# Sustainability and Private Law

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## ***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Teaching to students the methodological tools and basic notions of private law focusing on the juridical forms of sustainability.

At the end of the course the student:

* will have learnt the essential private law economic institutions and will be able to grasp their importance to achieving a better quality of life, a balanced ecosystem and efficient economic development;
* will have the ability to formulate independent basic judgments, discuss and evaluate solutions provided by legal advisors.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. Introduction: private law, business activity and sustainability.
2. Temporal Effects of Law: law sources and the time value from a juridical point of view.
3. Law Interpretation and Legal Analogy and Reasoning: the importance of the law interpretation and the legal analogy for the law system evolution.
4. Legal Entities: legal persons and non-profit organizations.
5. Rights in rem and Property: basic notion and sustainable use of goods (waste management, state property and communal goods).
6. Obligations: sources, duty to performance and liability.
7. Contract notions and traditional rules of sustainability: good faith,
8. (continue) invalidity, rescission and resolution.
9. New Rules of Sustainability within Contractual Relationship: subcontracting, consumer code and micro-enterprises, food supply chain.
10. Tort Law: basic notion and traditional rules of sustainability (strict and aggravated liability). New Rules of Sustainability within Tort law: environmental damages and product liability.

***READING LIST***

A. Torrente-P. Schlesinger, *Manuale di diritto privato,* Giuffrè Editore, last edition, and B. Akkermans- G. Van Dijck (eds.), *Sustainability and Private Law*, Eleven, 2019. The chapters to be studied will be listed at the beginning of the course and on the Professor’s web page.

The lessons slides will be available on Blackboard. During the course a series of essay and on-line forum will be indicated to deepen of the topics of the lessons.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom and simulation with the participation of students.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The exam consists of a written test lasting 90 minute (10 open-ended questions). For each response will attribute a score from 0 to 3: for attending students, taking into account mainly what was covered in the lectures, for non-attending students, the contents indicated in the bibliography. The overall rating is given by the sum of each score. The aim of examination is to assess the level of knowledge and understanding of the candidate. In exceptional cases, students can take the exam orally.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The course is introductory; therefore, it does not require prerequisites related to the contents. It is recommended to attend classes and, in any case, the consultation of the slides available on Blackboard.

***OFFICE HOURS FOR STUDENTS***

Updated timetables on office hours are permanently available on the professor’s personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>.