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GIULIANA ZICCARDI CAPALDO is Emeritus Professor of International Law at University of Salerno (Italy) and an internationally recognized leader in the study of globalization and international law whose significant contributions helped redefine traditionallv to axiomatic assumptions and pave the path for paradigm-shifts in legal process, principle, and practice. She joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Salerno in 1977 where, after becoming a full professor, she founded and headed the Department of International Studies from 1991 to 1996 as well

as **directing the Ph.D. program in International Law** from 1995 to 2010. At the end of the latter mandate, she edited a Liber Discipulorum entitled *A Dual Approach to Globalization and Legal Pluralism* (2012) for the 15 th anniversary of the Ph.D. program (with a large participation of Ph.D Alumni). Over the years, she has been entrusted with high-profile academic and scientific assignments. **She has attained many distinctions** in her long and productive career.

Her research interests primarily concentrate on globalization and global law, and Professor Ziccardi Capaldo has produced an extremely impressive body of scholarly work. In particular, her early recognition of the intellectual significance of globalization for the study and development of international law has made her a leader in this field. Her proudest accomplishment is having founded The Global Community Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence in 2001, published by Oxford University Press, a massive research effort which quickly became a very successful journal of which she is also General Editor. The Yearbook addresses questions that are of importance to the international/global scientific community establishing itself as an authoritative source of reference on global legal issues and international jurisprudence.

The connection between this accomplishment and Professor Ziccardi Capaldo's proven record of conceptually transformative research is clear in the case of The Pillars of Global



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Law, published by Ashgate in 2008 and republished by Routledge in 2016. In this very innovative book she adopted quite an avant-garde approach by analysing the evolution from traditional international law to modern global law. This impressive work outlines the transition to a new world order on the basis of "four pillars" that determine the framework for the global legal system as well as the broader organization and governance premises and parameters for the global community she envisions as integrated elements (new principles, processes, and power distribution) of the future society. With this book, Professor Ziccardi Capaldo succeeded in the very difficult task of putting current developments within the international legal order into a coherent theoretical framework in order to provide a comprehensive understanding of the main characteristics of the emerging global law system



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