The Italian and the Brazilian legal systems are linked by strong cultural influences. The conference aims at exploring the dynamics both systems have been experiencing in the last years. While the Italian legal system has been affected by the Europeanization process, the Brazilian legal system has been affected by deeper integration in world trade and, to a lesser extent, by processes of regional integration. The two countries are also following different trajectories of economic development, with individual specificity and characterisation. Nevertheless, both of them are involved in the globalization process, which means a great twisting for legal and economic categories. Did such processes drive both systems in the same direction? Or are there reasons to suggest that differences between the two systems are becoming wider? The conference will look for answers to these and other questions by discussing convergences and divergences in different branches of the law.

The theme of the conference is also relevant from the point of view of the commercial relationships between the two countries. The degree of convergence shall be assessed to measure the risks, as well as the opportunities, faced by firms entering each country’s markets. At this end, within the program of the Conference, a workshop with representatives of the Italian and the Brazilian business associations will discuss opportunities for future collaborations.

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