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Speakers Padideh Ala'i, American University
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Fernanda G. Nicola, American
University Washington College of Law

Chair Prof. Daniele Gallo (Luiss Guido Carli)

Abstracts

Professor Padideh Ala'i will present on “Shifting Paradigms: US Trade Law and Relations in Historical context”. United States was created by and for trade. Trade played an important role in the creation of the United States and the founding fathers did philosophically agree with the world view that promotes free trade. However, in practice, United States has a long history of isolationism and protectionism—largely made possible (even today) by its geographical separation across the oceans, its natural resources and vast expanse of land. The

seminar will look at how the current trade policy in the US (or lack thereof) is consistent or different from the past.

Professor Fernanda G. Nicola will present on “Tracing the Italian Influence in EU law through Judicial Biographies”. This project examines how the legal tradition of an EU member state has enriched European law through the contributions of its judges and advocates general appointed to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). The focus on the biographies of Italian jurists who have played pivotal roles in shaping and developing European Law allows for a comprehensive discussion on the merits and limitations of researching the extent to which a network of Italian jurists, sharing the same national tradition, has contributed to the creation of innovative EU legal concepts, including categories and doctrines. Furthermore, it analyzes their impact on shaping legal practice within the CJEU in Luxembourg and their role in the reception of European law in Italy.

About the Speakers

Padideh Ala’i is a Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law (WCL). She specializes in international economic law, law of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and comparative legal

traditions. She teaches international trade law and comparative law. Professor Alai's scholarship has concentrated on the history of free trade, transparency obligations of the WTO and their implications on internal domestic transparency, universalizing the administrative state through the multilateral trading system, as well as good governance and evolution of international anti-corruption norms. In August 2017, Professor Alai was appointed Director of International and Comparative Legal Studies and Faculty Director of the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP). In her new role, she promotes, represents, and coordinates the law school's renowned international programs that have been consistently ranked among some of the most prestigious programs in the United States. Since 2014, she has led the interdisciplinary Trade, Investment and Development Program (TID) that provides resources to students interested in linkage between trade and other disciplines such as intellectual property, environment, investment, labor and human rights. Professor Alai currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). She is Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law and Member of the Academic Board of the European Law

Students' Association/World Trade Organization Moot Court Competition.

Fernanda G. Nicola is a Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law and Director of the Program of on International Organizations Law and Development. Fernanda G. Nicola's research and teaching interests are in European Union Law, U.S. Constitutional Law, Local Government Law and Comparative Law. She received her PhD in Comparative Law from Trento University and her LL.M and SJD degrees from Harvard Law School where she was the recipient of the Mancini Prize in European Law. Professor Nicola was a Permanent Visiting Professor at iCourts the Danish National Research Foundation's Center of Excellence for International Courts. She co-edited several volumes on EU law including EU Law Stories: Contextual and Critical Histories of European Jurisprudence with Professor Bill Davies and Researching the European Court of Justice with Professors Mikael Rask-Madsen and Antoine Vauchez, she wrote several groundbreaking articles in EU law including Legal Diplomacy in an Age of Authoritarianism, National Legal Traditions at Work in the Jurisprudence of the ECJ and Invisible Cities in Europe.

