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## CURRICULUM VITAE

**1. Family Name** Ajani

**2. First Name** Gianmaria Federico

**3. Date of Birth** 21 October 1955

**4. Nationality** Italian

**5. Civil Status** Married

### 6. Education

1979 Doctor in Jurisprudence, University of Torino, *Magna cum laude*.

1982 Diplome de II Cycle, Faculté Int. de Droit Comparé, Strasbourg

### 7. Membership of Academic or Professional Bodies

- Academic, International Academy of Comparative Law, Paris
- Association Henri Capitant, Paris
- European Law Institute, Wien
- Admitted to the Bar, Torino, 1990

**8. Present Position** Rector (Chancellor)  
University of Torino, Italy

### 9. Key Qualifications

- International Trade, Law and Development,
- Contracts law, Comparative Private Law, EU private law.
- Knowledge of the Legal Systems of the “Transition States”, with a special focus on the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Albania, PR of China, Vietnam.
- Law and Language
- Legal drafting.
- Law and Development
- Law and Economics
- Law and Visual Arts

- Training of legal personnel, mainly in International Trade Law and Comparative Law.

## 10. Grants and Awards

(2012 - ) Scientific Coordinator at University of Turin, Department of Law on a project funded by the Seventh Framework Program (FP7) on “Evaluating Policies for Sustainable Energy Investments: Towards an Integrated Approach on National and International Stage”. The network coordinated by University of Turin, Department of Law, Italy includes the Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change (CMCC), Venice, Italy; University of Eastern Piedmont, Faculty of Law, Italy; University of Lund, Department of Political Science, Lund, Sweden; Université de Provence, Center of Comparative Epistemology & Ergology (CEPERC), France, Tsinghua University, Center for Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law (THCEREL), Beijing, China; Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES) in Beijing, China; Tomsk State University, Department of Law, Russia

(2008-2013) Scientific Coordinator at University of Turin, Department of Law for a project on “ICT4 LAW Converging on Law: Next Generation Services for Citizens, Enterprises, Public Administration and Policymakers” funded by the Regione Piemonte in the framework of the Converging Technologies 2007 in network with Università degli Studi di Torino Dipartimento di Informatica, Università degli Studi di Torino , Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche e Finanziarie "G. Prato", Università del Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”, Dipartimento di Studi per l’Impresa e il Territorio, Università del Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”, Dipartimento di Informatica, CERIS CNR and five private companies

(2002-2006) Scientific Unit Coordinator at University of Turin, Department of Law, for a project funded by the Sixth Framework Program (FP6) of the European Commission (Identification Number FP6-2002-CITIZENS-3, Contract Number 513351) “Joint Network on European Private Law”, in network with University of Bielefeld (Coordinator), Max Planck Institute for Foreign Private Law and Private International Law, University of Osnabruck, Paris-Sud University, Universität Salzburg, Tilburg University, University of Trieste, Utrecht University, Academy of European Law (ERA), Universiteit van Amsterdam, Association Henri Capitant, University of Bergen, Bielefeld University, University of Edinburgh, Göteborg University, University of Graz, University of Innsbruck. The CoPECL Network of Excellence, founded in May 2005, comprises several Universities, Institutions and other Organisations, as well as more than 150 researchers operating in all EU Member States. <http://www.copecl.org>.

(1998 – 2002) Scientific Coordinator at University of Turin, Department of Law for a project funded by the Fifth Framework Program (FP5) of the European Commission (Contract Number HPRN-CT-2002-00229) on the “Uniform Terminology for European Private Law”, in network with University of Barcelona (ubcn.dei) - Departament de Dret economia i internacionals; Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (ujml.idc) - Institut de droit comparé "Edouard Lambert"; Westfaelische Wilhelms-Universitaet (umslr.cep) - Centre of European Private Law, Germany; University of Nijmegen (kun.oor) - Faculty of Law, Business & Law Research Centre, The Netherlands; University of Oxford (uoxf.fl) - Faculty of Law, United Kingdom; University of Warsaw (uwars.la) - Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland.<http://www.uniformterminology.unito.it>

## 11. Professional Experience Record

Current: Dean and Professor of Law  
Department of Law, University of Torino

Director, Master Program “International Trade and Contracts”,  
University of Torino-International Training Centre of the ILO

Speaker of the ACQUIS Group (an EU based research network  
directed to propose the Principles of the EC Existing Law  
(*Acquis*) in the field of Contract Law ([www.acquis-group.org](http://www.acquis-group.org))

Board Member, PhD Programme IEL  
(<http://iel.carloalberto.org>)

Co-editor “Contratto e Impresa Europa”, CEDAM

Board Member, European Law Institute, Wien

2009-2012	Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Torino
2011	Visiting Professor, (Introduction to Chinesse Business Law) University of Georgetown Summer Programme, Law Centre, London
1998-2004	Head, Department of Law, University of Torino
2001	Visiting Professor, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan PR of China (Spring term)
2000	Expert, UNDP project on the training of National Assembly officials, Hanoi, Vietnam
2000	Visiting Professor (Jan.-March), Comparative Law, Université de Fribourg, Faculté de Droit
1999	Lecturer, European Law, University of Hanoi, Faculty of Law, Vietnam
1997	Visiting Professor, EC Law, Fall term, UC Berkeley, School of Law
1996-1998	Of Counsel, Brosio, Casati, Allen&Overy, Torino, London
1995	Visiting Professor, Law and Economics, Fall term, UC Berkeley, School of Law
1994	Participant in a EC/TACIS project to provide technical assistance for implementation of an overall privatisation strategy in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.
1994	Member of a team of three experts called by the OSCE to facilitate dialogue between the Ukrainian Central Government and the Crimean Authorities

1992 – 1995	Consultant to the IMF and the Council of Europe on the project of recodification of civil law in Albania
1991	Legal Expert, the Sacharov Foundation initiative to advise the USSR Government on legal reforms
1990 – 1996	Director, Department of Law University of Trento.
1988	Visiting Professor , Soviet Law, Fall term, UC, Berkeley, School of Law
1987 – 1996	Professor of Law Faculty of Law, University of Trento
1995, 1987 1985, 1983	Visiting Scholar, University of Leiden, Documentation Office for Russian and Eastern European Law
1982	Visiting Scholar Moscow, Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences

**Recent Publications (2003-2012)** [a full list at [www.personalweb.unito.it/gianmaria.ajani](http://www.personalweb.unito.it/gianmaria.ajani)]

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7. G.Ajani "Return to the codification" (in Chinese language), in 16 Peking University Law Journal, no. 6, 2004, 692-791
8. G. Ajani P. Rossi, Codice dei consumatori, Giappichelli, Torino, 2005, pp. i-xiii; 1-344
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10. G. Ajani, M. Ebers (eds.), Uniform Terminology for European Private Law, Nomos, Baden Baden 2005, pp. 1-389
11. G. Ajani, M. Ebers, "Introduction", in G. Ajani, M. Ebers (eds.) Uniform Terminology for European Private Law, Nomos, Baden Baden 2005
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15. G. Ajani, "Law and Economic Reform in the Transition from Plan to Market", Int. Encycl. of Comparative Law, vol. XVI State and Economy, R. Buxbaum, F. Madl (eds.), Mohr, Tübingen, 2006
16. G. Ajani, P. Rossi, "Coerenza del diritto privato europeo e multilinguismo", in V. Jacometti, B. Pozzo (cur.), Le politiche linguistiche delle istituzioni comunitarie dopo l'allargamento, Giuffré, Milano, 2006, pp. 119-140
17. G. Ajani, "La Rule of Law in Cina", in Mondo Cinese, 2006, n. 126, pp. 18-25
18. G. Ajani, P. Rossi, "Multilingualism and the Coherence of European Private Law", in B. Pozzo, V. Jacometti (eds.) Multilingualism and the Harmonization of European Law, Kluwer Law Int., Alphen a/d Rijn, 2006, pp. 79-91
19. G.Ajani, L. Lesmo, G. Boella, A. Mazzei, P. Rossi, "Multilingual Conceptual Dictionaries Based on Ontologies", in Proceedings of the XML Workshop, European Press Academic Pub., C. Biagioli, E. Francesconi, G. Sartor (eds.), Florence, 2007
20. G. Ajani, "Alcune considerazioni su comparazione giuridica, traduzione e 'coerenza' del diritto privato europeo", in E. Ioriatti Ferrari (cur.), La traduzione del diritto comunitario ed europeo: riflessioni metodologiche, Univ. di Trento, Trento, 2007, pp. 113-131
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23. G.Ajani, "Terminology and Search Functions", in *25 Years of European Law Online*, Publications Office of the EC, Luxembourg, 2007, pp. 129-136
24. G. Ajani, "E pluribus unum (?). Illusioni dell'armonizzazione e utilità dell'ontologia", in *47 Rivista di Estetica*, 2007, pp. 13-26
25. G.Ajani, "Transplants, Legal Borrowings and Reception", in *Encyclopedia of Law and Society* (D.Clark Gen. Ed.), New York, 2007, vol. 3
26. G.Ajani, "Le multilinguisme, les langues du droit et la recherche de cohérence du droit privé européen", in G. Ajani, G. Peruginelli, G. Sartor, D. Tiscornia (eds.), *The Multilanguage Complexity of European Law*, European Press, 2007, pp. 23-39
27. G.Ajani, "Legal Change and Institutional Reforms", in *Ret tog tolerance. Festkrift til Helge Johan Thue*, Glydendal Norsk Forlag, Oslo, 2007, pp. 473-497
28. G.Ajani, (with S. Stafutti), *Colpirne uno per educarne cento. Slogans e parole d'ordine per capire la Cina contemporanea*, Einaudi, Torino, 2008, pp. 1-168
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31. 31. G.Ajani (with P. Casanovas, U. Pagallo, G. Sartor eds.), *AI Approaches to the Complexity of Legal Systems*, Springer, 2010, pp. 1-241
32. . G.Ajani (with A. Donati, eds.), *I diritti dell'arte contemporanea*, Allemandi, Torino, 2011, pp. 1-204
33. G. Ajani, *Trapianto di norme 'informato' e globalizzazione: alcune considerazioni*, in *Studi in onore di Aldo Frignani*, Jovene, Napoli, 2011, pp. 3-16
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