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**In Sala Bertocchi, via dei Caniana 2**  
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**TITLE - *Field partitioning, the emergence development and consolidation of subfields: the case of the corporate law field in Milan***

**ABSTRACT** – This paper develops the concept of the subfield as a key feature of field-level change. Through a mix method longitudinal case study of Italian corporate law, it analyses how a subfield emerges, develops and consolidates itself over time. It does this through the concept of field partitioning whereby a formerly established field generates a distinct subfield with its own institutional infrastructure. Three mechanisms are identified (focusing on new opportunities; inter-organization studies and intra-subfield networking; and distinction) through which field partitioning occurs. Each mechanism is shown to contribute to the development of specific aspects of the subfield's institutional infrastructure, as part of a dynamic process that differentiates the subfield from its parent field.

**TYPE OF RESEARCH** –Empirical

**STAGE OF RESEARCH** – Published in Organization Studies, this work is the base for building new research ideas that the author would like to discuss during the seminar.

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