RYAN J FISHER

curriculum vitae

Education

University of California, Santa Barbara (presently)
PhD Candidate, *ABD*, Sociology Department
Dissertation Topic: *Law's Topsy-Turvy Radicality*
Committee: Professors Kevin B Anderson (co-chair), Lisa L Hajjar (co-chair), Ugo A Mattei (UC College of the Law, San Francisco; University of Turin), William I Robinson, David A Takacs (UC College of the Law, San Francisco), and F Winddance Twine

University of California, Santa Barbara (2020)
Master of Arts, Sociology
Thesis: *Freiligrath's Gift: A Marxian Roadmap for the Climate Crisis*
Committee: Professors Kevin B Anderson (chair), William I Robinson, David A Takacs (UC College of the Law, San Francisco), and Verta A Taylor

University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2018)
Juris Doctor
Concentration: Social Justice Lawyering

New York University (2015)
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Gallatin School of Individualized Study:
Race, Justice, & Statecraft in America
Colloquium: *Black and White Americans: Two Solitudes*
Committee: Professors George Shulman, Millery Polyné, and Myisha Priest

Research and Teaching Theory

Legal theory and praxis
Sociology of law
Application of dialectical methodology to real-world issues
(*e.g.*, climate crisis, racism)

Publications

2027, Forthcoming. "Ecolawfare in Colossea of the State." *The State – Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Political Science, Law, International Relations, and Anthropology*, 1–32. Institut des sciences juridique et philosophique de la Sorbonne.

2026 (with Андрей Майданский), Forthcoming. "Ilyenkov *v.* Leviathan: Introduction to E V Ilyenkov's 'Hegel and 'Alienation"." *Historical Materialism*, 1–17.

2026 (with Андрей Майданский), Forthcoming. Translation of Ilyenkov, E V. "Hegel and 'Alienation' (1991)." *Historical Materialism*, 1–37.

2026. "Corporate Fiduciary Duty Law as the Heart of the Beast of Capitalism." *Global Jurist*, June, 1–16. https://perma.cc/XJ46-CZJJ.

2023, The Common Core of European Law Project, and Académie internationale de droit comparé. *Property Meeting the Challenge of the Commons*. Edited by Ugo Mattei, Alessandra Quarta, Filippo Valguarnera, and Ryan J Fisher. Translated by Michele Spanò. Ius Comparatum – Global Studies in Comparative Law. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland. https://perma.cc/GFD5-QD8T.

2022. "'*Ecolawriors*': Knights of the Green Law Consciousness." *Global Jurist* 22 (3): 493–515. https://perma.cc/B5YP-TJWM.

2019 (with Ugo Mattei and Rocco Alessio Albanese). "Commons as *Possessions*: The Path to Protection of the Commons in the ECHR System." *European Law Journal* 25 (3): 230–50. https://bit.ly/2Qphhmb.

2018. "The Cotillion on the Commons." *Journal of Politics & International Affairs* XXII (Spring): 15–33. https://perma.cc/SMK4-M5LQ.

2015. "Johnson v McAdoo (1917): The First Judicial Step in the Quest for Reparations." *Journal of Human Rights at NYU* Spring: 34–38.

2014. "The Way of the Future: Chinese Students and the US-China Relationship." *Journal of Global Affairs* 9 (May): 17–23.

Presentations

2026, Maison Française d'Oxford Symposium. "Cultural Expertise and the State": *Ecolawfare in Colossea of the State: The Sprout of* Juliana v United States

2024, 123rd Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association. "Conflicts over Use Values in 'Nature'": *Humanitarians at the Gate (The Unyielding Plaintiffs of* Juliana v United States*)*

2023. Guest of Institute of Chinese Law. "The Reception of Chinese Law in Western Academia": *Global Geopolitical Transformation, China and the 'New' International Law*

2023. UBC Peter A. Allard School of Law Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Conference. "Resilience & the Law in Times of Crisis": *Law's Topsy-Turvy Radicality*

2023. Inaugural UC Merced Africana Studies Conference. "Being and Becoming: Blackness in Multiple Contexts": *James Baldwin's Dialectical Juju*

2022. Co-host of *The Dream Deferred: On California's Political State of Resistance with Manuel Pastor* (Andrew Mellon Foundation: M McAnany, L Parks, F Winddance Twine, and K Yasuda, producers)

2020. 115th Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association. Political Economy of the World Systems Roundtable: *Freiligrath's Gift: A Marxian Roadmap for the Climate Crisis*

Editorial Work

Mattei, Ugo. 2026. "The Common Core of European Private Law in Its Thirties: *Doing* and *Talking About* Comparative Law [Forthcoming]." Turin.

Mattei, Ugo. 2026. "Concealed Feudal Privilege: The Past and the Future in the Making of Property Law." *Texas A&M Journal of Property Law* 12 (2): 319–30. https://bit.ly/4capypw.

Mattei, Ugo. 2026. "Political Economy of BRICS+ Law: A Call for Counter-Hegemony and Good Sense." *BRICS Law Journal* 13 (1): 17–28. https://bit.ly/4cnT1uX.

Quarta, Alessandra. 2026. "Social Justice and Sustainability: Private Law's Moment in the European Green Transition." *European Law Open* 5 (1): 125–34. https://bit.ly/4vw4vFA.

Mattei, Ugo. 2024. "The Legal Metaverse and Comparative Taxonomy: A Reappraisal." *The American Journal of Comparative Law* 71 (4): 900–29. https://perma.cc/ZA7G-6ENU.

Mattei, Ugo. 2024. "False Conscience: Sustainability and Smart Evolution Between Law and Power." *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law – Revue Internationale de Sémiotique Juridique*, March, 1–11. https://perma.cc/RKY3-Y7SN.

Mattei, Ugo, and Margot E Salomon. 2023. "From Poverty and Development to People's International Law." In *The Oxford Handbook of International Law and Development*, edited by Ruth M Buchanan, Luis Eslava, Sundhya Pahuja, and Caitlin Murphy, 773–88. Oxford: Oxford University Press. https://perma.cc/J6B5-573A.

Maidansky, Andrey, and Maksim Maidansky. 2023. "Saving Philosopher Descartes: Valentin Asmus as a Guardian of Culture." *Studies in East European Thought*, April, 1–14. https://bit.ly/3NiaOZp.

Mattei, Ugo. 2023. "The Death of Law." *Global Jurist* 23 (1): 1–5. https://bit.ly/4kSKxhI.

Mattei, Ugo. 2022. "Foreword: A Lucky Man: On a New Edition of Professor Schlesinger's Memoir." In *Rudolf B. Schlesinger, Memories (2000)*, edited by Ugo Mattei and Andrea Pradi, 2nd ed., vii–xiii. The Common Core of European Private Law. Cambridge, Antwerp, Chicago: Intersentia. https://bit.ly/499cnka.

Mattei, Ugo. 2022. "On Coase and Commons." In *Le Droit sans Frontières: Mélanges Pour Franz Werro*, edited by Eva Maria Belser, Pascal Pichonnaz, and Hubert Stöckli, 459–85. Bern: Stämpfli Editions.

Anderson, Kevin B. 2022. *Lenin, Hegel, and Western Marxism: A Critical Study*. Updated. Historical Materialism, Volume 246. Leiden, Boston: Brill. https://perma.cc/9FX8-8EYX.

Quarta, Alessandra. 2020. "Non-Ownership and the Commons: Access and Exclusion in the Life of Communities." *Revue de Droit de l'université de Sherbrooke* 50 (1-2–3): 255–77. https://bit.ly/3ENPe94.

Mattei, Ugo. 2020. "Do Smart Things Make Us Dumb? Reflections on the Addiction Crisis of Cyborg Consumerism." *Revue Européenne de Droit de La Consommation / European Journal of Consumer Law* 2020 (3): 613–28.

Anderson, Kevin B. 2020. *Dialectics of Revolution: Hegel, Marxism, and Its Critics Through a Lens of Race, Class, Gender, and Colonialism*. Edited by Firoze Manji. Ottawa: Daraja Press.

Mattei, Ugo, and Mark Mancall. 2019. "Communology: The Emergence of a Social Theory of the Commons." *The South Atlantic Quarterly* 118 (4): 725–46. https://perma.cc/6SAK-ZC4X.

Mattei, Ugo, and Alessandra Quarta. 2018. *The Turning Point in Private Law: Ecology, Technology and the Commons*. Elgar Studies in Legal Theory. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.

Mattei, Ugo. 2018. "Comparative Law, Geopolitics, and the Conflict in Palestine: Disciplined Disengagement and the Commons Solution." *Global Jurist* 18 (3): 1–12. https://perma.cc/82VK-2HWP.

Teaching Associateships at UCSB*

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
Summers 2026 and 2025

SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE
Fall 2024

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
Summer 2024

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW AS THEORY & PRACTICE
Summer 2023

* Instructor-of-Record / Lecturer

Guest Lectures to UCSB Undergraduates

Crime and Punishment and Pedagogy (Juvenile Justice, Spring 2024)
Contradiction and Paradox in Palestine (Sociology of Human Rights, Winter 2024)
21st Century Prosecutions (Criminal Justice, Spring 2022)
A Preview of First Year in Law School (Sociology of Law, Winter 2022)

Teaching Assistantships at UCSB

Criminal Justice (two quarters)	Gordon J Abra / Amy A Martinez
Eco Vista	John F Foran Jr
Environmental Sociology	Raymond G Clémençon
French Social Theory	Simonetta Falasca-Zamponi
Global Inequalities	William I Robinson
Introduction to Sociology (two quarters)	Lisa L Hajjar
Juvenile Justice	Christina A Aushana
Logics of Inquiry	Erika Arenas Velázquez
Marxist and Critical Theory	Kevin B Anderson
Political Sociology (two quarters)	Erik Solevad Nielsen
Social Movements and Social Transformation	Ben R Manski
Sociology of Human Rights	Lisa L Hajjar
Sociology of Law (two quarters)	Gordon J Abra / Ben R Manski
Sociology Research Traditions	Erika Arenas Velázquez
Special Topics in Methods	Jason J Turowetz
20th Century Revolutionary Theory and Practice	William I Robinson

Selected Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association
American Sociological Association
Law & Society Association
National Lawyers Guild

Other Employment

University of Turin
Legal Research Comrade, Professor Ugo Mattei, 2018 – Present
Perform research and render (from time to time) editorial, drafting, and advisory services in connection with speeches, symposia, legal briefs, and publications of variegated books, chapters, and articles

UC Hastings College of the Law
Legal Research Assistant, Professor Veena B Dubal, Summer 2017
Performed research on one-stop career centers; attended Santa Clara County Court child support hearings; met and arranged follow-up meeting with presiding judge; drafted topical memoranda in connection with nascent ethnographic project in San Jose

SF Human Rights Commission
Legal Intern, Policy and Social Justice Division, Spring 2017
Performed research; conducted interviews; engaged with police, community, activists; invited and coördinated guest speakers, prepared communiqué brochure, delivered succinct oration, and tri-authored formal recommendations for public hearing on police brutality in San Francisco

Superior Court of California
Mediator, Court of Judge Donald S Mitchell, Fall 2016
Co-mediated eleven separate small-claims cases involving automobile accident, contract, emotional distress, employment discrimination, fraud, health insurance, loan default, medical malpractice, tenant-landlord, and tenant-tenant issues

San Francisco District Attorney
Law Clerk, Crime Strategies & Misdemeanors, Summer 2016
Performed research and drafted motions for assistant district attorneys; reviewed arraignment information folders; served on focused crime deterrence working group; liaised with Manhattan District Attorney's Office ("DANY"); designed external presentations and related communications; engaged in community outreach, including Mock Trial with Youth Career Academy students

Saturday Night Lights ("SNL")
Intern, Spring 2014–15
Co-supervised Harlem site of collaborative initiative—by DANY, New York Police Department, US Drug Enforcement Administration, Police Athletic League, and Pro Hoops—of free weekend basketball clinics to reduce youth violence, increase graduation rates, and lower probability that youth (more than 4,000 then served) got diverted into illegal activity

Manhattan District Attorney
Community Partnerships Unit: Intern, Spring 2014 and Fall 2014
Assisted with reëntry / juvenile justice programs and events; supported research and drafted memoranda for special projects; engaged in community outreach: SNL and Manhattan GunSTOP Parole / Probation Forums (with formerly incarcerated persons)

US House of Representatives
Office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi: Intern, Spring 2013
Drafted memoranda on climate, communications, education, foreign affairs, health, housing, infrastructure, and other issues; represented Office at Congressional briefings; interfaced with Democratic Caucus staffs; assisted drafting letters from Leader

Democratic National Committee
Office of Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz: Intern, Fall 2012
Proud member of "The best campaign team and volunteers in the history of politics": analyzed preëlection polling; gathered intelligence on Democratic winners / DNC members; assisted in hosting DNC and Obama Victory Fund events; served as Chair's factotum

References

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