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Nick Spearing is writing a doctoral thesis on the jurisprudence of the Italian Enlightenment figure Giambattista Vico. Focussing initially on a study of Vico's seventh inaugural lecture *De Nostri Temporis Studiorum Ratione* (On the Study Methods of Our Time), the project will later move on to a more complete study of Vico's central text on law *Il Diritto Universale* (On Universal Law). As such the project concerns legal theory in the Early Enlightenment, the history of the study of Roman Law and the cross-over interests between legal, rhetorical and philosophical thought.