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Seminar: contemporary issues on human rights

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Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 4.0

Year: 1 Semester: 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Approach to Human Rights International Human Rights Law Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights Litigation Philosophy of Law and Human Rights

OBJECTIVES

- 1) To gain and to understand knowledges providing the chance to be original in the development and/or implementation of ideas, oftenly in a research context.
- 2) To be able to apply the gained knowledges and their ability to solve problems in new or not well known environments inside wider (or multidisciplinar) contexts related to their field of study.
- 3) To be able to integrate knowledges and to face the complexity of formulating judgements from an incomplete or limited information including reflections on the social and moral responsabilities derived from the applications of their knowledges and judgements.
- 4) To be Able to communicate their conclusions ¿and the knowledges and grounds supporting them- to specialized and non-especialized audiences in a clear way and without ambiguities.
- 5) To possess learning skills allowing futher study in an autonomous and self-conducted way.
- 6) To comprehend the role of human rights in modern societies, their historical developement and the current challenges they have, as well as their role in legal systems of democracies.
- 7) To transmit, in a clear and precise way, oral and written arguments.
- 8) To possess a commitment with respecting democratic values, human rights and human diversity.
- 9) To apply and to develop, properly, and from an interdisciplinar approach, the necessary tools for the resolution of complex legal and social questions related with human rights.
- 10) To gain and to be fluent in technical and specialized knowledges to comprehend human and fundamental rights, including legislation, case law and the most important theories of rights.
- 11) To identify and to comprehend the theoretical influences ¿ideological and doctrinal- of the different systems of recognition and protection of human rights.
- 12)To identify and to analize the economical and social implications of legal recognition and protection of rights and freedoms.
- 13) To apply the concepts provided by philosophy to the analysis of rights systems.
- 14) To analize the problem of the efficacy of legal systems, identifying the incentives generated by legal rules and their impact on the behaviour of legal authorities.
- 15) To assess normative projects of development of rights and freedoms.
- 16) To make human rights plans for further implementation by public administrations and private organizations.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The course analyzes, in more or less depth, different topics that can be classified as the central challenges to the human rights, among them:

- 1. The rights in the ethical, political and legal context.
- 2. International Justice and Organization.
- 3. Democracy, gobernance and participation.
- 4. Implementation and effectiveness of human rights
- 5. Multiculturalism.
- 6. Science and technology.
- 7. Humanitarian action.
- 8. Emerging rights.
- 9. Economic, social and cultural rights.
- 10 Development and environment.
- 11. Liberty and security

12. Corporate social responsability and human rights

These topisc are analyzed from 4 differents fields:

- 1. Historical Memory, Transitional Justice and Human Rights
- 2. Science, Technology and Human Rights
- 3. Multiculturalism and Human Rights
- 4. Emergent rights of Nature

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The subject will run under the next learning activities and methodology:

- 1) First, students will read the texts uploaded in aula global by the teacher of the subject (Press articles, Reports, handbooks, academic articles, judicial stataments or legal rules) for their later discussion at class or to face in a proper way later teacher's presentations.
- 2) Second, students will attend teacher's presentations at class, with the support of audiovisual tools, to develop the main topics on the subject. The theacher will also provide a selected bibliography for further learning on the subject.
- 3) Finally, students will have to write a research essay on some of the topic of the programme, being used to assess the learning on the subject.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Assessment system will develop through a system of continuous assessment that will have a weight of 100% on the final mark. This mark will be the same that the one obtained by the students in relation to their research essay, both in ordinary and extraordinary call.

% end-of-term-examination: 0 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 100