



*Università degli Studi di Palermo*  
*Facoltà di Giurisprudenza*  
*Dipartimento di Studi su Politica, Diritto e Società*  
*Dottorato di ricerca su “Diritti umani: evoluzione, tutela e limiti”*

## SUMMER COURSE

Identity, Rights, and Pluralism  
*Diritti, identità e pluralismo*

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Palermo, 6th – 11th June 2011

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The Summer Course on “Diversity and Human Rights” has been organized by the University of Palermo PhD Program on Human Rights jointly with the Brussels Academy of Legal Theory, the renowned research centre in the field of Philosophy of Law.

Identity is a key concept in human rights discourse and practice. Identity can be defined as the set of characteristics that makes a certain person unique or, at any rate, himself. Obviously enough, such a definition is bound to raise rather than solve many problems: individuating what makes any person him or herself, or of what makes that person the same person over time, is one of the most intriguing problems in the whole history of philosophy, as well as it is debated in many social and human sciences such as anthropology, sociology, and political philosophy. One important strand in this reflection is the relation between identity and the environment – or, to what extent is identity shaped by tradition, culture, and society?

In recent debates on the issue of identity, several important points have been emphasized. In the first place, anti-essentialism: personal identity is not an immutable and necessary trait, something one has by nature. Rather, it is a social and cultural construction, it is something one develops over time and chooses more or less deliberately. Personal identity, then, is the upshot of a process, and it is always revisable: it is a process of identification. Identification is the process of ‘connecting’ oneself to a collective identity or, to put it crudely, to a ‘label’. Such a label is provided by the relevant social environment, where some cultural, religious, and generally social norms are to be found; moreover, it is the relevant social environment that assigns a specific meaning to some ‘natural’ identity traits, such as gender, race, ethnic origin. At the same time, the law is a factor that can shape identity, since it can try to favour some identities and to marginalize others – this is what happens, for instance, with the citizens/aliens divide.

Lectures will be followed by debates. Lecturers are professors from Italian or foreign Universities. The Summer Course will be hosted by the Dipartimento Studi su Politica, Diritto e Società (DPDS), piazza Bologna 8, 90134 Palermo. Teaching hours will be 10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. Students will receive the materials sent by lecturers, and they will have free access to the Library of the DPDS, as well as to the other libraries of the Law Faculty.

**Working languages:** English, French, Spanish and Italian

## **Applications, Conditions of admissions and Certificate of attendance**

As established by the *Regolamento d'Ateneo* of the University of Palermo, the Course is open to students holding a first or second level Master degree, PhD students, PhD, Researchers with an interest in legal theory and able to orientate themselves in the subject matters of the courses. No more than 30 applications will be accepted, and at least 15 participants will be selected among applicants from other Italian or foreign Universities. Only in the case in which less than 15 people would apply, more applications from the University of Palermo will be taken into consideration. The Summer Course will not be held if there will be less than 10 applications. Every applicant shall fill the form here attached, adding his/her CV. If a selection will be necessary (if more than 30 applications will be received) the scientific committee will redact a list and a reserve list. Students from the reserve list will be contacted in the case in which students admitted in the list will withdraw.

Students who will have attended at least 90% of the seminar hours will receive a certificate, corresponding to 6 ECTS, after passing a test.

## **Enrolment and fees**

Attached to this call a model of the application form can be found (this is in English, but application forms can be filled out also in French, Italian or Spanish).

This should be sent (and received by 31st May 2011), jointly with a CV, a copy of the degrees obtained, a copy of a national ID, and a copy of the payment of registration fees, to the following address:

Dipartimento Studi su Politica, Diritto e Società, P.zza Bologni, 8 – 90134 Palermo, Italy,

or to the following email address:

rosario.castiglione@unipa.it

or to the following fax number:

+39 091/23860809 - +39 091 6111268

The payment of **registration fees** shall be done on a different bank account to the Dipartimento di Studi su Politica, Diritto e Società, piazza Bologni, 8, 90134 Palermo (IBAN: IT 27 O 02008 04663 000300029976 – SWIFT/BIC code UNCRITM1Z58 – Treasury Code: 9050272 – UNICREDIT GROUP - AG. 100-SPORT, via Roma, 185, 90133 - Palermo, Italy) Causal transfer: summer school Identity, Rights, and Pluralism registration.

More information about the payment of pre-inscription fees and registration fees (in particular the payment procedure) will be found on these websites.

## **Housing and meals**

Participants not residing in Palermo can be hosted in the rooms of the ERSU Palermo – Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario, with very cheap rates.

All participants will have access to University canteens (with very cheap rates).

For further information, please contact the Summer course secretary.

## **Contacts**

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**The Director**

(prof. Giorgio Pino)

**IDENTITY, RIGHTS, AND PLURALISM****Programme****Monday 6 June 2011**

Elena Larrauri (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

*A Gender-Identity Approach to Restorative Justice*

Lorenzo Ferrante (Università di Palermo)

*Identità, diritti e doveri dei migranti nelle società multiculturali*

**Tuesday 7 June 2011**

Fabio Basile (Università di Milano)

*Il diritto penale nelle società multiculturali: i reati culturalmente motivati*

Alan Kirman (Université D' Aix-Marseille III)

*The Economics of Identity*

**Wednesday 8 June 2011**

Mario Ricca (Università di Parma)

*Identità religiosa e diritto interculturale*

Paolo Comanducci (Università di Genova)

*Diritti collettivi e culturali*

**Thursday 9 June 2011**

Carlos Luis Carrillo (Universidad central de Venezuela - Caracas)

*Derechos colectivos en la jurisprudencia de la Corte constitucional venezolana y la Corte Panamericana*

Gustavo Quintero Navas (Universidad de Los Andes - Colombia)  
*El derecho internacional humanitario y la tutela de la identidad cultural*

Francesco Remotti (Università di Torino)  
*Cultura e identità: convergenze e divergenze concettuali*

**Friday 10 June 2011**

Tatjana Hörnle (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)  
*Criminal Protection of Religious Identities*

Dario Melossi (Università di Bologna)  
*La criminalizzazione dei migranti in Europa e negli Stati Uniti*

**Saturday 11 June 2011**

Marie-Claire Foblets (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)  
*Family laws and cultural pluralism in contemporary Europe: the role of human rights reconsidered*

**APPLICATION FORM**



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To the Director of the  
*Dipartimento Studi su Politica, Diritto e Società*

Piazza Bologni, 8  
90144 PALERMO  
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I undersigned (First name) (Family name), born on (DD/MM/YY) , in (Town, State), resident in (Town, State) , having obtained (title of the degree)/ enrolled in the last year of a 1st level Master degree in (title of the master course)

Apply

To the SUMMER COURSE on “IDENTITY, RIGHTS, AND PLURALISM - Diritti, identità e pluralismo” which will be held in Palermo from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Documents attached:

curriculum vitae et studiorum;

copy of the degrees obtained or of the certificate of enrolment in the last year of a 1st level master degree;

copy of a National ID;

copy of the payment amounting to euro 201,85

indicate if you need to stay at the university residences ERSU

Date and signature