

Fundamental rights and freedoms in Europe

Presentation

The aim of the course is to provide a broad overview about the guarantee of fundamental rights provided by the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) in particular. These are essential issues, on the one hand, because human rights national protection systems are largely influenced by the "minimum standards" set by the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, and on the other, because the protected rights are related to important social issues: bioethics, the fight against terrorism, secularity... Following an introduction in which we will take a closer look at the concept of human rights, we will focus on the guarantees offered by the ECHR. The first part of the course ("the protection of rights") is devoted to studying the role of the Court as a guarantor but also as an interpreter of the rights guaranteed by the ECHR. The second part ("protected rights") focuses on the rights to human dignity (right to life, prohibition of torture, etc.), procedural rights (right to a fair trial, etc.), the right to privacy and fundamental freedoms (religion, expression, association, etc.).

Recommended Prerequisite(s)

A knowledge of the organisation, missions and institutions of the Council of Europe (see third year course on European Institutions). You must have a minimum knowledge of the European Union (see third year course on European Institutions). A basic legal knowledge (see first year course of General introduction to law).

In brief

ECTS credits: 2.0
Number of hours: 18.0
Teaching term: Six-monthly
Teaching activity: Lecture course

Year: Third year

Validation: Final written examination

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Formule pédagogique

In-person lecture. The students are expected to have sufficiently precise knowledge about the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.