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Prof. Ernesto U. Savona, degree in Law (1965-University of Palermo) and Postgraduate School in Sociology and Social Research (University of Rome "La Sapienza" 1966-1970) is professor of Criminology at the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* in Milan since 2003. He is also Director of TRANSCRIME, Joint Research Centre of the *Università degli Studi di Trento* and the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*.

From 1986 to 2002 he was professor of Criminology at the Faculty of Law at the *Università degli Studi di Trento*. From 1971 to 1986 he was associate professor at the Faculty of Statistical Sciences at the *Università "La Sapienza"* in Rome. He is also coordinator of the International Ph.D. Programme in Criminology of the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* in cooperation with the *Università degli Studi di Trento* together with the Universities of Bologna, Cardiff, Erasmus of Rotterdam and Macerata (Teramo). He was also nominated President of the *European Society of Criminology* for the years 2003/2004. He has been consultant to the United Nations, Council of Europe (where he was appointed one of the seven members of the Scientific and Criminological Council in 1996), the European Union and various national governments. From 1990 to 1994, he was visiting fellow and project director at the National Institute of Justice, Research Centre of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C, where he was manager of two projects on organised crime and international money laundering. In May 1998, the British Presidency of the European Union, implementing a recommendation of the Action Plan against Organised Crime, invited him among other "eminent European academics" to deliver a paper on the present situation of organised crime in Europe. He is today member of the EU Commission experts group on 'Policy needs for data on crime & criminal justice'. He has been a visiting professor at the Yale Law School, Oxford (Wolfson College) and Cambridge (Dept. of Criminology) and has been appointed honorary fellow of Cardiff University. Recently (2002) he has lectured in Argentina at the *Universities Catolica de Salta* (Subsede Buenos Aires) and *Concepcion de l'Uruguay*.

In 2003 he was appointed Editor in Chief of the *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, an international refereed Journal published by Springer. He is also part of the Editorial Board of the Journal *Sociologia del Diritto*.

His research activity has centred on the following topics: analysis of crime statistics, law and social change, effectiveness of legislation, organised/economic crime and criminal justice systems, crime and economics and corruption. He has recently concentrated his research on developing a methodology to measure the impact of legislation.