

NICOLÒ PAOLO ALESSI

I graduated at the University of Turin with a thesis in administrative law. My PhD thesis proposes a renovated theoretical framework to grasp the ongoing evolution of the legal instruments for the accommodation of diversity based on a revisitation of federalism and minority rights theory.

My research interests are varied and include minority rights, autonomy studies, regionalism and federalism. I am looking for an opportunity to further develop my knowledge in these areas and put it into practice to address timely issues around the world.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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B Permit (Marriage with Swiss national in October 2023)

EDUCATION

Joint PhD candidate (Scholarship Holder) at the Universities of Verona and Fribourg/Freiburg

Period: October 2019-June 2023 (defense: 13 June 2023)

Program: European and International Law

Title of the research project: «Models for the Accommodation of Diversity: In Search of Theoretical Frameworks through Federalism and the Law of Diversity»

Scientific field: Comparative Constitutional Law

Supervisors: Prof. Francesco Palermo (Verona) and Prof. Eva Maria Belser (Fribourg)

Master's Degree in Administrative Law, University of Turin

Period: 2011-2017

Thesis title: La pubblica amministrazione e il principio costituzionale del buon andamento (The Public Administration and the Constitutional Principle of Good Performance)

Thesis supervisor: Prof. Rosario Ferrara

Final grade: 110/110 with honours (summa cum laude)

Specialties: Italian and comparative constitutional justice, comparative constitutional law, parliamentary law, administrative law

TRAININGS

Online Course “Territorial Autonomy as a Tool for Diversity Management: Lessons from the Åland Example”, organized by the Åland Islands Peace Institute

Period: 19 October 2020 - 8 January 2021

The course is an introduction to territorial autonomy, in theory and practice, and the so-called “Åland Example”. The aim of the course is to provide participants with a broad academic framework for discussing territorial autonomy from different perspectives, among others against the background of concepts such as self-determination, power-sharing, regional integration and minority rights

Activities: lectures, seminars, workshops and writing of a final essay

Training School on Non-Territorial Autonomy 2020, organized by ENTAN (European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network)

Period: 8 - 11 September 2020

The main objective of the course is to investigate the existing non-territorial autonomy mechanisms and policies and to develop new modalities for the accommodation of differences in the context of growing challenges stemming from globalization, regionalization and European supranational integration

Activities: lectures, seminars, workshops

Winter School of Federalism and Language 2020, organized by Eurac research of Bolzano/Bozen and the University of Innsbruck

Period: 17 - 28 February 2020

Two-week international postgraduate programme on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. It explores, from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, how federalism can contribute to multilevel, integrated and pluralistic decision-making

Activities: lectures, seminars, workshops

“Seminario di Studi e Ricerche Parlamentari Silvano Tosi” promoted by the association Associazione Studi e Ricerche Parlamentari, University of Florence

Period: January - June 2018

Higher education course aimed at preparing parliamentary clerks

Basic Teachings: Constitutional Law, Parliamentary Law, International and European Law, Administrative Law, Contemporary History, Public Economic Law

Supplementary teachings: Judiciary and Form of Government, State and Regions in the Constitutional Jurisprudence, Parliament and Public Policies, European Administrative Law, The Government in the Legislative Process

Activities: research activity in Parliamentary Law; Study days and conferences in the Italian Parliament; exposition of the research in the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Adjunct Professor of Comparative Public Law at the University of Aosta Valley (Aosta)

Period: Academic year 2022-2023

Tasks: Scientific organization of the course; lectures; thesis supervision

Lecturer in regional citizen education courses for upper secondary school teachers, Aosta Valley Region

Period: on a project basis, from March 2021 until today

Tasks: lectures and support for teachers in preparing their educational activities for the students; lectures in constitutional law, regional law and minority rights

Junior Researcher at Eurac Research, Institute for Comparative Federalism (Bolzano/Bozen)

Period: January - December 2021; April-August 2022; October-December 2022

Tasks: research, publications and consulting activity on federalism and minority rights; contribution to the scientific blog EUreka!; collaboration with the Head of the Institute Prof. Francesco Palermo

Guest Researcher at the Institute of Federalism, Fribourg/Freiburg

Period: January - December 2021; September-December 2022

Tasks: research on federalism and minority rights; participation in the Institute's research activities and seminars

Member of the Academic Laboratory GeoLawB – Laboratory on Law and Geography, activated by the University of Verona School of Law within the framework of the ministerial Excellence Research Plan 2018-2022 Diritti, Cambiamenti e Tecnologie (Rights, Changes and Technologies)

Period: from November 2019 until today

Tasks: research activity on commons and land rights

Member of the Scientific Board, Member of the Organizing Committee and Lecturer – Preparing courses for competitive examinations (CGIL, SAVT and CISL Unions, Aosta Valley)

Period: on a project basis, from October 2019 until today

Tasks: lectures in administrative law, regional law, constitutional law, Aosta Valley's educational system, language rights in Aosta Valley

Member of the technical commission aimed at elaborating a regional law bill on commons in Aosta Valley

Period: June - October 2019

Task: elaboration of a new law in order to give a new *status* to commons in Aosta Valley

Teaching Assistant – Chair of Comparative public law, University of Trieste

Period: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

Task: collaboration with Prof. Roberto Louvin (r.louvin@studiolouvin.it)

Teaching Assistant – Chair of Public law, University of Aosta Valley

Period: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

Task: collaboration with Prof. Antonio Mastropaolo (a.mastropaolo@univda.it)

Tutor, Istituto Regionale di Studi Giuridici del Lazio Arturo Carlo Jemolo, Rome

Period: May 2019

Tasks: preparation of didactic materials, assistance to the Professors and lecturers

Intern, Conferenza dei Presidenti delle Assemblee Legislative delle Regioni e delle Province autonome, Rome

Period: January - May 2019

Tasks: research on regional legislation on different topics (Ombudsman, access to public documents) aimed at proposing projects of harmonisation; research on asymmetric Italian regional system

Teaching Assistant – Chair of Educational legislation, University of Aosta Valley

Period: 2018-2019

Task: collaboration with prof. Fabrizio Gentile (f.gentile@regione.vda.it)

Contributor of the legal review Osservatoriosullefonti.it, directed by Prof. Paolo Caretti (ISSN: 2038-5633)

Period: from October 2018 until today

Task: comments on Aosta Valley's legislation

Trainee Lawyer, law firm Curtaz-Chanu-Locatelli, Aosta

Period: September 2017 - September 2019

Assistant editor of communication campaign on social media for the conference entitled "Pubblica La nostra acqua a cinque anni del referendum"

Period: June 2016

Tasks: creation of digital contents

Collaborator of social media manager

Period: on a project basis, 2015 e 2016

Tasks: blog writing, communication campaigns, marketing

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Italian national award "Elisabetta Paoletti" for the best thesis in Administrative Law

University of Verona, PhD grant for 36 months to conduct my PhD research

University of Verona, Mobility fellowship for 12 months my research stay in Fribourg/Freiburg

Swissuniversities, Grant for 5 months to support my joint PhD research

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- *Book review: Tove H. Malloy, Levente Salat (eds.), Non-Territorial Autonomy and Decentralization. Ethno-Cultural Diversity Governance*, in *European Yearbook of Minority Issues – EYMI*, vol. 20, 2021 (forthcoming)
- *PNRR e Regioni: i nodi irrisolti (e non più ignorabili) del modello regionale italiano* (with M. CARLI, A. CIAFFI, E. D'ORLANDO, E. HAPPACHER), in *Working Papers ASA*, October 2022
- *Joint bodies – a key factor for successful autonomous systems? The cases of the Italian special Regions and the Åland islands*, in *Journal of Autonomy and Security Studies*, Vol. 5, no. 1/2021
- *Un nouveau souffle pour les consorceries de la Vallée d'Aoste/A new lease of life for the Aosta Valley's consorceria* (with R. LOUVIN), in *Revue de géographie alpine/Journal of alpine research*, Vol. 109, no. 1/2021, ISSN: 1760-7426
- *The Maze of Languages in Aosta Valley* (with R. LOUVIN), in *European Journal of Minority Studies*, Vol. 13, no. 3-4/2020, ISSN: 1865-1089
- *Reports on Aosta Valley's legislative activity*, in *Osservatorio sulle fonti*, 2020, ISSN: 2038-5633

- *La disciplina della forma di governo delle Regioni quale contenuto eventuale della cultura dell'autonomia*, in *Rivista del Gruppo di Pisa*, monographic issue 2020, ISSN: 2039-8026
- *Riflessioni a proposito delle Consorzerie valdostane e di una recente proposta di legge regionale in materia*, in *Rivista di diritto dell'agricoltura*, no. 1/2020, ISSN: 1720-4445
- *Inequalities and controversial aspects of land reform in South Africa before the Constitutional Court*, in *federalismi.it*, 15 July 2020, ISSN: 1826-3534
- *Il francese tra intenzione e realtà: un approccio giuridico a partire da spunti sociolinguistici*, in *Éducation et Sociétés Plurilingues*, Vol. 47, no. 2/2019, ISSN: 1127-266 X
- *Francia: forma di governo e produzione legislativa nella V Repubblica*, in P. CARETTI – M. MORISI – G. TARLI BARBIERI (eds.), *Il procedimento legislativo ordinario in prospettiva comparata*, in *Osservatorio sulle fonti*, no. 2/2018, ISSN: 2038-5633

BOOK CHAPTERS

- *Innovative Forms of Autonomy and the Role of Federalism: A Comparative and Theoretical Perspective*, in N. P. ALESSI – M. TRETTEL (eds.), *Federalism and the Law of Diversity: The Theoretical Contribution of Federalism to the Explanation of Emergent Models for the Accommodation of Diversity*, Brill, Leiden-Boston, 2023 (forthcoming)
- *Le fonti del diritto e le procedure di revisione dell'ordinamento finanziario* (with F. PALERMO), in A. VALDESALICI (ed.), *L'ordinamento finanziario e contabile delle Province autonome di Trento e Bolzano*, ESI, Napoli, 2022 (forthcoming)
- *Il sistema di finanziamento delle altre regioni speciali: la specialità finanziaria come categoria?* (with A. VALDESALICI), in A. VALDESALICI (ed.), *L'ordinamento finanziario e contabile delle Province autonome di Trento e Bolzano*, ESI, Napoli, 2022 (forthcoming)
- *La crisi come risorsa: riflessioni costruttive sui rapporti tra Stato e Regioni in Italia nella prospettiva della differenziazione*, in F. PALERMO – S. PAROLARI (eds.), *Le tendenze del decentramento in Europa*, ESI, Napoli, 2022
- *Diritti delle minoranze, diversità culturale e media: la situazione italiana a confronto con gli sviluppi del soft law internazionale*, in J. BERCELLI – M. MACCHIA (eds.), *Saggi di diritto dell'informazione*, ESI, Napoli, 2022
- *IGR and Identity Politics in Italy* (with F. PALERMO), in Y. FESSHA – K. KÖSSLER (eds.), *Intergovernmental Relations in Divided Societies: A Comparative Perspective*, Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2022
- *I sistemi di IGR delle Regioni ordinarie e delle Regioni a Statuto speciale. Modelli di regionalismo in una prospettiva evolutiva e il ruolo della legge indicata dall'art. 116, 3° comma, Cost.*, in G. ARMAO – F. ASTONE – M. IMMORDINO – G. MOSCHELLA – V. PRUDENTE (eds.), *Specialità e differenziazione. Le nuove frontiere del regionalismo italiano*, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2022

- *Le dinamiche delle relazioni intergovernative stato-regioni durante l'emergenza sanitaria*, in *La finanza territoriale: Rapporto 2021*, Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli, 2021
- *Un approccio propositivo al regionalismo differenziato e alle sue virtualità con riguardo ai raccordi istituzionali Stato-Regioni*, in M. COSULICH (ed.), *Il regionalismo italiano alla prova delle differenziazioni. Atti del convegno di Trento*, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2021
- *La cittadinanza nell'ordinamento costituzionale*, in R. LOUVIN – G. SORDI (eds.), *La nouvelle citoyenneté*, Le Château Edizioni, Aosta, 2021
- *Être citoyens dans la Région: autonomie et participation*, in R. LOUVIN – G. SORDI (eds.), *La nouvelle citoyenneté*, Le Château Edizioni, Aosta, 2021
- *Diritti, legalità e uguaglianza: le sfide del XXI secolo*, in R. LOUVIN – G. SORDI (eds.), *La nouvelle citoyenneté*, Le Château Edizioni, Aosta, 2021
- *Le droit à la diversité et le droit de la diversité*, in R. LOUVIN – G. SORDI (eds.), *La nouvelle citoyenneté*, Le Château Edizioni, Aosta, 2021
- *La scuola e l'università*, in R. LOUVIN – P. COSTANZO – L. TRUCCO (eds.), *Lineamenti di diritto costituzionale della Regione Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste*, Giappichelli, Torino, 2020
- *L'ordinamento linguistico*, in R. LOUVIN – P. COSTANZO – L. TRUCCO (eds.), *Lineamenti di diritto costituzionale della Regione Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste*, Giappichelli, Torino, 2020
- *Livelli di autonomia e tutela delle lingue nell'ordinamento scolastico valdostano*, in R. LOUVIN (ed.), *Autonomie(s) en mouvement. L'evoluzione delle autonomie regionali speciali*, ESI, Napoli, 2019

BOOK PROJECTS

- N. P. ALESSI – M. TRETTEL (eds.), *Federalism and the Law of Diversity: The Theoretical Contribution of Federalism to the Explanation of Emergent Models for the Accommodation of Diversity*, Brill, Leiden-Boston, 2023 (forthcoming)

SCIENTIFIC BLOG ARTICLES

- *I found the Swiss federal spirit! It is in Swiss Cinquième Ligue of football*, in *EUreka!*, 21 December 2021
- *Languages in Aosta Valley – Countering old research narratives in political and legal studies*, in *EUreka!* 2 November 2021
- *Languages in Aosta Valley – An initial less conventional picture from the inside*, in *EUreka!*, 26 October 2021
- *Lesbo Island: the EU's and Western Legal Tradition's Failure*, in *EUreka!*, 20 October 2020
- *Eu Externalization of Borders: Out of Sight, Out of Mind*, in *EUreka!*, 25 february 2020

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

PRESENTATIONS

- *Les consorceries en Vallée d'Aoste: Nouveau Cadre Juridique, Vieux Enjeux*, at the Conference “Les nouveaux communs : un levier de transition pour des territoires alpins plus durables ?”, held by the University of Lausanne at Sion, 10 November 2022
- *Simmetria o Asimmetria durante le Emergenze? L'Esperienza dei Sistemi Regionali Italiano e Spagnolo a Confronto*, at the Conference “Il futuro dello Stato” held by ICON-S Italy, 16 September 2022
- *L'imprevedibilità nelle relazioni tra stato e regioni come costante e la sua emersione durante la pandemia*, at the XLIII annual AISRE Conference “Cities and Regions in transition”, held by the Italian Association of Regional Sciences (AISRE) and the University of Milan, 5 September 2022
- *Differenziazione delle forme di governo regionali e cultura dell'autonomia*, at the web conference “Forme di governo delle regioni a statuto speciale: modelli e strumenti. Un dibattito a partire dalle recenti iniziative valdostane”, held by the University of Verona and the Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research of Bolzano/Bozen, 16 May 2022
- *Linguistic rights and school system in Aosta Valley*, at the International Workshop “Asymmetric regionalism and special autonomies in the framework of the European Union: the experience of Aosta Valley and comparative remarks from the Åland Islands”, held by the University of Aosta Valley, ASA (Autonomie Speciali Alpine) and the Åland Islands Peace Institute, 6 May 2022
- *Un état des lieux critique de la francophonie en Vallée d'Aoste*, at the web conference “La francophonie en Vallée d'Aoste”, held by the Aosta Valley's regional council on the occasion of “Les journées de la francophonie”, 29 March 2022
- *Il regionalismo italiano di fronte alla pandemia tra federalismo sanitario e cooperazione disfunzionale*, at the web Conference “Territorial challenges in the post-covid era”, held by the Italian Association of Regional Sciences (AISRE) and the University of Salento, 9 September 2021
- *Un nouveau souffle pour les consorceries de la Vallée d'Aoste*, at the web conference “Le proprietà collettive sui versanti alpini occidentali. Un'analisi comparata”, held by the Law Department of the University of Turin and the Centro Studi sull'Arco Alpino Occidentale (CSAAO), 29 June 2021
- *Il regionalismo differenziato in Italia: la costruzione di un modello e i topoi del discorso accademico*, at web the conference “Il regionalismo italiano alla prova delle differenziazioni”, held by Gruppo di Pisa and the University of Trento, 18-19 September 2020
- *La disciplina della forma di governo delle Regioni quale contenuto eventuale della cultura dell'autonomia*, at the web conference “Autonomie territoriali e forme di differenziazione. Ordinamenti a confronto”, held by Gruppo di Pisa and the University of Milan, 12 June 2020

- *I sistemi di IGR delle Regioni ordinarie e delle Regioni a Statuto speciale. Modelli di regionalismo in una prospettiva evolutiva e il ruolo della legge indicata dall'art. 116, 3° comma, Cost.*, at the conference “Specialità e differenziazione. Le nuove frontiere del regionalismo italiano”, held by the University of Messina, Faculty of Law, 17 December 2019
- *Les systèmes électoraux et la protection des minorités dans une perspective comparée*, at the parliamentary simulation of Conseil des jeunes valdôtains, Aosta, Regional Council, 31 July 2019
- *Il francese tra intenzione e realtà: un approccio giuridico a partire da spunti sociolinguistici*, in the Conference “*Il francese come L2 e come lingua minoritaria nella scuola italiana e nelle scuole valdesi. Una giornata di studi dedicata alla memoria di Franco Calvetti – Le français comme L2 et comme langue minoritaire dans l'école italienne et dans les écoles des Vallées Vaudoises. Une journée d'études dédiée à la mémoire de Franco Calvetti*”, held by the University of Turin, Pomaretto, 6 April 2019

PRESENTATIONS OF PHD PROJECT, PHD DAYS

- *Models for the Accommodation of Diversity: In Search of Theoretical Frameworks through Federalism and the Law of Diversity*, Institute of Federalism inhouse seminar, 25 January 2022
- *Constitutional Instruments for the Accommodation of Diversity*, Eurac inhouse online seminar, 1 April 2021

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- *Aosta Valley Within the Italian Regional System*, at the American University College of Skopje (online), 7 April 2020

SCIENTIFIC BOARD FOR CONFERENCES

- *Forme di governo delle regioni a statuto speciale: modelli e strumenti. Un dibattito a partire dalle recenti iniziative valdostane*, 16 May 2022

Webinar on institutional reforms and participatory democracy in the Italian special regions held by the University of Verona and the Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research of Bolzano/Bozen

- *International Workshop – Asymmetric regionalism and special autonomies in the framework of the European Union: the experience of Aosta Valley and comparative remarks from the Åland Islands*, 6 May 2022

Webinar/workshop on the role of the two autonomous systems in the European Union held by the University of Aosta Valley, ASA (Autonomie Speciali Alpine) and the Åland Islands Peace Institute

- *Federalism and the Law of Diversity: Islands or Archipelago? The Theoretical Contribution of Federalism to the Explanation of Emergent Models for the Accommodation of Diversity*, 26 October, 10 November and 16 November 2021

Series of three online seminars on the relationships between federalism and the law of diversity held by the Universities of Fribourg/Freiburg and Verona, the Institute of Federalism of Fribourg/Freiburg, the Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research of Bolzano/Bozen ; the series is part of the IACL research group's activity "Constitutionalism and Societal Pluralism: Diversity Governance Compared"

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCES

- *Lo Stato al tempo della pandemia. Salute, economia e digitalizzazione*, held by the University of Verona, 18 December 2020

- *Riduzione dei parlamentari e futuro della democrazia rappresentativa. Verso (e oltre) il referendum costituzionale italiano*, held by the University of Verona, 8 September 2020

- *Il dibattito pubblico in prospettiva multilivello: tra mito partecipativo e prassi istituzionale*, held by Eurac Research and the University of Verona, 30-31 January 2020

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bilingual Italian-French

English (Proficient)

German (Elementary notions)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Office, Excel, Powerpoint

INTERESTS

National and international politics

Founding member of the Association Autonomies biens communs Vallée d'Aoste

Dystopian novels

Michele Alemi