

Presentation

Paolo Grossi*

The Italian Constitutional Court has recently shown an intensifying tendency to establish ongoing relations with various European and non-European constitutional courts, certain that such a dialogue will contribute to a proficient cross-fertilization in the realm of constitutional law. In historical times such as these, during which obtuse and close-minded legal nationalism poses several threats, a better technical and cultural awareness necessarily presupposes the knowledge of a variety of case laws.

With this in mind, I cannot but express a wholehearted support for the idea to include, within the 'Italian Law Journal', a section seeking to provide adequate information on the most significant judgments handed down by the Italian Court in the previous year.

Their publication in English, which is the most common language, will facilitate familiarity with a body of decisions that fully deserves being used and valued.

This will make it easier to compare the styles and traditions of different national courts, which is a first step in the difficult road towards a future case law aiming to harmonize differences.

I would like to express, also on behalf of the whole panel of constitutional justices, sincere gratitude to the Section's Founders and Editors, along with best wishes for their successful work.

* President of the Constitutional Court of the Italian Republic. Professor Emeritus of History of Medieval and Modern Law, University of Florence.