

Guest editors' note

Gabriele Crespi Reghizzi has been a fatherly teacher, life mentor, and a wise friend for many years. His importance in the world of law (and comparative law, in particular) is so clear and bright as to make it almost impossible to contain it in a few lines. The bond with the Russian world and culture has solid roots that turn very distant in time.

His departure commoved the many friends and colleagues he met during his life.

In his honor, December 30th, 2022, at the Saint Peterburg State University, where he has been professor of International commercial law until the last days, was held the International conference in memoriam, we had the honor of organizing with Prof. Anton Rudokvas.

In this special occasion, it was given room to the many friends, scholars of the highest reputed standing, who provide the examples of incredible variety of interests Gabriele has embraced along his long life of research. Ajani, Zencovich, Graziadei, Hascher, Lupoi, Piccinelli, Papa, Serio, De Falco, Mancuso, Castellucci, Benatti, Cavalieri, Colombo, Seghesio, Acquarone, Azzali, Mazzaracchio, Gandini, Krasnova, Rudokvas, Zezekalo, Davydov, Mikoni, Petrova, along with the two guest editors presented celebrations and essays devoted to his figure and offered the testimony of some of the many aspects of the academic and professional legacy Crespi Reghizzi left.

In light of the high number of manuscripts received, Pravovedenie has gently decided to dedicate some issues of the special edition to the figure of Gabriele Crespi Reghizzi.

In the first issue, the collection of articles is opened with the article of one of his pupils, Prof. Renzo Cavalieri, who presents to the readers some of the many facets Gabriele Crespi Reghizzi have, as a legal interpreter, explorer, and mentor to many students. Then, Prof. Gianmaria Piccinelli, one of his friends and colleagues and a pivotal expert in Islamic law devotes an essay to the complex issue of the agricultural contracts in Sudan. Another Italian scholar participating to the Conference in his memory, Prof. Francesca Benatti, depicts a clear overview of the evolution of the property legal institution in the Cuban legal system. The contributions of the Russian authors touch delicate legal issues. Prof. Zezekalo faces the nuances and the uncertainty lying in the shadow of the relationship between individual will and his declaration, while Prof. Tarikanov describe the operativity of the exclusive competence of the Rabbinical courts in the Jewish di-

voiced. In conclusion, a Chinese PhD student of St. Petersburg State University Chen writes about one of the favourite legal systems of Prof. Crespi Reghizzi, dealing with the mechanism of the real right's alteration in China.

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