



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI
DELL'INSUBRIA

DIPARTIMENTO DI DIRITTO,
ECONOMIA E CULTURE

ENVPOL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TERRITORIAL POLITICS STUDIES CENTRE



THE CENTRE

In a season dominated by the emergency of climate change where environmental media, the territory and the landscape are subject to unsustainable pressures, in a cultural context where the theory of the commons accompanies traditional instruments indicating a space of a possible cross-disciplinary convergence of law, scientific and social knowledge, the Centre aims to promote research, teaching and dissemination of knowledge, including scientific divulgation in the field of environmental, landscape and territorial policies, and more generally in the field of the governance of the commons (in all operational areas: public law, private law, comparative law, European law, international law, criminal law, procedural law, economics, philosophy, etc.), carrying out and promoting activities and research and training activities and projects and further activities aiming at such purposes.

The establishment of the Centre stems from the consideration that in the University of Insubria School of Law as well as in other Departments there are several scholars engaged in high level research in the environmental field: from there the opportunity to create a common space for reflection, open to contributions from all disciplines necessary for a non-sectoral approach to environmental issues. The Centre was then established within the School of Law, but immediately opened to the contributions and active and comprehensive participation of Professors and Researchers of other Departments and external parties to the University of Insubria.

MAIN RESEARCH TOPICS

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Water scarcity
- Soil consumption
- Environmental impact assessment and health impact assessment
- Environmental liability
- Legal transplants in the environmental field
- Procedural aspects of environmental protection and the creation of environmental courts

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

International Summer School in Comparative Environmental Law: Critical topics in environmental law in a comparative perspective

The International Summer School in Comparative Environmental Law is organized in Como with the collaboration of the University of California, Davis School of Law. The intensive, two-week program provides a unique opportunity for law students and legal professionals to study environmental law by examining and comparing European Union and U.S. environmental law policies and regulatory regimes. Topics include pollution control laws (air and water), hazardous waste laws, protection and preservation of plant and animal species, climate change—the next generation of environmental law—and regulation and liability for environmental harm. Classes are taught in English.

Post-graduate Course on Environmental Liability

The Course focuses on the environmental law rules that most of all affect business activities, i.e. liability arising from pollution caused to the environment, in an interdisciplinary perspective and taking into consideration private, criminal, administrative and insurance law aspects. The Course aims to provide legal and technical tools needed to work in the environmental sector as in-house company lawyers or as lawyers or consultants who work closely with business situations or who operate in public institutions or environmental associations.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF INSUBRIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Established in 1998, the University of Insubria is housed in the old cloister of a former Benedictine church, built in the 16th century and an important example of Lombard Romanesque architecture. The university has the distinction of being one of the first Italian universities to feature a bi-polar network system involving the two main centers of Como and Varese, as well as other satellite centers, under the single insignia of the Universitas Studiorum Insubriae. The University of Insubria School of Law strives to create cultural homogeneity by giving voice to strong identifying values and transforming them into vital cultural ventures.

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