

## BOCCONI CONVERSATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW **THE CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Despite the exponential growth in the number of international organizations and their activities, there is no agreed legal concept, as distinct from definition, of an international organization. Concepts such as functionalism, constitutionalism, exceptionalism, and informalism compete in the literature for explanatory or normative supremacy. In his book *The Concept of an International Organization in International Law* (Oxford University Press 2021), Lorenzo Gasbarri addresses the question from a new perspective, that of the nature of the legal systems developed by international organizations. In the second of our Bocconi Conversations in International Law, he will discuss his theory of international organizations as 'dual' entities, how this dual character affects the law produced by them, which is both international and internal, and the impact of this duality on the law of international responsibility, the law of treaties, and the validity of the acts of international organizations.



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