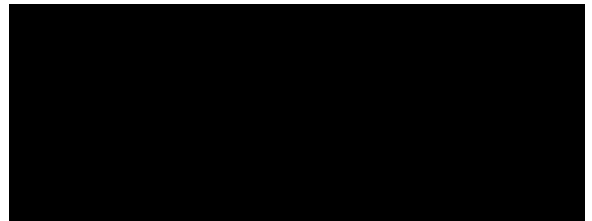


Danila Iacovelli

Associate Professor (Italian National
Scientific Qualification)



Legal scholar and attorney with over 20 years of experience in administrative, environmental, and energy law. Specialized in governance, sustainability, and digital regulation. Holds the National Scientific Qualification (ASN) as Associate Professor in Administrative Law. Presented papers at national scientific conferences and seminars, participated in collaborative research groups, and directed studies and research projects commissioned by leading public and private institutions. Serves on editorial boards of academic journals, has held scientific responsibility for international and national research projects funded through competitive peer-reviewed calls, and has undertaken research and teaching fellowships at prominent foreign and supranational universities and institutes.

Work Experience

Founder & Principal Attorney Feb 2024 - Present

Law Office of Danila Iacovelli

- Founder of a legal practice specializing in Environmental and Energy Law, Administrative Law, and Public-Private Partnerships.
- Provides legal counsel on regulatory compliance, sustainability policies, and infrastructure development.
- Developed and refined research methods for investigating novel challenges in public, energy, and environmental law.

Various academic and research roles Sep 2005 - Present

Politecnico di Milano / Poliedra

Italian National Scientific Qualification (ASN) for Associate Professor

Granted by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, 2024

Driven by the belief that law must evolve to guide ecological and digital transformations, I explore how legal systems can promote sustainability, innovation, and institutional adaptability across public governance. Among my most relevant roles:

- Assistant Professor (Researcher RTD-A Confirmed - non tenure track) in Administrative Law, Politecnico di Milano (Jan 2019-Jan 2024)
- Over 20 years of teaching experience with more than 3,000 students in university, master's, and professional programs.
- Vice Director, Master Administration 4.0.
- Lecturer, Master second-level postgraduate program Data Protection Officer e Transizione Digitale (DPOTD).

- Lecturer, Master second-level postgraduate program Appalti e Contratti Pubblici (MAC).
- Assistant Professor, Cultural Heritage Law and Heritage Management, UNESCO Chair, Mantova Campus.
- Member, Scientific Committee of Master Programs in Public Procurement and Contracts and Digital Administration.
- Lecturee, Building and Procurement Law.
- Adjunct Lecturer, Public Procurement and Contract Law.
- Lecturer, Urban Planning and Urban Sociology.
- Lecturer, Urban Planning and Environmental Law.
- Adjunct Lecturer, specialization courses on GDPR and Internet Governance.
- Lecturer, Mini-Master Urban Regeneration and Territorial Resilience (UPEL & Politecnico di Milano).
- Adjunct Professor, Environmental Law.
- ADD: Developed and implemented experiential learning activities within courses, promoting group projects on practical cases through a multidisciplinary approach.

Academic teaching and seminar activity Feb 2004 - Jun 2023

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

- Lecturer, Elements of Public Law and Social Legislation, Brescia Campus.
- Lecturer, seminars on Comparative Public Law and constitutional dimensions of citizenship, Milan Campus.

External Reviewer (VQR 2015–2019) Aug 2021 - Dec 2021

ANVUR – Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes

- External evaluator of research outputs within the national Research Quality Assessment.

Visiting Researcher Apr 2021 - Jun 2021

University of Jordan | Amman

- Conducted interdisciplinary research on legal and institutional frameworks for sustainable development and environmental protection in the Middle East.

Board Member Dec 2016 - Apr 2019

Unitelma Sapienza University

- Member of the Board of Directors, contributing to strategic decisions on governance and academic programs.

Partner – Environmental, Administrative, and Energy Law Jul 2009 - Dec 2018

Studio Legale Bettini Formigaro Pericu

- Led teams in consulting on environmental sustainability and environmental assessment, energy infrastructure, and urban development for various sectors.
- Represented clients in high-profile administrative and constitutional litigation.
- Directed leadership development for trainers in public, energy, and environmental law courses.
- Represented clients in arbitration, including the High-Speed Rail case. Aided in litigation involving national interests, environmental protection, and urban planning.
- Researched and analyzed complex environmental policy issues

Associate – Administrative and Infrastructure Law Apr 2007 - Jul 2009

Studio Legale Leone Torrani e Associati

- Provided legal analysis and litigation support on energy and infrastructure regulatory cases.
- Oversaw development management for research projects, ensuring adherence to legal and ethical standards in public, energy, and environmental law
- Advised on legal implications of emerging technologies within public, energy, and environmental law.
- Advised clients on legal matters involving international affairs within public, energy, and environmental law frameworks
- Represented clients before administrative and civil courts, advocating for environmental justice and contributing to policy development in public, energy, and environmental law.
- Implemented risk reduction strategies in public, energy, and environmental law practice.

Projects

Apr 2022 - Sep 2023

Conducted applied research on improving administrative performance through interdisciplinary collaboration.

- Natural Resources: Environmental Impact Studies: Analyzed desalination plant effects in Sicily (Dec 2019–Jun 2021).
- Legal and Policy Reforms: Research on administrative efficiency through university-judicial collaboration (Apr 2022 - Sep 2023).
- Published works on sustainable development, AI regulation, and waste management.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams integrating environmental law and computer science approaches to sustainable governance.

Core Skills

Public Law, Energy Law, Environmental Law, Administrative Law, Public–Private Partnerships, Regulatory Compliance, Sustainability Policies, Infrastructure Development, Data Protection, Digital Transformation, Public Procurement, Contracts, Cultural Heritage Law, GDPR, public policies, Urban Regeneration, Territorial Resilience, disaster mitigation, Energy Projects, Urban Development, public education, Infrastructure

Regulatory Cases, Eco-constitutionalism, Real estate, Workday, Friendly, Natural Resources, global health, enthusiastic, preparedness, mentorship, think strategically, granding, inclusive education, public finance, applied physics, fire safety, economic development, learning outcomes, student evaluations, teaching experience, occupational health, laboratory testing, training students, market conditions, academic support, political science, applied physics, social network, online learning, engage students, online teaching, student engagement, german, land use, course management system, conducting research, physical exam,

Education

Catholic University of Milan Apr 2009

PhD Institutions and Policies

Catholic University of Milan Apr 1999

Master's Degree Law

Languages

Italian (Native), English (fluent)

Publications

Books

Jan 2022

- D. Iacovelli, F. Aliberti, Valore delle risorse idriche e uso circolare dell'acqua: desalinizzazione e impatti antropici. Il caso delle isole minori della Sicilia (The value of water resources and the circular use of water: desalination and anthropic impacts. The case of the minor islands of Sicily), Edizioni scientifiche, 2022 (p. 1-218). Subject to triple-blind peer review Subject to double-blind peer review..
- Rifiuti e mercato nell'economia circolare (Wastes and Market in the Circular Economy), Giappichelli, 2021 (pp. 1-197). Subject to double-blind peer review.
- Regolamenti e illegittimità (Regulations and legal defects), Cedam, Padova, 2007 (pp. 1-129)

Articles and Book Chapters (Peer-reviewed unless otherwise indicated)

- D. Iacovelli, M. Fontana, Turismo sostenibile e gestione dei conflitti: il difficile equilibrio tra conservazione e sviluppo (Sustainable tourism and conflict management: the delicate balance between conservation and development), in AmbienteDiritto.it, No. 2 (2025), pp. 1–26.
- D. Iacovelli, F. Aliberti, Fonti alternative di approvvigionamento idrico: la desalinizzazione. La legge "SalvaMare" e il passo indietro del decreto "Siccità". Innovazioni sostenibili (Alternative water supply sources: desalination. The "SalvaMare" law and the step back of the "Siccità" decree. Sustainable innovations), in Il Diritto dell'Economia, No. 3 (2024), pp. 113–136.
- D. Iacovelli, M. Fontana, Sustainable tourism and the law, in DirittoPolitecnico.it, no. 3 (2022), pp. 100–113 (double-blind peer-reviewed; not classified as a scientific journal under Italian academic

standards). • D. Iacovelli, La riforma degli artt. 9 e 41 della Costituzione nell'ecologia delle idee (The reform of Articles 9 and 41 of the Constitution in the ecology of ideas), in *Jus-online*, No. 3 (2022), pp. 218–251. •

D. Iacovelli, M. Fontana, Nuove sfide della tecnologia e gestione dei rischi nella proposta di regolamento europeo sull'intelligenza artificiale: set di training, algoritmi e qualificazione dei dati. Profili critici (New technological challenges and risk management in the proposed European regulation on artificial intelligence: training sets, algorithms, and data qualification. Critical profiles), in *Il Diritto dell'Economia*, No. 3 (2022), pp. 106–138. • D. Iacovelli, The impact of Covid-19 on cultural heritage. Crisis and new opportunity, in *DirittoPolitecnico.it*, No. 2 (2022), pp. 101–114 (double-blind peer-reviewed; not classified as a scientific journal under Italian academic standards). • D. Iacovelli, E. Boscolo, Statuti proprietari e strumenti di neutralizzazione della rendita (Proprietary statutes and annuity neutralization instruments), in M. A. Cabiddu (ed.), *Diritto del governo del territorio*, Torino, Giappichelli, 2020, pp. 21–37 (not peer-reviewed). • D. Iacovelli, E. Boscolo, Territorio e interessi connessi: ambiente, paesaggio, beni culturali (Territory and related interests: environment, landscape, cultural heritage), in M. A. Cabiddu (ed.), *Diritto del governo del territorio*, Torino, Giappichelli, 2020, pp. 39–64 (not peer-reviewed). • Dal rifiuto all'End of Waste (From Waste to End of Waste), in *Il Diritto dell'Economia*, No. 1 (2019), pp. 193–227. • Dagli appalti verdi agli appalti circolari (From Green to Circular Procurement), in M. A. Cabiddu, M. Colombo (eds.), *Appalti pubblici*, 10. Resilienza dei territori: progetti e soluzioni di sostenibilità energetica e ambientale, *Il Sole 24 Ore*, December 2018, pp. 107–118 (not peer-reviewed). • D. Caldirola, D. Iacovelli, Impresa sociale e pubblica amministrazione: strumenti di cooperazione (Social Enterprise and Public Administration: Cooperation Tools), in D. Caldirola (ed.), *Impresa sociale, welfare e mercato*, Milan, Vita e Pensiero, 2019, pp. 127–153 (not peer-reviewed). • La politica europea sui rifiuti (The European Waste Policy), in *Il Diritto dell'Economia*, No. 2 (2016), pp. 447–471. • Responsabilità precontrattuale della pubblica amministrazione e danni risarcibili: la parabola giurisprudenziale dai danni riflessi ai danni ipotetici. Nota a Cons. St., VI Sezione, 1 febbraio 2013, n. 633 (Pre-contractual liability of public administration and recoverable damages: the jurisprudential evolution from consequential to hypothetical damages. Case note on Cons. St., Section VI, February 1, 2013, No. 633), in *Giurisprudenza Italiana*, No. 7 (2013), pp. 1675–1680. • Illegittimità dell'aggiudicazione e rinnovazione della gara nel nuovo processo sui contratti pubblici. Nota a Consiglio di Stato, sez. V, 12 giugno 2012, n. 3445 (Unlawful award and tender renewal in the new public contracts litigation framework. Case note on Council of State, Section V, June 12, 2012, No. 3445), in *Urbanistica e Appalti*, No. 12 (December 2012), pp. 1302–1309. • Crisi della legalità e incertezza del diritto (Crisis of Legality and Legal Uncertainty), in R. Zaccaria (ed.), *Fuga dalla legge?*, Brescia, Grafo ed., 2011, pp. 321–323 (not peer-reviewed). • Liberalizzazioni e obblighi di servizio pubblico nel mercato dell'energia (Liberalization and Public Service Obligations in the Energy Market), in *Amministrare*, 2009, pp. 187–195 (not peer-reviewed). • D. Iacovelli, D. Ielo, La giurisdizione della Corte dei conti sulle società pubbliche (The Court of Auditors' Jurisdiction over Public Companies), in *Amministrare*, 2008, pp. 67–103 (not peer-reviewed). • Consenso e struttura procedimentale dell'amministrazione (Consent and Procedural Structure of the Administration), in M. A. Cabiddu, F. Gabriele (eds.), *Governance dell'economia e integrazione europea: Processo di integrazione politica e sovranità economica*, Milan, Giuffrè, 2008, Vol. I, pp. 211–219 (not peer-reviewed). • D. Caldirola, D. Iacovelli, Sistema dei controlli e responsabilità del provider (System of Controls and Responsibility of the Provider), in M. Cuniberti (ed.), *Nuove tecnologie e libertà della comunicazione*, Milan, Giuffrè, 2008, pp. 99–125 (not peer-reviewed). • L'immagine dell'amministrazione sotto i riflessi della responsabilità pubblica (The Image of the Administration in the Light of Public Responsibility), in *Jus*, Vol. I (2008), pp. 235–244. • Principi e valori fondamentali: la

parabola costituzionale fra diritto naturale e diritto positivo (Fundamental Principles and Values: The Constitutional Parabola Between Natural Law and Positive Law), in M. A. Cabiddu (ed.), *Diritti e diritto*, Padua, Cedam, 2007, pp. 31–39 (not peer-reviewed). • Sistemi di realizzazione di opere pubbliche con partner privati: dalla concessione al project financing (Public Works Construction Systems with Private Partners: From Concession to Project Financing), in *Territorio*, No. 32 (2005), pp. 94–103 (not peer-reviewed). • I regolamenti nel disordine delle fonti (The Regulations in the Disorder of the Sources), in *Jus*, Vol. II (2004), pp. 189–236.

Selected Conferences and Keynote Speeches

- “Beauty as a Fundamental Human Right – For a National System for Beauty”, Polytechnic University of Milan, Mantova Campus (Nov 29, 2023). Opening lecture: “Beauty and Well-Being: On the Configuration of New Rights.” Addressed the recognition of beauty as a dimension of fundamental rights and public well-being within legal theory and environmental aesthetics. Featured speakers from RMIT University, UCLA, IIMAS, and The American University of Rome. • “Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Sustainability: Archaeology and the Challenge of Our Common Future”, Polytechnic University of Milan, DASTU (Dec 19, 2022). Presentation: “Sustainable Tourism and Territorial Resilience.” Explored the integration of cultural heritage protection and legal-administrative strategies for sustainable development, with participation from institutions such as Oxford, Warsaw, Jordan, Berlin, and the World Monuments Fund. • “Coronomics and Cultural Heritage in the Middle East”, Polytechnic University of Milan, Mantova Campus (Nov 15, 2021). Opening presentation: “The Impact of Covid-19 on the Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage.” Examined the legal and institutional responses to cultural vulnerability during the pandemic. Included speakers from UNESCO, World Bank, WFP, and multiple universities worldwide.

Keynote Speaker – National Conferences

- “Public Administration between Automation and Humanity, Webinar, Polytecnic of Milan (Mar, 2026). “Renewable Energy Communities: Between Limits, Opportunities, and Skills”, Peschici (Jun 26, 2025). Talk: “Energy Communities and Ecological Citizenship.” • “Public Administration and the Challenge of Artificial Intelligence”, Polytechnic University of Milan (Apr 15, 2025). Talk: “The European and Italian Regulatory Framework.” • “Agenda 2030 and the Right to Water in Minor Islands”, Fondazione UniVerde, Rome (Jun 27, 2023). Talk: “Desalination and Sustainable Marine-Based Water Supply.” • “Technology and Law in Response to the Water Crisis”, Festival dello Sviluppo Sostenibile, Polytechnic University of Milan (May 22, 2023). Talk: “Circular Use of Water and Desalination.” • “Public Administration After Covid”, Polytechnic University of Milan (Jun 3, 2020). Talk: “Smart Cities and Digital Innovation in Post-Pandemic Governance.”

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