

RYAN J FISHER
curriculum vitae

Education

University of California, Santa Barbara (presently)

PhD Candidate, 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 Topics

Legal theory and praxis

Sociology of law

Social movements

Application of dialectical methodology to real-world issues
(*e.g.*, law, racism, climate change)

Publications

2025, Forthcoming (with Ugo Mattei). “Comparative International Law in Times of Pandemic, War, and Other Transformations [*working title*].” In *Comparative International Law: Foundations and Critique*, edited by Robert Schütze and Mathias M Siems. Oxford: Hart Publishing.

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. <https://bit.ly/33JkGS2>.

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

Presentations

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. 2023, Forthcoming. "The Legal Metaverse and Comparative Taxonomy: A Reappraisal." *The American Journal of Comparative Law*, 1–29.

Mattei, Ugo, and Margot E Salomon. 2023, Forthcoming. "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, and Sundhya Pahuja. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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://perma.cc/3PRT-LQHK>.

Mattei, Ugo. 2022. "Foreword: A Lucky Man: On a New Edition of Professor Schlesinger's Memoir." In *Rudolf B. Schlesinger, Memories*, edited by Ugo Mattei and Andrea Pradi, vii–xiii. The Common Core of European Private Law. Cambridge, Antwerp, Chicago: Intersentia.

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>.

Working Paper

Пыенков, Е. В. 2023. "Hegel and 'Alienation' (1991)." Translated by Ryan J Fisher and Андрей Дмитриевич Майданский. Goleta; Belgorod, Russia.

Research Proposal (Lanzhou University, China)

- investigating impact on comparative legal systemology of increased economic and political power of China in the new millennium
- publishing articles in international law reviews and law books
- with Ugo Mattei, Elisabetta Grande (Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale), Ignazio Castellucci (Università degli Studi di Teramo), and Emanuele Ariano (Università degli Studi di Torino)

Teaching Associate at UCSB

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL THEORY:
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW AS THEORY AND PRACTICE

Bespoke Upper-Division Undergraduate Course
Summer 2023, Session A

Teaching Assistantships at UCSB

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| Criminal Justice | Gordon J Abra |
| Eco Vista | John F Foran Jr |
| Environmental Sociology | Raymond G Cléménçon |
| French Social Theory | Simonetta Falasca-Zamponi |
| Introduction to Sociology (two quarters) | Lisa L Hajjar |
| Marxist and Critical Theory | Kevin B Anderson |
| Political Sociology (two quarters) | Erik Solevad Nielsen |
| Social Movements and Social Transformation | Ben R Manski |
| Sociology of Law (two quarters) | Gordon J Abra / Ben R Manski |
| 20th Century Revolutionary Theory and Practice | William I Robinson |

Professional Memberships

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 publications of variegated books, chapters, journal articles, and legal briefs

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 coordinated 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 reentry / 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 pre-election polling; gathered intelligence on Democratic winners / DNC members; assisted in hosting DNC and Obama Victory Fund events; served as Chair's factotum