

## CURRICULUM VITAE PROF. ORAZIO LICANDRO

ORAZIO LICANDRO (Catania, 1962) has been a full professor since 2006 and has taught at the Department of Humanities at the University of Catania since 2018, covering subjects within the disciplinary fields of Area 12 and Area 10. He currently teaches History of Political Institutions in the Greek and Roman Worlds, Papyrology and History of Ancient Documents, and History of the City and Citizenship in the Greek and Roman Worlds.

Since the 2021/2022 academic year, he has been teaching Roman History on the Cultural Heritage course within the Department of Humanities at the University of Catania, and Methodologies for the Study of Ancient Documents at the School of Specialisation in Archaeological Heritage at the same university.

In the 2024/2025 academic year, he coordinated and taught the interdisciplinary course 'Power and Writing: A Political, Administrative and Social History of the Ancient World' at the Scuola Superiore di Catania.

Since 2010, he has taught Epigraphy and Legal Papyrology on the Advanced Training Course in Roman Law at Sapienza University of Rome.

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In the 2023/2024 academic year, he taught on the Advanced Studies Programme in Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies in Late Antiquity at the Department of History, Anthropology, Religions, Art and Performing Arts at Sapienza University of Rome.

He has now been appointed to teach on the Advanced Training Course in History and Literature of Late Latin Antiquity at the University of the Republic of San Marino, in partnership with the Scuola Superiore Meridionale.

He is one of the founders and promoters of 'Lunedì del Classico' (Classical Mondays), a series of seminars on ancient sciences held in Catania, now in its fifth cycle.

He promoted the establishment of the 'Santo Mazzarino International Prize for Non-Fiction in the Sciences of Antiquity'.

He has taught various subjects within the SSD IUS/18 at several Italian universities (Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria and University of Calabria in Rende-Cosenza) and abroad (Wuhan, Vigo): History of Roman Law, Institutions of Roman Law, Roman Criminal Law, Roman Law I, Roman Law II, Exegesis of Roman Legal Sources, Roman Law Foundations of European Law, Epigraphy and Legal Papyrology.

He obtained his PhD in 1994 from the Federico II University of Naples.

In 1996, he was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship and undertook a research stay at the Leopold Wenger Institut für Rechtsgeschichte in Munich, where he conducted research on public law topics, and in particular on the history of Roman magistracies, under the supervision of Prof. Dieter Nörr.

In 1997, he was successful in a competition for a research post at the Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro, where he taught regularly until 2001 in the Roman Law chairs within the Department of Legal, Historical, Economic and Social Sciences at the Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro. In 2001, he was appointed Associate Professor and taught various courses in Roman law at the same department (Institutions of Roman Law, History of Roman Law, Legal Epigraphy, Exegesis of the Sources of Roman Law), whilst from 2006, the year in which he was appointed to the first rank, he taught until 2018 as a full professor.

His wide-ranging and extensive academic output – comprising some 120 publications (including books, essays, notes and reviews) – published in international journals, conference proceedings and collections of studies – ranges from constitutional law to issues of private and procedural law, from political history to papyrology and epigraphy (from the Archaic to the Late Antique periods), and to the history of the book and textual transmission. Active in the field of Romanistic informatics, he was a member of the Inter-university Centre for Romanistic Informatics (C.I.R.) and the BIA research group, both directed by Nicola Palazzolo, and co-author of various IT tools applied to classical studies.

From January 2017 to October 2018, he was Director of the Legal Research Centre for Epigraphy, Papyrology and Codicology at the Department of Law, Economics and Sociology of the Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro.

### **CHAIRMANSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES FOR JOURNALS AND PUBLISHING SERIES**

1. He is Editor-in-Chief of \*Codex\*. A Roman law journal of legal, political and social studies, published by L'«Erma» di Bretschneider (Rome-Bristol) (Class A journal).
2. He is Editor of the series *Fra Oriente e Occidente*, published by L'«Erma» di Bretschneider (Rome-Bristol).

3. He is Editor of *Collectanea Græco-Romana*. Tools and studies for historical, legal and philological research, published by Giappichelli Editore (Turin).

4. He is Editor-in-Chief of 'Isagogica', published by Algra Editore (Catania).

5. He is co-editor of \**Bibliotheca Iuris Antiqui*. Integrated Information System on Ancient Law\*, available online via the Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems (ITTIG – CNR).

6. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Bulletin of the 'Vittorio Scialoja' Institute of Roman Law, published by L'«Erma» di Bretschneider (Rome-Bristol) (Class A journal).

7. He is a member of the Editorial Board of *IVRA*. International Journal of Roman Law, published by Jovene Editore (Naples) (Class A Journal).

8. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of *Koinonia* (Journal of the Association for Late Antique Studies), published by Satura Editrice (Naples) (Class A Journal).

9. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of *Studia et Documenta Historiae et Iuris* (International Scientific Journal of the Pontifical Lateran University) (Class A Journal).

10. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of *Glossae*. European Journal of Legal History (Class A Journal).

11. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of *Engramma*. The Classical Tradition in Western Memory (Class A Journal).

12. Member of the Scientific Committee of *IUSTEL*. *Revista General de Derecho Romano* (Class A Journal).

13. Member of the Scientific Committee of *Il Maurolico*. Journal of History, Science, Literature and the Arts.

14. Member of the Scientific Committee of the Proceedings of the *Accademia Romanistica Costantiniana*.

Since June 2015, he has been a member of the Scientific Council of *Ravenna Caput Occidentis*. International Centre for Studies on Late Antiquity.

Since 2019, he has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the Research Centre 'Laboratory of Legal and Economic History' at the *Magna Græcia University of Catanzaro*.

Since 2019, he has been a member of the Italian-Chinese Institute at *Sapienza University of Rome*.

In January 2023, he was admitted to the University Council for Papyrology (CUP), for the promotion of the discipline of papyrology SSD FICP-01/C (formerly L-ANT/05).

#### **RESEARCH PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL INTEREST (PRIN)**

He has participated in the following PRIN projects as 'Head of Research Unit' at the Department of Law, Economics and Sociology of the *Magna Græcia University of Catanzaro*:

1. PRIN 1999: Epigraphic and papyrological sources of Roman law: a new hypertext edition on optical disc.

2. PRIN 2001: An online portal for accessing Roman law documentation.

3. PRIN 2003: New digital edition with critical apparatus of the sources of Roman law.

4. PRIN 2005: HyperBIA: a new hypermedia edition of the sources of Roman law.

5. PRIN 2007: BIA-Net: online access to the *Bibliotheca Iuris Antiqui*.

6. PRIN 2009: BIA-Net: semantic tools and multimedia applications for research in the *Bibliotheca Iuris Antiqui*.

7. He participated in the 2017 PRIN PNRR project entitled "Legal certainty from the ancient world to modern discourse", within the research unit at *Sapienza University of Rome*.

8. He participated in the 2022 PRIN PNRR project entitled "EXCERPTA. EXploring Contents of the Early Roman Period Taken from Anthologies (Sicily, 15th–16th centuries)".

#### **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS**

1. He was the Principal Investigator (PI) of the *Prometeo 3* project, funded by the University of Catania, entitled "Mechanisms of social inclusion and exclusion in the Roman world: senators, equites and curiales between hereditary privileges and vertical mobility".

2. Since 2022, he has been participating in the PNRR project entitled "CHANGES – Cultural Heritage Active Innovation for Sustainable Society".

3. He is the Principal Investigator (PI) of the *Piaceri 2020–2022* project, funded by the University of Catania, entitled "CAR – Arangio-Ruiz Correspondence" in collaboration with the Laurentian Library in Florence and *Sapienza University of Rome*.

4. He is the Principal Investigator (PI) of the *Piaceri 2024–2026* project, funded by the University of Catania, entitled "FORA – Sources and Works for Classical Research".

#### **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES OF THE CHANGES PROJECT – PNRR**

Workshop: From Engraving to Digitisation. Working with epigraphs: from physical examination to research and XML encoding, Catania, September–October 2024. Organised by Jonathan R.W. Prag and Orazio Licandro. Scientific secretary: Francesca Prado.

International Conference: *Centuripe and Lanuvio: a kinship carved between myth and history*. Scientific secretariat: Giulia Falco, Orazio Licandro, Francesca Prado, Jonathan R.W. Prag.

Permanent exhibition: *Doors of Change: Epigraphic Centuripe*. Inscriptions of identity and power between the Hellenistic and Imperial periods, Centuripe, 17 October 2025. Exhibition itinerary curated by A. Coccato, G. Falco, O. Licandro, F. Prado, J.R.W. Prag. 3D models by S.P. Barbagallo, F. Stanco.

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1. Since December 2015, he has served as an External Expert on the ERC “Scriptores iuris Romani” Advanced Grant (2014).
2. He was a member of the Scientific Committee of the international research project entitled “Codex Theodosianus (17BFX033) 2017–2020”, directed by Prof. Huang Meiling of the Law School of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan and funded by the National Social Science Fund of China.
3. He was a member of the Scientific Committee of the international research project entitled “Advocatus in Roman Law (16SFB3008)”. Active since 2016 and directed by Prof. Huang Meiling of the Law School of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan, the research project is funded by the Ministry of Justice of the People’s Republic of China.
4. In 2016 and 2017, he delivered papers at international conferences and gave lectures at the Law School of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan (China), and at the Law School of China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing (China).
5. In 2017, he was a Visiting Professor at the Law School of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan (China), teaching courses on imperial political institutions and late antique codifications.
6. In 2019, he was invited to the University of Vigo and the University of León (Spain) to deliver lectures, seminars and conferences on the history of public and private Roman law.
7. In March 2021, he was invited by an international partnership comprising Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, the Sino-Italian Institute (in collaboration with Sapienza University of Rome) and the Roman Law System Centre to serve as an international expert and Visiting Professor on the project entitled “History of Codification”, led by Prof. Meiling Huang.
8. He is the contact person for the Cooperative Agreement between Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (Wuhan, China) and the University of Catania, through the Department of Humanities.
9. He is the contact person for the Cooperative Agreement between the University of Oxford and the University of Catania, through the Department of Humanities.
10. He is the contact person for the Cooperative Agreement between Alma Mater University of Havana (Cuba) and the University of Catania, through the Department of Humanities.

## COURSES, CONFERENCES, LECTURES, SEMINARS

He has delivered courses, lectures and conferences in Italy at the Universities of Bologna, Bari, Catania, Cosenza, the École française in Rome, and Firenze-Sum (Italian Institute of Human Sciences), Foggia, Lecce, Messina, Naples Federico II, Palermo, Perugia, Pisa, Potenza, Ravenna, the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, Sapienza University of Rome, Salerno, Siena, Urbino, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice; and abroad at the following universities: the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (Vatican City), Pontifical Lateran University in Rome (Vatican City), the Republic of San Marino, Wuhan and Beijing (China), León and Vigo (Spain), Münster (Germany), Paris II and Rennes (France).

He has also given lectures and held meetings at the Egyptian Museum in Turin and the Archaeological Museum in Arezzo.

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

1. Member of the Italian Society for the History of Law, where he served on the National Executive Committee as Treasurer from 2016 to 2019.
2. Member of the Accademia Romanistica Costantiniana.
3. Member of the International Association for Late Antique Studies.
4. Member of the Italian Association of Roman Law.
5. PhD, obtained in 1994.
6. Postdoctoral research completed in 1995–1996, with a research stay at the Leopold Wenger Institut für Rechtsgeschichte in Munich.
7. He was Academic Coordinator of the Bachelor’s degree programme in Legal Sciences at the Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro in the academic years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.
8. He was Director of the Laboratory of Legal Epigraphy and Papyrology from 2004 to 2016.
9. He is a member of the Academic Board of the PhD programme in the History of Roman Legal Thought and Institutions, administered by the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria in partnership with the Catholic University of Milan and the Institute of Human Sciences (Florence-Naples).
10. He was a member of the Academic Board of the PhD programme in Theory of Law and European Legal and Economic Order at the Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro.
11. He is a member of the Academic Board of the Advanced Training Course in Roman Law at Sapienza University of Rome.
12. He is a member of the teaching staff of the PhD programme in Heritage and Cultural Production Sciences at the University of Catania.
13. He is a member of the BIA research group led by Nicola Palazzolo.
14. He is registered with REPRISE (the register of scientific experts established by the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research).
15. He was Coordinator of the bilateral Erasmus agreement with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) until the 2020/2021 academic year.
16. He was a member of the Inter-University Centre for Romanistic Informatics (C.I.R.).
17. He was Co-editor of *Minima Epigraphica et Papyrologica*.

18. He was Editorial Coordinator of the ERC (European Research Council) 'Scriptores iuris Romani' Advanced Grant 2014 series, directed by A. Schiavone and published by L'«Erma» di Bretschneider (Rome-Bristol).

19. He is President of the Catania branch of the International Association of Late Antique Studies.

20. In February 2026, he founded (together with other scholars) the 'Roma arcaica' Study Centre, with offices in Padua, Rome and Catania.

He served as a councillor for the City of Catania from 1997 to 2005 and as Councillor for Culture from 2013 to 2018.

He was a Member of Parliament during the 15th Parliament, and served as group leader on the Constitutional Affairs Committee and the National Anti-Mafia Committee.

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