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## Biography

- Graduate in the Law Faculty of the University of Milan (1966).

- Ministerial Fellowship (1969-1970).

- Assistant in Constitutional Law from 1971 to 1982.

- From 1975 to 1998, Professor in the Political Science School (University of Milan) for the following subjects: Science of Administration, Comparative and Italian Constitutional Law, Law of the Socialist States (only in the academic year 1980/1981).

From 1998 to the present, Professor in the School of Law at the University of Insubria (Como).

- Collaborator (from 1966 to the present) of the I.S.A.P. (Institute for the Study of Public Administration) in Milan, first as researcher, after and now as a member of the Scientific Committee.

- Collaborator and member of the Scientific Committee of the "Rivista italiana di diritto pubblico comunitario" ("Italian Review of European Public Law").

- Collaborator and member of the Scientific Committee of "Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo" ("Comparative and European Public Law"), a review which began publication in 1999.

- Collaborator of the I.R.E.R. (Institute of Research of the Region of Lombardy).

- Collaborator of several projects of research of the Universities of Milan, Pavia and Insubria.

## Qualifications and awards

- Graduate in Law (University of Milan) in 1966.

- Assistant at the University of Milan from 1971 to 1982.

-Associate Professor at the University of Milan from 1982 to 1998 and at the University of Insubria from 1998 to 2000.

-Full Professor at the University of Insubria since 2000.

-Lawyer.

## Research interests

Swiss public law, especially federal organization and democratic instruments (referenda, popular initiatives, etc.); - the influence of ideas of the French Revolution on modern constitutionalism, especially on Swiss constitutionalism; federalism, regionalism and devolution; conceptual, formal and practical difficulties caused by the structure of Internet and from its being without boundaries.

## Teaching experience and appointments

Professor of Comparative Public Law, Advanced Comparative Public Law, Media Law.

Member of Faculty Committee for the Doctoral Program “History and Doctrine of the Institutions” (University of Insubria) and for the Doctoral Program “European and Italian Constitutional Law” (University of Verona).

Since 2002, responsible for the Degree Program (first three years) in “Legal Sciences”.

Since 2002, chairman of the Committee for Faculty Development Funds in the “Law Area”.

Since 2003, Rector’s Delegate for International Relations and for Relations with C.R.U.I. (the Conference of the Rectors of the Italian Universities) of the University of Insubria and Chairman of the Commission for International Relations.

## Representative publications

Most recently:

[Constitutional Rigidity – Limits and Levels]

Rigidità costituzionale – Limiti e graduazioni

Rigidità costituzionale/M.P.Viviani Schlein – Torino: Giappichelli, 1997 – 305 p.

IT

[The New Swiss Constitution: an Original Solution]

La nuova Costituzione svizzera: una soluzione originale

La revisione della Costituzione federale svizzera/A.Reposo (a cura di)- Torino: Giappichelli, 2000 - p.7 s.

IT

[The Popular Refusal to Strengthen Direct Democracy in Switzerland]

Il rifiuto popolare al potenziamento della democrazia diretta in Svizzera

Percorsi e vicende attuali della rappresentanza e della responsabilità politica/N.Zanon – F.Biondi (a cura di) – Milano: Giuffrè, 2001 – p.241s.

IT

[Aggregations and Fusions of Municipalities in Tessin]

Aggregazioni e fusioni di Comuni in Canton Ticino “Amministrare”, 3/2001.  
IT

[Satire (chap.IV), Media and Minors’ Protection (chap.XII) and Internet (chap.XVI)]  
Satira (cap.IV), Media e protezione dei minori (cap.XII), Internet (cap.XVI)  
Percorsi di diritto dell’informazione/M.Cuniberti, E.Lamarque, B.Tofolletti,  
G.E.Vigevani, M.P.Viviani Schlein - Torino: 2003.  
IT

In the new edition of this book, which is printing (Torino: 2005, maybe 2006), Satire  
will be chap.V, Media and Minors’ Protection will be chap.XIII, Internet and the  
Boundaries of Law will be chap.XIX  
IT

[Fundamental Rights in the New Helvetic Constitution]  
I diritti fondamentali nella nuova Costituzione elvetica  
“Giornale di Storia costituzionale”, n.2/2003.  
IT

[A Comparison of Experiences of Autonomies]  
Esperienze autonomistiche a confronto  
L’Europa tra federalismo e regionalismo/M.P.Viviani Schlein, E.Bulzi, L.Panzeri (a  
cura di) – Milano: Giuffrè, 2003.  
IT

[Switzerland]  
Svizzera  
Costituzioni comparate/A.Bardusco, F.Furlan, C.Martinelli, G.E.Vigevani,  
M.P.Viviani Schlein – Milano: CUEM, 2004.  
IT

A new edition of this book is printing.  
[Chap.1, 4 (par. 1, 4), 5 (Introduction and par.1, 2, 3)]  
Cap.1, 4 (par.1, 4), 5 (Introduzione e par.1, 2, 3)  
Forme di governo e sistemi elettorali (Studi per la Regione Lombardia)/M.Della  
Torre, M.P.Viviani Schlein – Milano, 2004.  
IT

[The Constitutionalisation of Fundamental Rights: in Particular in the Helvetic  
Confederation]  
La costituzionalizzazione dei diritti fondamentali: in particolare, nella  
Confederazione elvetica  
“Studi in onore di Antonino Pensovecchio Li Bassi”, Torino: Giappichelli, 2004 –  
p.1489 s.  
IT

[Switzerland: a Laboratory between Past and Future]  
La Svizzera: un laboratorio tra passato e futuro  
Europa e Costituzione/P.G.Grasso – Napoli: ESI, 2005.

IT

[The Projects of the Parliamentary Opposition on the Constitutional Reform]

I progetti dell'opposizione parlamentare per le riforme dell'ordinamento costituzionale

Le modifiche della Parte II della Costituzione (Quaderni della rivista "Il Politico") – Pavia, 2005.

IT

[Federalism and Regionalism in Switzerland - Recent Developments]

Federalismo e regionalismo in Svizzera – Sviluppi recenti

Federalismo e regionalismo – Italia, Svizzera e Unione europea/ A.Lang- C.Sanna – Milano: Giuffrè, 2005.

IT

[The Problem of the Manifestations of Religious Credo in Public Life in Switzerland]

Il problema delle manifestazioni di credo religioso nella vita pubblica in Svizzera

"Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo", n.1/2005.

IT

[An Essential Instrument of Direct Democracy in Switzerland: the Referendum]

Uno strumento insostituibile della democrazia diretta in Svizzera: il referendum

"Diritto comparato ed europeo", 3/2005.

IT