Collective labour law

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Department assigned to the subject: Social and Private International Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

- Individual employment law.

OBJECTIVES

- The student will obtain theoretical and practical knowledge about the industrial relations.

- The student will end up understanding how important is this subject in connection with the other subjects in this Degree.

- The student will acquire several skills to find legislation, collective agreements, case law and bibliography.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

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Lesson 1. Collective autonomy and labour relationships system

- 1. Collective autonomy: concept and structural elements
- 2. Constitutional recognition for the collective autonomy: meaning and scope
- 3. The three-dimensional structure of the collective autonomy in the Spanish Constitution: The

right to freedom of association; the right to collective bargaining; the right to strike and collective actions.

4. Sources of collective labour law.

Lesson 2. The freedom of association

- 1. Freedom of association as a fundamental right
- 2. Subjective scope of the right to freedom of association.
- 3. The content of the right to freedom of association.
- 4. The right to freedom of association protection

Lesson 3. Trade unions and employers¿ organisations

- 1. The trade union: concept and creation.
- 2. Internal functioning elements: legal regime and financial support.
- 3. The trade union liability.

4. Union representativeness: general concept, selection criteria and preferential status of the most representative unions.

5. Employers; organisations: general concept and most representativeness.

Lesson 4. Workers¿ representation and collective action in the workplace

1. Constitutional recognition and legal regulation: the ¿dual channel¿ system of employee representation.

- 2. Employee-elected representatives: personnel delegate and works council.
- 3. The election of the employee representatives
- 4. Union representatives: union section and union delegate.
- 5. Functions, facilities and legal protection of the representatives.
- 6. The right of assembly in the workplace.

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Lesson 5. The collective bargaining

- 1. Constitutional recognition of the collective bargaining: meaning and scope
- 2. Subject scope and content of the right to the collective bargaining.
- 3. Legal regulation of the right to the collective bargaining.
- 4. Types of collective agreements.

Lesson 6. The general efficacy collective bargaining structure and content

- 1. The freedom of choice of the bargaining unit and its limits.
- 2. The collective bargaining structure and its legal regime: the coordination of different bargaining levels.
- 3. The collective agreement content: freedom of negotiating and its limits.
- 4. Possible and minimum content.
- 5. Normative content and content obligations. The duty of labour peace.

Lesson 7. The collective bargaining dynamic: negotiating, validity and administration of the collective agreement.

- 1. Bargaining agents: capacity and legitimacy.
- 2. The procedural requirements of the negotiation. The duty of negotiating.
- 3. Formalities and legality control: the challenging of a formal collective agreement.
- 4. The validity of the collective agreement.
- 5. The administration of the collective agreement.

Lesson 8. Collective disputes (I): The strike.

- 1. Concept and types of employment disputes. Constitutional regulation of the collective disputes.
- 2. The manifestation of collective disputes by workers and by employers.
- 3. Constitutional recognition of the right to strike: subjective scope, content and limits.
- 4. The right to strike exercise.
- 5. The prohibition of replacing strikers by the employer.
- 6. Types of strike. Illegal strikes and unfair strikes.
- 7. The strike effects.

Lesson 9. Collective disputes (II): The strike in essential services.

- 1. Limits to the right of strike exercise in essential services: constitutional foundation.
- 2. The concept of essential services.
- 3. Determination of the minimum service.
- 4. The breach of the minimum service and its effects.

Lesson 10. Collective disputes (III): The employer lockout.

- 1. The lockout: concept and conditions.
- 2. The lockout in Spain: constitutional doctrine.
- 3. Reasons for lockout.
- 4. Lockout procedure and effects.
- 5. Lockout and essential services.

Lesson 11. Alternative dispute solutions

- 1. Concept and types. External and autonomous solutions.
- 2. Non-judicial dispute resolutions: conciliation, mediation and arbitration.

3. Non-judicial dispute resolutions in the Spanish labour law. Particularly, the fifth Agreement on Independent Labour Dispute Resolution (ASAC V).

- 1. The freedom of association and the right to strike of the public servants.
- 2. The public servants representation: organisation and functions.
- 3. The collective bargaining in the Public Function: bargaining agents; structure, content and
- negotiation procedure; types of agreements and effects.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Lectures.
- Readings on the various issues addressed in the program under study.
- Resolution of practical exercises individually, and discussion in class.
- Workshops in groups, in class under the supervisión of the teacher.
- Analysis and discussion of real cases from courts' decisions.

Office hours: by appointment or during the hours established by the teacher at the beginning of the semester. The teacher can also assist the student by email.

There will be at least a collective tutoring.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Continuous assessment (3 ECTS)
- * Resolving practical exercises
- * Participation in debates in class, and in practical sessions
- * Workshops
- * Test

- Oral o written final exam about basic questions (3 ECTS).

For those students who do not pass the continuous assessment, there will be a theoretical and practical exam in First (Ordinary), equals than 60% of final grade.

For those who do not pass the First (Ordinary) Session, there will be a theoretical and practical exam in Second (Extraordinary) Session, equals than 100% of final grade.

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals):	50

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