

## ENTREVISTA COM MARIETTA AUER

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### *INTERVIEW WITH MARIETTA AUER*

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*Revista de Direito Civil Contemporâneo – RDCC – Professor Auer, your legal education is distinguished by an impressive theoretical and philosophical depth, blending the German legal tradition with a sophisticated international dialogue. How did your academic interactions with Claus-Wilhelm Canaris, Horst Eidenmüller, Jürgen Habermas, and Duncan Kennedy contribute to the development of your critical perspective on modern private law?*

*Marietta Auer* – Thank you for the question and let me restrict myself to the two scholars I actually consider to have been my teachers, namely, Claus-Wilhelm Canaris and Duncan Kennedy. I am often asked how I can consider myself a student of both continental European doctrine and Critical Legal Studies. How can one bring together in one's own personality such seemingly contradictory schools and approaches to legal theory? Let me try to explain how this fits together: Canaris stands for a teleologically reflected strand of legal doctrine in German Private Law. Yet, there was more to his teaching than academic brilliance and doctrinal inventiveness. There was always an earnestness that the law matters, that the complexity of life and the paradoxes of modernity are serious and are, in one way or the other, reflected in the law and have to be worked out by means of it, which was absolutely fascinating to me from the outset. And you see, in this sense, Claus-Wilhelm Canaris wasn't so different as a teacher from Duncan Kennedy, because Kennedy did exactly the same thing: his really unique charisma as a teacher – I suggest watching some of the videos of his talks



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