

JÚLIA MARTINS RODRIGUES, Ph.D.

Research Associate & Associate Director Media Economies Design Lab, University of Colorado Boulder

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Legal scholar with expertise in cooperative economics, governance innovation, and employee ownership. Currently serving as Research Associate and Associate Director at the Media Economies Design Lab and as Colorado State Commissioner (Vice-chair). International experience across the US, Canada, Brazil, and Europe. Published researcher specializing in cooperative governance, circular economy, and alternative business models.

RESEARCH INTERESTS & AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Cooperative Law • Cooperative Governance • Employee Ownership • Economic Democracy • Circular Economy • Multi-Stakeholder Networks • Digital Commons • Public Policy • Community wealth building

CURRENT POSITIONS

Research Associate & Associate Director *Media Economies Design Lab, University of Colorado Boulder* | 2025–Present

Commissioner (Vice-chair) *Colorado Employee Ownership Office* | 2024–Present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Associate Researcher & Adjunct Professor *International Centre for Co-operative Management, Saint Mary's University, Canada* | 2023–2024

Community Fellow *Media Economies Design Lab, University of Colorado Boulder* | 2024–2025

Assistant Professor of Law *Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Brazil* | 2021–2022

Lawyer & Consultant *Independent Practice* | 2016–Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Legal and Social Sciences *Università degli Studi di Camerino, Italy* | 2018–2021 *Dissertation: Cooperative governance and multi-stakeholder networks*

Visiting Scholar *University of Colorado Boulder Law School* | 2019–2021
Research focus: Employee ownership and cooperative law

Master of Laws (LL.M.) *Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Brazil* | 2016–2017

Juris Doctor (J.D.) Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Brazil | 2011–2016

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Siegel Research Fellow | Siegel Family Endowment | 2024–2025

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"Cooperative network governance innovations for circular economy." *Journal of Co-operative Organization and Management* (2025).

"Financing Shared Ownership: How policymakers can support the financing of shared ownership across the economy." *Democracy Policy Network* (2025).

"Scaling Cooperatives Through a Multi-Stakeholder Network: A Case Study in the Colorado Solar Energy Industry." *Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity* (2021).

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Foundations for the Digital Commons – Roux Institute (2025)
- Governance Futures Network Convening – Colombia (2025)
- IV Foro Iberoamericano de Economía Social – Spain (2025)
- Canadian Worker Co-op Federation Conference (2024)
- 15º Brazilian Congress on Cooperativism (2024)
- International Co-operative Governance Symposium – Saint Mary's University (2021)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Cooperative Law Summer School – Saint Mary's University & University of Pula, Croatia (2023)
- Indigenous Peoples' Rights Certificate – Columbia University (2022)
- Economic Democracy: The Cooperative Alternative – University of Edinburgh (2018)

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Licensed Attorney – Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil (Brazilian Bar Association)

Professional Interpreter & Translator (Portuguese-English-Italian)

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (Native) • English (Fluent) • Italian (Professional proficiency)