

European Union Cultural and Legal Heritage Policies and European Integration

Additional Course at Master in European Integration

Course Description

Dates: 23-25 April 2018

Time: 16.00 - 18.00

Room: **Monday 23 April - room 333, Tuesday April 24 - room 328, Wednesday 25 April - room 333.**

The European Union cultural and legal heritage policies, formal documents and initiatives (as effected by institutions such as the Council of European Union and European Commission) have been assuming an increasing importance in the last two decades and were and are intended also to play a major role in the processes of European integration. As the EU has been facing new and diverse challenges with the accession of new Central and Eastern European member states to the Union, the financial crisis of 2007-2008 and the following crisis of multiculturalism, its cultural and legal heritage policies and initiatives have been evolving, seeking to meet these new challenges and problems.

The course intends to present the main trajectories of these EU policies and initiatives, from their earliest formulations and implementations to the current major dilemmas caused by the Brexit process and the Catalan independence referendum of 2017. Particular attention will be paid to the relevance of these policies and initiatives to the integration of the Central and Eastern European states which have joined the EU since 2004 and the Western Balkan states involved in accession negotiation with the EU.

The course will be structured into three parts. The first part will present the principal formal documents and approaches through which the EU has been defining and striving to foster national, cultural and religious diversity in the Union, focusing especially on its policies of cultural integration and Europeanization. In view of the multiplying threats to cultural and religious heritage (mostly caused by conflicts in Europe and the European Mediterranean and Near Eastern neighbourhoods since the end of the Cold War), the second part will present the new and evolving EU and international legal initiatives for the protection of sacral and cultural heritage. The third part of the course will discuss the current challenges to the European integration process in the sphere of cultural and religious identity politics (and their

legal dimension), as related to the progress of EU accession, the dynamics of Brexit and the new set of complications provoked by the Catalan independence referendum of 2017.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

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Monday, April 23, 2018 - room 333.

1. Religious and Cultural Diversity in Europe and EU Heritage Policies of Cultural Integration and Europeanization

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 - room 328.

2. New EU and International Legal Initiatives for the Protection of Cultural and Religious Heritage

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 - room 333.

3. Current Challenges in the Cultural and Religious Identity Politics in the EU and their Impact in the Legal Sphere; Brexit/post-Brexit dynamics and the Catalan independence referendum of 2017

NOTE: regular attendance and active participation during the classes will be taken into consideration for achieving the certificate.

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