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*CLOSING AND OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MASTER IN AIRLINE
MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY
(A.Y.s 2024-25 and 2025-26)*

Registration: 14,00

Institutional greeting

Alessio Lo Giudice, *Director of the Department of Law, University of
Messina*

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

(14,15-14,45)

Chair: Francesca Pellegrino

*Full Professor of Air Law and Director of the Master
and of the CUST Euromed, University of Messina*

New horizons in aerospace training

Marco Di Giugno, *Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC) HR Director,
Adjunct Professor of Air Law, University of Salerno*

Criminal guilt in the aviation of the future

Pietro Antonio Sirena, *Former President of the IV Criminal Section of the
Court of Cassation*

SESSION I

Aviation Regulatory Framework

(14,45-16,15)

Chair: Stefano Zunarelli

Full Professor of Navigation Law, University of Bologna

- *EU Regulation of Artificial Intelligence and its Application to the Aviation Sector – Anna Konert, Full Professor of Air Law and Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, Lazarski University Warsaw (Poland)*
- *Cybersecurity in Air Law – José Manuel Martín Osante, Full Professor of Commercial Law, University of Pais Vasco (Spain)*
- *Civil Liability for Automated Decision-Making in Aviation – Maria Victoria Petit Lavall, Full Professor of Commercial Law, Jaume I University, Castellón de la Plana (Spain)*
- *UAS, New Technologies and Air Operations – Federico Franchina, Associate Professor of Navigation Law, University of Messina*
- *Fitting Innovative Air Mobility into the Existing Aviation Ecosystem: Promise, Pressure, and Regulatory Design – Öykü Kurtpinar, PhD Candidate at Leiden University, Institute of Air and Space Law (IIASL), Leiden (Netherlands)*

Discussant: *Product Liability Framework: a Systemic Perspective for Aviation Law – Emilia Vermiglio, PhD in Legal Sciences, University of Messina*

SESSION II

Interdisciplinary Perspectives

(16.15-17.30)

Chair: Roberto Di Carlo

Former Operations Safety and Quality Director ENAV

- *Ethical and Responsible Innovation in Aviation* – Dario Catalisano, Captain and Aviation Safety Expert
- *Safe Automation and Human Factor in Aviation* – Antonio Chialastri, Captain and Director of STASA
- *Aeronautical Meteorology in a Changing Aviation Environment* – Arturo Cannito, Climate Change Expert
- *Emerging Technologies at Airports* – Michele Bufo, CEO of So.Ge.AP., Parma Airport

Discussant: *Can Just Culture Principles support Sustainable Innovation In Aviation?* – Mariagiulia Previti, Lawyer and PhD in Legal Sciences, University of Messina

SESSION III

Legal Framework for Space Activities: the Impact of Technological Innovations

(17,30-18,45)

Chair: Elda Turco Bulgherini

*Vice President of ASI and Former Full Professor of Navigation Law,
University of Rome Tor Vergata*

- *Evolving International Regulation of Space Activities in Low Earth Orbit: the Sustainable Use of Microsatellites and Constellations* – Nicolò Carnimeo, Associate Professor of Navigation Law, University of Bari

- *Space Activities: Safety Profiles* – Bruno Franchi, Associate Professor of Air Law, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- *The New Italian Law on the Space Economy* – Elisabetta Rosafio, Full Professor of Navigation Law, University of Rome Tor Vergata
- *The European Legal Framework and New Technologies*, - Michele M. Comenale Pinto, Full Professor of Navigation Law, University of Sassari

Discussant: *Space Debris and New Technologies* – Luca Ancis, Associate Professor of Navigation Law, University of Cagliari

Conclusions: (18,45-19,00): Cinzia Ingratoci Scorciapino, Full Professor of Navigation Law, University of Messina

Graduation Ceremony (19,00-19,15)



hosted by Maxence Van Belleghem, intern student from University of Grenoble Alpes (France)

Organisation Secretary:

- Responsible person: Michela Pandolfino, PhD Candidate in Legal Sciences, tutor of the Master, University of Messina, michela.pandolfino@unime.it
- Maxence Van Belleghem, as above

Scientific Committee:

- F. Pellegrino (Chair), C. Ingratoci, F. Franchina, E. Vermiglio, M. Previti.