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Summer Course 2015

# HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY: JUSTIFYING EXCEPTIONS

Palermo, 15-20 June 2015

The Summer Course on *Human Rights and Security: Justifying Exceptions*\* is organized by the University of Palermo as part of the PhD Program on Human Rights, together with the renowned research centre in Philosophy of Law the European Academy of Legal Theory in Bruxelles, and in collaboration with the Ecole Doctorale de Sciences Juridiques et Politiques of the University of Paris Nanterre.

## Topic

The concept of **securitization** indicates a discursive process in which an agent claims the need to adopt exceptional measures which bring about considerable violations of otherwise binding rules, in order to protect a given value from a serious and extraordinary threat. The aim of such process is ultimately to persuade a specific audience to accept those measures and the consequent violations. One of the main advantages of this conceptualization is that it emphasizes the fact that every securitization process is, above all, an *argumentative* operation (being essentially an invocation of reasons for justifying violations of otherwise binding norms), all the while representing in a simple manner its essential elements namely the agent, the “securitized” value, the exceptional measures, the violated rules, the grave and extraordinary threat and the audience.

Securitization has a double relationship with human rights: Violated rules typically include norms posited for the protection of fundamental rights (the most notable case being that of “the state of exception” whose declaration represents a securitization move *par excellence*); human rights are, on the other hand, themselves increasingly becoming the securitized values (the most obvious example here is that of humanitarian interventions in cases of gross violations of human rights).

The 2015 Summer Course aims at scrutinizing different aspects of securitization moves in their double relationship with human rights and will discuss **topics** such as: Law, Security & Human Rights, The Genealogy of Security, Human

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\* The realization of the Summer Course has already been approved by the *Dipartimento di Scienze Giuridiche, della Società e dello Sport* and by the *Scuola di Scienze Giuridiche ed Economico-Sociali*. It is waiting for the final confirmation by the *Consiglio di Amministrazione* of the *Università degli Studi di Palermo*.

Rights, Security & the International Legal Order, Emergencies & Human Rights, Human Security and Right to Security & Responsibility to Protect.

### **Venue**

The Course will be held at the University of Palermo, Department of Legal Sciences, Society and Sport (Piazza Bologni 8, 90134 Palermo, Italy).

### **Methodology**

On each day a specific topic will be discussed from various theoretical and practical perspectives, aiming at achieving an effective integration of methods and solutions. In order to encourage a proactive participation, participants will be engaged in a workshop focussing on the topic discussed in each seminar session, with the support of suggested bibliography.

### **Target audience**

The Course is open to students holding a first or second level Masters degree, PhD students, PhD's, researchers with an interest in the topic and familiar with the subject matters of the courses.

### **Working languages**

English, Italian and French.

**Application deadline** is 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Detailed information on how to apply will be available on the PhD Program's web page (<http://goo.gl/ytseGb>) from the end of March 2015 onwards.

### **Enrolment & Registration fee**

Maximum 30 applicants will be accepted.

The registration fee is 250,00 €. The fee includes enrollment in the course, reading material, the final certificate, and insurance cover.

Students of the II. Level Masters in Global Rule of Law and Constitutional Democracy (University of Genoa) and the Máster en Argumentación Jurídica (University of Alicante) can benefit from a discounted rate of € 175,00. Graduates of the Colombian universities, which participate in the cultural and scientific cooperation started on June 24th 2013 with the Italian embassy to Bogotá, are exempted from the registration fees.

### **Certificate**

Students who will attend at least 90% of the seminar hours will receive a certificate (6 ECTS).

### **Housing & meals**

Participants not residing in Palermo can rent a room at the ERSU Palermo (Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario) at convenient rates. All participants will have access to University canteens.

### **Contacts**

For further information, please contact Mr Matija Žgur (e-mail: [matija.zgur@unipa.it](mailto:matija.zgur@unipa.it); [matija.zgur@gmail.com](mailto:matija.zgur@gmail.com); for matters regarding the Course) or the Summer Course Secretary Mr Rosario Castiglione (e-mail: [rosario.castiglione@unipa.it](mailto:rosario.castiglione@unipa.it); for all organizational matters).

### **Director**

Prof. P. De Sena.

### **Scientific Committee**

Dr. M. Brigaglia & Dr. S. Marcenò.

## SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME†

### Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

#### 9 am

Greetings by Prof. Aldo Schiavello (Director of the PhD)

Presentation of the Course by Prof P. De Sena (Director), Dr. Marco Brigaglia and Dr. Serena Marcenò (Scientific Committee)

#### 9.30 am: Seminar Session on “Law, Security & Human Rights”

*Tomas Gammeltoft-Hansen* (The Danish Institute for Human Rights)

*Juan Carlos Bayón Mohíno* (Universidad autónoma de Madrid)

#### 3 pm: Workshop

\* Topic to be announced

### Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June

#### 9.00 am: Seminar Session on “Genealogy of Security”

*Paolo Napoli* (Centre d'études des normes juridiques – Institut Marcel Mauss)

*Mariano Croce* (University of Antwerp)

*Giuseppe Marazzita* (Università degli studi di Teramo)

#### 3 pm: Workshop

\* Topic to be announced

### Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June

#### 9 am: Seminar Session on “Human Rights, Security & the International Legal Order”

*Serge Sur* (Université Panthéon-Assas)

*Alessandro Colombo* (Università di Milano)

#### 3 pm: Workshop

\* Topic to be announced

### Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June

#### 9 am: Seminar Session on “Emergencies & Human Rights”

*Fulvio Attinà* (Università di Catania)

*Andraž Zidar* (BIICL & Regent's University London)

#### 3 pm: Workshop

\* Topic to be announced

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† The programme may be subject to changes.

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**9 am: Seminar Session on “Human Security”**

*Lorenzo Del Federico* (Università di Chieti – Pescara)

*Mark Duffield* (University of Bristol)

*Magdalena Aguilar Pulido* (UNDP)

**3 pm: Workshop**

\* Topic to be announced

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**9 am: Seminar Session on “Right to Security & Responsibility to Protect”**

*Vasilka Sancin* (University of Ljubljana)

*Aidan Hehir* (University of Westminster)

**Conclusion of the Summer Course**