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Food and Tort law in common law and in civil law

The research aims to analyse English and Italian caselaw in matter of tort law exploring differences and analogies between the two considered legal systems. Since *Donoghue v Stevenson* case (1932) in English Law and *Saiwa* case (1964) in Italian law, both House of Lords and Court of Cassazione judgments confirm the extraordinary relevance of food in opening up new frontiers of tort liability. This strong connection between food and tort law may origin from the deep link existing between food and human life in its different aspects so that both in common law and in civil law systems it is to be presumed that damages deriving from defects in the packaging of food - jeopardizing human health - in the past have attracted Courts' attention and have become the way through which tort law has broadened its frontiers, increasing the instruments of legal protection and

anticipating European Union Directive 1985/374 in matter of product liability.

Speaker Biography

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