

Transitional justice and democratization

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

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : Semester :

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

- Comparative Politics.
- Constitutional Organization of Government.
- Public International Law.
- Human Rights.
- Topics in International Politics.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Lesson 1: Basic concepts and terminology for the course. Why do we speak of transitions instead of transformations? The inter-regnum between political regimes. Concepts and definitions of democracy.

Lesson 2: Types of dictatorship. State and regime in times of political change. The analytical distinction between State and regime.

Lesson 3: Types of transitions. Typologies and the debate on this theme. The connection with the degree of transitional justice achieved.

Lesson 4: What can go wrong in a transition to democracy? How can democratic consolidation be achieved?

Lesson 5: The principal political science theories: Moore, Dahl, Linz and Stepan, O'Donnell and Schmitter, Przeworski, Huntington, Shapiro.

Lesson 6: The evidence offered by recent empirical studies. Factors favorable to democratization and major causal determinants.

Lesson 7: The Spanish case in comparative perspective. The Spanish transition from the perspective of comparative political science.

Lesson 8: The philosophic and normative debate on transitional justice.

Lesson 9: The contents of transitional justice (I). Truth.

Lesson 10: The contents of transitional justice (II). Justice.

Lesson 11: The contents of transitional justice (III). Reparation.

Lesson 12: Legislation and regulations on transitional justice.

Lesson 13: Transitional justice, human rights and the consolidation of the rule of law.

Lesson 14: Transitional justice and historical memory. The Spanish case and the rights of the victims of Francoism.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Lectures.
- Seminars.
- Elaboration of papers for students.
- Final examination.

- Weekly tutorials.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Final Examination: 40%
- Attendance, Participation in classes, and papers: 60%

A minimum grade of 3 (out of 10) will be necessary to pass the course.

In the extraordinary call, final exam will have a weight of 100% on the final grade, unless the student had carried out the continuous assessment and the system of ordinary call is most favorable to him/her.

% end-of-term-examination:	40
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	60

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BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- Democratization . Journal: <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fdem20/current>
- Journal of Democracy . Web Page: <http://journalofdemocracy.org>
- Oxford Transitional Justice Research . Web Page: <http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/oxford-transitional-justice-research>
- The Center for Justice and Accountability . Web Page: <http://cja.org>
- The Internacional Center for Transitional Justice . Web Page: <http://www.ictj.org>

