

The theme of liability involves different areas of law, in both national and international sphere.

Starting from the study of the Ulpian notion of *culpa lata* (D. 50.16.213.2, Ulp.1 reg.: "*lata culpa est nimia negligentia, id est non intellegere quod omnes intellegunt*"), the research aims to analyse the possible derivation from the ancient Roman Law of the concept of "gross negligence" which is found in various articles of our Codes and is often commented on in the judgments of the Courts and the Supreme Court.

The investigation is likely to produce results of particular importance not only in our legal system but also in the comparative context.



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## Preface

This volume continues and completes an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental research work that began in 2019 (see Resolution by the Board of the Urbino Department of Law [DiGiur] no. 4/2019) as enhancement research and has attracted the scientific attention of distinguished scholars, experts of Roman Law and otherwise, around the issue of *gross negligence*.

The research should have been structured as a series of seminars and round tables scheduled to be held periodically at the Urbino Department of Law (DiGiur).

The health-related events of 2019-2020 prevented its practical implementation. However, at the end of 2020, the thoughts of each participant on this subject were collected in a volume titled *Dalla "culpa lata" ulpiana al concetto di "colpa grave" della legislazione codicistica attuale*, edited by Maria Luisa Biccari, in *Studi Urbinati di Scienze Giuridiche, Politiche ed Economiche* 71.3-4, 2020. This volume, in English and reserved for the members of the Urbino Department only, intends to resume and conclude the discussion on the subject.

The reader is informed that quotations taken from Italian authors have been translated into English in order to facilitate the reading text. References to the original texts are given in the footnotes.