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Positions and employment

2008/current: Academic Convenor for the Law Modules in the European & International Social & Political Studies (EISPS) Department, UCL (joint appointment between the Faculty of Laws and EISPS)

- Teaching: EU Law, Law and Governance in Contemporary China, Public International Law, Cyberlaw and Governance of Digital Markets.

Research Associate, Centre for Commercial Law and at the Centre for Law and Governance in Europe, Faculty of Laws, UCL.

2012/current: Fellow, Asian Institute of International Financial Law, University of Hong Kong (HKU)

2007/current: Research Fellow, Centre of European Law, School of Law, King's College London

2016/2019, Senior Research Associate, School of Law, King's College London

- Coordinator of the research project LAwTTIP – Jean Monnet Network (<http://www.lawttip.eu>)

2014/current: Deputy Chief Examiner, University of London, LLM International Programme in International Trade Law

2018/2019: Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2013/2014: Director and lecturer in the Summer School on “International Regulation of Finance”, King's College London

2009/2012: Research Fellow, School of Law of King's College London

- Research Areas: EU law, WTO law, competition law and Chinese law.
- Teaching: EU law

2009/2011: Research Fellow and Foreign Expert in EU law, School of Law, Tsinghua University Beijing

2007/2009: Visiting Scholar, School of Law, Tsinghua University Beijing

Legal Work Experience

2013/current: Admitted to practice law, Italian Law Bar Association

July 2011: Lecturer in the Summer Course for Italian lawyers jointly organized by the Bar Council of England and Wales and the Italian Bar Association (Consiglio Nazionale Forense). Topics: Investment law and competition law in Europe and China.

April/July 2007: Internship at the Trade and Investment Section of the EU Delegation in Beijing. Tasks: monitoring China's compliance with WTO requirements in the areas of trade and intellectual property rights.

Education and training

2006/2013: PhD in law, School of Law of King's College London. PhD subject: "*Competition Law in Contemporary China: some critical issues*", supervisors: Professor Andrea Biondi and Professor Piet Eeckhout. In 2009, the research proposal was awarded with the EU-China Science and Technology Fellowship Programme, sponsored and funded by the European Commission, King's College London and the Tsinghua University of Beijing (the Fellowship entailed 24 months research in the areas of Chinese law, WTO law and Competition law, as a Research Fellow and Foreign Expert in EU law, at the Tsinghua University of Beijing). See: <http://www.euchinastf.eu>.

2003/2004: Master in Advanced European Studies (bilingual: English/French), College of Europe, Warsaw, Poland. Master Thesis: "*Direct taxation and the Case law of the ECJ*", supervisor: Professor Andrea Biondi, King's College, London.

1999/2003: Maîtrise (four-year Diploma in Law) in International and European Law, University of Paris X Nanterre, Paris, France (joint degree with the Catholic University of Milan, Italy - 105/110).

Selected publications

Andrea Biondi and Alessandro Spano, "*The ECB and the application of national law in the SSM: new yet old...*", *European Business Law Review*, (forthcoming 2021).

Alessandro Spano, "*The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) and the EU Principle of Effective Judicial Protection: Challenges Ahead*" (October 2020), www.transnational-dispute-management.com

Alessandro Spano, "*The status of state-owned enterprises in ISDS from a European perspective*" (Book Chapter) in "*China, the EU and International Investment Law Reforming Investor-State Dispute Settlement*", Taylor & Francis Group, (2019).

Alessandro Spano, "*Investment, regional development and compliance with internal market rules in EU free zones: challenges ahead*" (Book Chapter), in "*International economic law and the challenges of the free zones*", Kluwer Law International, (2019)

Alessandro Spano, "*The EU-China CAI Negotiations and ISDS Mechanisms: the Role and Status of Chinese SOEs*", *EU-China Observer*, Issue 2, (2017).

Alessandro Spano, "*China's Market Economy Status under WTO law: a European Perspective*", *EU-China Observer*, Issue 1, (2016).

Book review, *Competition Law and Development*, edited by D. Sokol, T. Cheng and I. Lianos, Stanford University Press, (2013), in *Northwestern Journal of International Law*, February 2014.

Thomas Pringle v Government of Ireland, Ireland and the Attorney General, Case C-370/12, in *The Global Community*, YILJ 2013, Oxford University Press.

Free Movement of Capital and Golden Shares: A new perspective on Corporate control?, in *International Trade and Business Law Review*, Volume XIII – 2010, Murdoch University, Perth.

State Aid under EU Law: *Case T-156/04, Électricité de France (EDF) v European Commission* in *The Global Community*, YILJ 2010, Oxford University Press.

Free movement of persons: *Joined Cases C-171/07 and C-172/07 Apothekerkammer des Saarlandes and Others v. Saarland, Ministerium für Justiz, Gesundheit und Soziales*, in *The Global Community*, YILJ 2010, Oxford University Press.

State Aid under EU Law: *Case T- 268/06, Olympiaki Aeroporia Ypiresies AE v. Commission of the European Communities*, in *The Global Community*, YILJ 2009, Oxford University Press.

Free movement of services: *Case C-432/05 Unibet (London) Ltd, Unibet (International) Ltd v Justitiekanslern*, in *The Global Community*, YILJ 2008, Oxford University Press.

The EC and the Custom Union: *Case T-23/03 CAS v Commission*, in *The Global Community*, YILJ 2008, Oxford University Press.

Working papers

Constructing a competitive market environment in China: the role of Competition law, Working paper (2011), EU-China Science and Technology Fellowship Programme, <http://www.euchinastf.eu>.

Recent developments and trend in China's competition policy: perspective for foreign investors, Working paper (2011), EU-China Science and Technology Fellowship Programme, <http://www.euchinastf.eu>.

China's new Anti-Monopoly law: a Sino-European Perspective, Working paper (2011), EU-China Science and Technology Fellowship Programme, <http://www.euchinastf.eu>.

Awards

2018/2019: UCL Global Engagement Fund, "*Fintech and Digital Innovation: perspective and challenges in the area of financial services*", The research was conducted in partnership with the Asian Institute of International Financial Law at Hong Kong University (HKU) and in collaboration with the Director of the Institute, Professor Douglas Arner.

2016/2019: Coordinator of the research project LAWTTIP – Jean Monnet Network (<http://www.lawttip.eu>) School of Law, King's College London. The Research project was conducted in partnership with the University of Bologna and the University of Rennes 1. The conducted research focused on the "*EU-China Comprehensive Agreement of Investment*".

2018: Legal Research Programme, European Central Bank (ECB) - "*The ECB and the application of national law in the SSM*".

2017-2018: King's Worldwide Partnership Fund, School of Law, King's College London. The research project focused on "*The role and status of Chinese SOEs in China's Socialist Market Economy and on the scope of the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment.*" The research was conducted in partnership with the School of Law of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and in collaboration with Professor Julien Chaisse.

2017: Baillet Latour Fellowship, EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe, Bruges - "*China's Market Economy Status under WTO law: a European Perspective*".

2009-2012: EU-China Science and Technology Fellowship Programme. The research project, “*Competition Law and Policy in China: a Sino-European Perspective*”, was sponsored and funded by the European Commission, King’s College London and the Tsinghua University of Beijing (the Fellowship entailed 24 months research in the areas of Chinese law, WTO law and Competition law, as a Research Fellow and Foreign Expert in EU law, at the Tsinghua University of Beijing). See: <http://www.euchinastf.eu>.

2007-2009: Centre of European Law Research Fund, King’s College London. The research project, “*Market Integration in China: A Sino-European Perspective*”, was conducted as a visiting scholar at the School of Law of the Tsinghua University of Beijing.

Languages

Italian: native speaker - **English:** fluent- **French:** fluent - **Mandarin (spoken):** Intermediate