# Università degli Studi di Palermo



Facoltà di Giurisprudenza Dipartimento di Scienze giuridiche, della società e dello sport Dottorato di ricerca su "Diritti umani: evoluzione, tutela e limiti"

#### SUMMER COURSE

Human Rights in Practice: between Norms, Facts and Rhetoric

Palermo, 3rd-8th June 2013

The Summer Course on "Human Rights in Practice: between Norms, Facts and Rhetoric" (from now on, *Summer Course*) 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, and in collaboration with the Ecole doctorale de Sciences Juridiques et Politiques of the University of Paris Nanterre.

# **Key Concept**

The practice of rights, their existence and function in the social, political and legal life, has a fragmented and not uniform dimension. Rights exist as abstract (theories of rights) and as positive constructions (declarations of rights, institutions and policies aimed at implementing them); rights exist as conversational practices of political, institutional and legal argumentation; rights have a role in the motivational status of stakeholders, some of which meaning to give them realization, others using them to reach their own goals; and rights exist in real social, legal and political circumstances, where in different degrees they are protected or, indeed, betrayed and violated.

# **Objectives**

Knowing the practice of rights means to be conscious of their different levels of existence, of their interrelations and of the sometimes enormous gap exiting between facts on one side, and their normative representations, rhetoric, and ideologies on the other. Aiming at enriching this knowledge, the Summer Course proposes a group of seminars that, putting together theoretical, historical and sociological perspectives, analyses some of the core questions about the relationship between rights and social practice (nature and relevance of the international practice of human

rights; human rights and legal pluralism; human rights and political discourse), and explores some hot issues (right to food; equality and criminal trial; prisoners' rights; publicity, secrecy and the Rule of Law) related to normative, factual and rhetorical dimensions of rights.

# Methodology

Each morning two seminars will be held. They will explore the same topic from different perspectives and disciplines, aiming at achieving an effective integration of methods and solutions. In order to encourage a proactive participation, in the afternoon the participants will be engaged in a workshop on the topic discussed in the morning, with the support of the suggested and provided bibliography.

# **Topics**

1) Nature and relevance of "practice" in international law, with focus on human rights; 2) The rhetoric of human rights; 3) Legal pluralism and practice of human rights; 4) Prisoners' rights; 5) Publicity, secrecy and the Rule of Law; 6) Right to food and food policies; 7) Equality and criminal trial.

# Working languages

English 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 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 in 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 withdraw. Students who will attend 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 31th May 2013), 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 di Scienze giuridiche, della società e dello sport – Sezione "Diritto e Società – sede: P.zza Bologni, 8 – 90134 Palermo, Italy, or to the following email address:

rosario.castiglione@unipa.it

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The payment of **registration fees** of € 250,00 shall be done on a different bank account to the University of Palermo (IBAN: IT 46 X 02008 04663 000300004577 - SWIFT/BIC code: UNCRITMMPAE - Treasury Code: 9150300 UNICREDIT GROUP AG. 100-SPORT, via Roma 185, Palermo, Italy.

Causal transfer: "summer school Human Rights in Practice: between Norms, Facts and Rhetoric Palermo, 3rd-8th June 2013 registration".

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

http://portale.unipa.it/dipartimenti/dipartimentoscienzegiuridichedellasocietaed http://www.unipa.it/dottoratodirittiumani/

# 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, Mr. Rosario Castiglione.

#### Contacts

#### **Director of the Summer Course**

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# Summer Course "Human Rights in Practice: between Norms, Facts and Rhetoric"

# **Programme** Monday, June 3 9 a.m. Introduction (prof B. Celano) Equality and Criminal Trial Prof. R. Orlandi (Università di Bologna) Prof. E. Santoro (Università di Firenze) 3 p.m. Workshop Tuesday, June 4 9 a.m. The Rhetoric of Human Rights Prof. G. Pino (Università di Palermo) Prof. L. Zucca (King's College of London) 3 p.m. Workshop Wednesday, June 5 9 a.m. Nature and Relevance of "Practice" in International Law, with Focus on Human Rights Prof. P. De Sena (Università Cattolica di Milano) Prof. P. Chiassoni (Università di Genova) 3 p.m. Workshop Thursday, June 6 9 a.m. Prisoners' Rights Prof. M. Ruotolo (Università di Roma Tre) Dr. G. Campesi (Università di Bari) Publicity, Secrecy and the Rule of Law Prof. G. Della Cananea (Università di Roma "Tor Vergata") 3 p.m.

Friday, June 7

9 a.m.

Rigth to Food and Food Policies

Prof. L. Manderieux (Università Bocconi)

Dr. H. Dempewolf (Global Crop Diversity Trust)

3 p.m.

Workshop

Saturday, June 8

9 a.m.

Legal Pluralism and Practice of Human Rights

Prof.ssa A. Facchi (Università Statale di Milano)

Prof. S. Mancuso (University of Cape Town)

3 p.m.

Workshop

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Apply

To the SUMMER COURSE on "Human Rights in Practice: between Norms, Facts and Rhetoric" which will be held in Palermo from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Documents attached:

curriculum vitae et studiorum;

copy of the degrees obtained or of the certificate of enrolment in the last year of a 1st/2nd level Master degree;

copy of a National ID;

copy of the payment amounting to euro 250,00

indicate if you need to stay at the university residences ERSU

Date and signature