



Course Syllabus

Course Code MLAW-502DE	Course Title European Comparative Law and Policy	ECTS Credits 10
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall
Type of Course Compulsory	Field Comparative Law / Legal Theory	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Lecturer(s) Dr Dimitrios Koukiadis	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Distance Learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are that students:

- Acquire a deep understanding of comparative research as a methodological approach of legal science
- Understand the specificities of law as a subject which requires comparative study and knowledge of the legal systems of other Member States
- Are able to set the legal rules of a state under evaluation in a comparative legal environment
- Are able to comparatively assess European public and private law and the efforts for harmonization of Member States' law
- Get to know the problems and challenges of the process of harmonization of European private, criminal and public law.
- Place the political choices made by the legislator and the judge in a proper legal theory and social sciences context

Learning Outcomes:

The student after completion of the course are expected to be able to:

- Utilize a comparative framework of analysis on state legislation and case law
- Employ a critical lens on the harmonization of the law of Member States within the Community framework
- Evaluate the various methods of legal understanding in a comparative environment
- Know and understand the basic parameters of European public and private law
- Be able to assess the legal rules in a multi-perspectival field.

Course Contents:

1. Comparative legal method
2. Diversification of law and comparative law
3. Attempts at unification of European private law
4. Comparative human rights law
5. Comparative interreligious law
6. Europe and US: Comparing models of democracy
7. Comparative European criminal law
8. Comparative European constitutional law
9. Problems and prospects of the harmonization process
10. The European Union and Member States: Comparative law in practice
11. Policy making as a result of judicial decisions

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Personal guidance, Case-study analysis, Video-streamed courses, Forum, Final exam

Assessment Methods:

Interim individual studies, Formative assessment activities, Final exam

Textbooks – Bibliography:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>Rethinking Comparative Law</i>	S. Glanert – A. Mercescu – G. Samuel	Edward Elgar Publishing	2021	
<i>The Cambridge Companion to Comparative Constitutional Law</i>	R. Masterman	Cambridge University Press	2019	
<i>European Union Private Law</i>	Ch. Twigg-Flesner	Cambridge University Press	2010	
<i>European Comparative Company Law</i>	M. Andenas - F. Woolridge	Cambridge University Press	2009	
<i>Epistemology and Methodology of Comparative Law</i>	M. Van Hoecke (ed.)	Hart	2004	
<i>Human Rights Law in Europe</i>	K. Dzehtsiarou et al. (eds.)	Routledge	2014	
<i>Comparative Constitutional Law</i>	T. Ginsburg - R. Dixon	Edward Elgar	2013	
<i>The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law</i>	M. Rosenfeld - A. Sajo	Oxford University Press	2013	
<i>Law and Religion in Europe: A Comparative Introduction</i>	N. Doe	Oxford University Press	2011	
<i>European Law in the Past and the Future</i>	R.C. Van Caenegem	Cambridge University Press	2002	
<i>The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Law</i>	M. Reimann - R. Zimmerman (eds.)	Oxford University Press	2008	

<i>Comparative Law: A Handbook</i>	D. Nelken - E. Oruku (eds.)	Hart	2007	
<i>Comparative Law in a Changing World</i>	P. De Cruz	Routledge	2006	
<i>Comparative Law and Legal Pluralism [in Greek]</i>	Ch. Deligianni - Dimitrakou	Sakkoulas	2008	