultural Food. p. 149-157, WARSZAWA:Wydawnictwo C.H. Beck, ISBN: 978-83-8291-105-3

Canfora I, Leccese V. (2021). Lavoro irregolare e agricoltura. Il Piano triennale per il contrasto allo sfruttamento lavorativo, tra diritto nazionale e regole di mercato della nuova PAC. DIRITTO AGROALIMENTARE, p. 39-80, ISSN: 2499-7463

Canfora I. (2020). The Italian legislation on producer organisations in agriculture towards the evolution of the European framework. In: Aneta Suchon (ed.), THE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ASSOCIATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. vol. ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY LAW BOOKS NO. 14, p. 121-131, Poznan:Adam Mickiewicz University Press, ISBN: 978-83-232-3793-8

Canfora I, (2019). Protection of cultivated land: rural planning law and agricultural property and real estate law. RIVISTA DI DIRITTO AGRARIO, p. 746-767, ISSN: 0391-8696

Books:

Paolo Borghi, Irene Canfora, Alessandra Di Lauro, Luigi Russo (Editors), *Trattato di diritto alimentare*. 2nd Edition Giuffrè Lefevre 2024

Irene Canfora, Vito Leccese (Editors) *Le donne in agricoltura. Imprese femminili e lavoratrici nel quadro normative italiano ed europeo*, Giappichelli, Torino 2023

Paolo Borghi, Irene Canfora, Alessandra Di Lauro, Luigi Russo (Editors), *Trattato di diritto alimentare*. Giuffrè Lefevre 2021

Irene Canfora, Amarillide Genovese (Editors), *Risoluzione alternativa delle controversie tra accesso alla giustizia e regolazione del mercato*. ESI, Napoli, 2020.

Irene Canfora, Laura Costantino, Antonio Jannarelli (Editors), *Il Trattato di Lisbona e la nuova PAC. Atti del convegno di Bari 27-28 marzo 2014*. Cacucci, Bari, 2017.

Irene Canfora, *La commercializzazione dei prodotti agricoli nel diritto italiano e comunitario*. Cacucci, Bari 2008.

Irene Canfora, *L'agricoltura biologica nel sistema agroalimentare. Profili giuridici*. Cacucci, Bari, 2002.

Alessandra Di Lauro, Irene Canfora, Maria Pia Ragionieri, Domenico Viti, *La disciplina giuridica delle filiere del latte e del legname, vol. II – Studio di diritti europei ed extraeuropei*. Giuffrè, Milano, 2003.

International Conferences and workshop (as invited speaker) in last years:

University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani”: “EU enlargement and *acquis* adoption burden: state of art and proposals for a correct adoption of the *acquis* for Albania”, January 17-18-19, 2024 – “Legal tools for straightening farmers position within the agrifood supply chain”

University of Wageningen: *The future of Law Conference* 25-26 May 2023 – “Social sustainability as milestone for a Sustainable Food System: the essential role of people working in agriculture” (presentation with V. Leccese)

University of Palermo 5 Maggio 2023: *The relevance of digitalization for a sustainable agrifood market* - Conclusions to the Conference

International online conference, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (CEDR - Comité Européen De Droit Rural): *Scientific and Training Conference: The Common Agricultural Policy after 2022, with particular emphasis on the strategic plans of the European Union Member States* (online) January 10, 2023 – “The Strategic Plan 2023-2027 in Italy and its implementation”

International online Conference V Mediterranean Forum CEDR (Comité Européen De Droit Rural) 8 October 2021 Universidad de Valladolid: *The Challenge of the fight against food waste and agrifood chain: costs and results of sustainability policies* – “European Legal scheme on food waste and agrifood chain. Perspectives from different European Mediterranean countries – ITALY”

International online Conference (UMAU – CEDR – UAM) 15 April 2021 Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań: *Association of agricultural producers in selected countries of the world - legal and economic issues*, “The Italian legislation on producer organizations in agriculture, working towards the evolution of the European framework”

UMAU Webinar Conference (Unione Mondiale Agraristi Universitari) 23 November 2020: *Encuentros de la UMAU en tiempos de pandemia*, “I mercati agricoli globali e locali nell’era COVID”

University of Rome Sapienza, 7 February 2020: III CEDR Mediterranean Forum (Comité Européen De Droit Rural) – *Which Common Agricultural Policy after Brexit? A dialogue between market, financial and environmental sustainability*, “Young farmers, small farmers and family farms in the new CAP”

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, 18-21 September 2019: XXX CEDR Congress (Comité Européen De Droit Rural) - National Reporter for the 2nd Commission “Protection of Cultivated Land: Rural Planning Law and Agricultural property and Real Estate Law”.

University of Parma, 23-25 May 2019: XXV biennial colloquium of the Italian Association of Comparative Law (AIDC), *Food Law: a comparative perspective*, “Raggiungere un equilibrio nella filiera agroalimentare. Strumenti di governo del mercato e regole contrattuali”.

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, 18-21 September 2018: XV World Agricultural Law Conference: "Enhance quality products on the global markets: agri-food producers and commercial policy rules"

University of Bari, 11-12 June 2018: Market Regulation and Integration Process – 4th REDPREA International Conference - Introduction to the Workshop (Responsible of the REDPREA for the University of Bari and member of the Conference Scientific Committee)

University of Bayreuth, 27-28 July 2016: *Current Issues of Legal Integration in Europe and America: International Contract Law and ADR* – "Contract farming in global economy"

University of Florence, 4-6 June 2015: Florence SWIF - *Sustainability of Well-being International Forum 2015: Food for sustainability and not just Food* – "Is the short food supply chain an efficient solution for sustainability in food market?"

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań 18-21 September 2014: *Il diritto agrario di fronte alle sfide contemporanee - prawo rolne wobec wyzwań współczesności* - "Certificazione e tutela della qualità dei prodotti agroalimentari /Certyfikacja i ochrona jakości produktów rolnospożywczych"

University of Lecce 8-9 may 2014: *I boschi e le foreste come frontiere del dialogo tra diritto e scienze della vita* - «Definitions of "woodland" and "forest" in national law: the italian case»

University of Luzern, 11-14 September 2013: 27th CEDR Congress (Comité Européen De Droit Rural) - National Reporter for the 1st Commission "Legal status of cohabitees and their children in the agricultural enterprise";

University of Granada (Spain), 29-30 November 2012: *La protección del consumidor en dos diferentes procesos de integración: Europa y America* - 1st REDPREA International Conference – "Luces y sombras del modelo europeo de protección del consumidor en la seguridad alimentaria"

Organization of Conferences

Legal issues for a sustainable Food Chain, University of Bari – CIHEAM – (with V. Leccese et al.) 15-17 May 2024 <https://www.flanconference2024.it>

Agricoltura, Mercato e Sostenibilità. Convegno in onore del prof. Antonio Iannarelli. University of Bari, 26-27 ottobre 2023

Il Giornate Dottorali di Diritto Agrario - Comunità Scientifica di Diritto Agrario (with P. Borghi) – University of Ferrara - Rovigo 19-20 maggio 2023

I Giornate Dottorali di Diritto Agrario - Comunità Scientifica di Diritto Agrario (with M. Ferrari) – University of Trento maggio 2022

L'insegnamento del Diritto Agrario tra riforma degli ordinamenti didattici e multidisciplinarietà della materia – Comunità Scientifica di Diritto Agrario - Webinar 28 ottobre 2021

4th REDPREA International Conference - Market Regulation and Integration Process (with A. Genovese) – University of Bari, 11-12 June 2018

Il Trattato di Lisbona e la nuova PAC - Convegno conclusivo PRIN 2009 (with A. Iannarelli e L. Costantino) University of Bari, 27-28 marzo 2014