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Schedule of the course

- Monday 2.30pm – 4pm , *Classroom n. 3*
- Tuesday 10.15am – 11.45am, *Classroom n. 3*
- Wednesday 10.15am – 11.45am, *Classroom n. 3*

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Presentation

Professor Tania Groppi is an internationally recognised scholar in comparative constitutional law. Her research has made major contributions to the understanding of constitutional adjudication, judicial comparison, and the global circulation of constitutional ideas. Throughout her career she has combined doctrinal analysis with large-scale comparative empirical research, developing innovative methodologies for studying the transnational use of constitutional jurisprudence.

She is internationally recognised for creating and leading the *International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) Interest Group on the Use of Foreign Precedents by Constitutional Judges*, established in 2007. Under her scientific leadership, the network has developed the first systematic comparative research programme on the use of foreign judicial precedents by constitutional courts across more than thirty jurisdictions, culminating in the award-winning volume *Judicial Bricolage: The Use of Foreign Precedents by Constitutional Judges in the 21st Century* (Hart Publishing, 2025).

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Curriculum Vitae



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Program

The course will be developed through two sections:

1. The first section will be devoted to an illustration of the principles of Constitutionalism and Public Law in the modern era, with some comparative references to the Italian experience (PART 1 OF THE TEXTBOOK).
2. The second section will focus explicitly on the Italian constitutional experience, considering also the membership of the European Union (PART 2 OF THE TEXTBOOK).

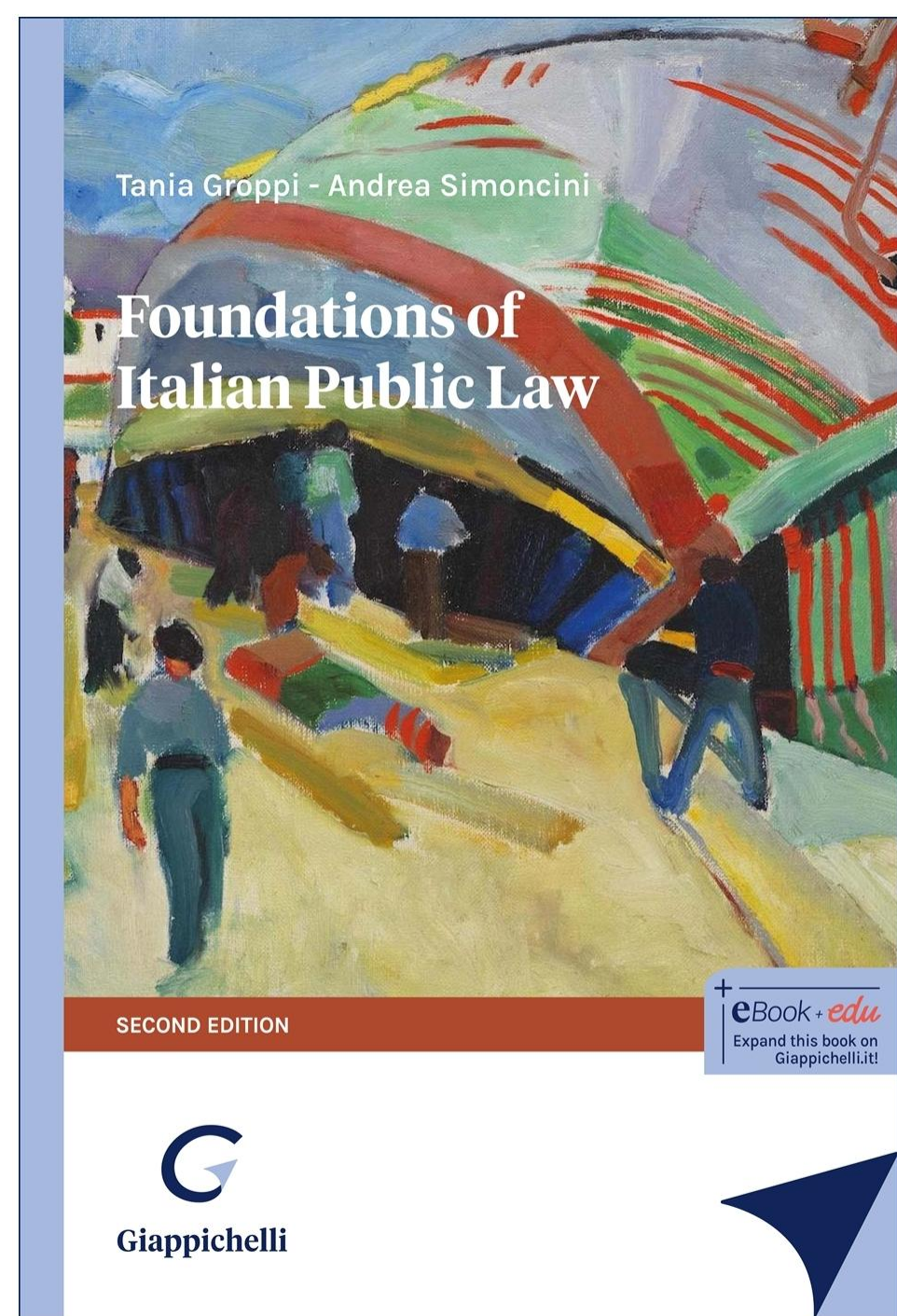
Textbook

The reference book is:

T. Groppi., A. Simoncini
*Foundations of Italian
Public Law*

Giappichelli, 2025

2nd Edition



Elearning UNISI – Moodle page of the course



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Categoria: a.a. 2026/2027

Organisation of the course

- Lectures will start on 28th September 2026.
- The course is developed throughout a face-to-face learning, also encouraging the dialogue with students.
- Seminars with invited guests will be organised through the course.
- Attendance and active participation of the students are essential and strongly recommended.

Evaluation – general rules

It is essential to consider the teaching regulation of the Economics and Management course:

<https://economics-management.unisi.it/en/course/teaching-regulations>

Art. 6, par. 5, let. A) Teaching regulation A.A. 2026/27

Assessment in basic, core, related and supplementary courses, as well as in language courses, shall consist of the **compulsory completion of at least two and no more than four assignments and a final examination**.

Grades are awarded on a scale of 30, with honours (*cum laude*) where applicable.

The assignments, which must account for at least 50% of the final grade, shall require students to complete activities such as writing short essays; analysing and discussing case studies and/or simulations; carrying out and presenting individual and/or group projects; taking mid-term tests; and conducting specific empirical work. The methods for completing the assignments and the way in which they contribute to the final assessment for each course shall be determined by the course instructor and communicated before the beginning of the course, with appropriate information provided in the syllabus.

Evaluation – Public Law - Timeline

The final assessment of learning will take place through several assignments + a final exam:

- 1) Written assignment on the first part of the course, **16th November 2026**
- 2) Printed poster, submission by **26th November 2026** (no extension of the deadline will be permitted)
- 3) Oral presentation of the poster, during the month of **December 2026** (to be scheduled)
- 4) Written assignment on the second part of the course, **14th December 2026**
- 5) Final written exam, **12th January 2026** [As part of the collective final exam of the first term]

Evaluation – Public Law

1. Written assignment on Part I

- This assignment will consist in 12 multiple choice questions (0,5 points for each correct answer; 0 points for each wrong or not given answer).
- It can assign up to 6 points.
- **It will cover the first part of the program** (Part I of the textbook, Chapters from I to VI).
- The assignment will take place on **16th November 2026**.
- Students shall not register for the assignment.
- The assignment cannot be repeated in a different date.

Evaluation – Public Law

2. Printed poster

- Students are asked to prepare and print in A3 format, and in colors, a poster on a topic at their choice. A non-exhaustive list of topics will be published on the Moodle page of the course, as an example.
- Posters must be hand delivered and sent by email to the Professor **by 26th November 2026** (no extensions of the deadline will be permitted).
- Posters will be evaluated **from 0 up to 5 points**.
- **Assessment criteria for the written production of the poster:**
 - Accuracy and relevance of information
 - Ability to identify and explain the relevant public law issues
 - Clarity, coherence and organisation of content
 - Depth of research and appropriate use of sources
 - Quality and effectiveness of the graphic layout

Evaluation – Public Law

3. Oral presentation of the poster

- Students will be asked to orally present their poster **during the month of December 2026.**
- Presentations will last approximately 5-10 minutes.
- The exact duration of each presentation and the presentation schedule will be determined on the basis of the number of posters submitted and communicated to students.
- Oral presentations of the posters will be evaluated **from 0 up to 5 points.**
- **Oral evaluation criteria:**
 - Clarity, fluency and effectiveness of the oral presentation
 - Mastery and depth of analysis of the topic
 - Ability to reason and develop a coherent argument
 - Ability to synthesise the content and manage the available time
 - Independent and critical engagement with the topic

Evaluation – Public Law

4. Written assignment on Part II

- This assignment will consist in 12 multiple choice questions (0,5 points for each correct answer; 0 points for each wrong or not given answer).
- It can assign up to 6 points.
- **It will cover the second part of the program** (Part II of the textbook, Chapters from VII to XI).
- The assignment will take place on **14th December 2026**.
- Students shall not register for the assignment.
- The assignment cannot be repeated in a different date.

Evaluation – Public Law

5. Final exam

- The **final written exam** will consist in 6 multiple choice questions (1 point for each correct answer; 0 points for each wrong or not given answer) and 3 open questions (evaluated up to 2 points each).
- The final exam can assign **up to 12 points**.
- It will cover the Part I and II of the program (the whole textbook, Chapters from I to XI).
- The exam will take place on **12th January 2027, as part of the collective exam of the term.**

Evaluation – Public Law

- **The minimum grade to pass the final exam is 18, out of 30.**
- The final grade will reflect the sum of the points obtained as it follows:
Written assignment on the first part of the course (max 6 points) + Printed poster (max 5 points) + Oral presentation of the poster (max 5 points) + Written assignment on the second part of the course (max 6 points) + Final written exam (max 12 points).
- The maximum grade to be reached is 30. Therefore, students obtaining more than 30 points, will be registered as 30/30.

Important rules about the final exam

- Students **MUST** register via segreteria online or on their UNISI app to the final exam.
- **The registration is needed for each course of the term.**
- Students who did not officially enrol in the exam will not be allowed to take the exam.
- **The final exam is compulsory.** No marks will be registered if the student was not present in the final exam.

Evaluation – general rules

Art. 6, par. 5, let. A) Teaching regulation A.A. 2026/27 Economics and Management

For the first two years of the degree programme, a single examination board shall be established for each semester, composed of the instructors responsible for the courses taught during that semester.

For each course, taking into account both the assessments carried out during the course (so-called “assignments”) and the final examination, a grade on a scale of 30, with honours (*cum laude*) where applicable, shall be awarded.

If a student receives a failing grade in more than two courses scheduled for the semester, they shall be required to take the «retake exams» (during the second examination session of the relevant semester and the third examination session) for all courses taught during that semester.

If, on the other hand, a student receives a failing grade in only one course, he or she shall be required to take only the retake examination(s) for the course(s) concerned, during the examination sessions indicated above.

If a student does not pass at least two examinations during the semester, the examination results cannot be officially recorded.

Public law examination sessions

- **12th January 2027**, Collective exam of the term
- **15th February 2027**, first retake session of Public Law
- **7th September 2027**, second retake session of Public Law
- **21st September 2027**, third and last retake session of Public Law
- In the retake sessions, **only the final exam can be retaken.**
- **Exclusively** during the last retake session of 21st September 2027, students **can** take the full exam, even if they did not take part in the assignments or did not pass them. In this case, the evaluation will be from 0 to 30 and the exam will cover the full program of the course. This is a possibility and not an obligation.
- **Assignments can never be repeated.**

Public law EXTRAORDINARY examination sessions

Two additional examinations sessions are organized:

- **12th October 2026**
- **March 2027** (date to be scheduled)

These additional examination sessions are **reserved** for working students, students with disabilities and specific learning disorders (SLDs), students who are *fuori corso* (i.e. who have exceeded the standard duration of their degree program), students who were enrolled in the final year of the degree program in the previous academic year, student caregivers, student athletes, student mothers, from the eighth month of pregnancy until the child reaches the age of three.

In such situations, students may also ask to take the final examination, even if they have not submitted or passed the assignments. In this case, they will be assessed on the entire course program. When registering for the examination, students must specify in the notes field whether they are registering to complete the assessment process (and therefore have valid assignments) or to take the examination on the entire course syllabus.

Important information for Erasmus students

- Erasmus students must follow the rules of the course.
- Therefore, Erasmus students must participate in the assignments and in the final exam.
- Erasmus students can take part into the collective exam even if they have to take only one of the four subjects of the term. [This is valid ONLY for Erasmus students].

To sum up

- Students must take the assignments during the year. Assignments can never be repeated.
- On 12th January 2027, students will take the final exam of Public Law, within the collective exam of the term. The final result of the course will consist of the points obtained with the assignments + the points obtained in the final exam of January.
- Students failing only the Public Law exam after the collective exam of January must retake the final exam in the retake sessions.
- Students failing more than two exams at the collective exam session need to retake ALL the semester courses exams in the retake sessions. Therefore, students passing Public Law but failing other 3 subjects in the collective exam of January, must retake also Public Law, in the retake sessions. The result of the 12th January Public Law exam will in this case be annulled.
- Even in the retake sessions, the assignments done during the years will be considered, and cannot be done again. During the retake sessions, only the final exam will be repeated. Exclusively during the last retake session **of 21st September 2027**, students can take the full exam.
- If at the end of the academic year (30th September 2027), more than two exam of the same term courses are failed, ALL the semester courses exams need to be repeated the year after.