



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b> MLAW-531DE	<b>Course Title</b> European and International Protection of Human Rights	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 10
<b>Prerequisites</b> None	<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall/Spring
<b>Type of Course</b> Compulsory	<b>Field</b> Human Rights and Social Justice	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Study</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Christos Papastylianos	<b>Year of Study</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Distance Learning	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

### Course Objectives:

The purpose of the course is the examination of mechanisms of protection of rights in Europe, namely the relation between the national constitutions, the ECHR and EU law, and specifically their supplementary relation. Special thematic blocks of the course concern the judicial bodies responsible for the implementation of the ECHR and the EU law, the binding force of their rulings, the accession by the European Union to the ECHR, and the clauses regarding the implementation of provisions providing the highest possible protection of rights, as well as international and global regional protection of human rights.

### Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to:

1. Understand the basic notions which constitute the subjects of their examinations
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental principles governing the subjects in question
3. Analyse theoretical issues with regard the subjects in question
4. Solving practical problems with regard the subjects in question.

**Course Contents:**

1. The protection of human rights in EU law before the Charter of Fundamental Rights.
2. Basic elements of the system of protection of rights according to the Charter of Fundamental Rights.
3. Basic elements of the system of protection of rights according to the ECHR.
4. The relation between ECHR and EU law, the accession by the European Union to the ECHR.
5. Protection of Rights, in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the ECHR.
6. The relation between the national Constitution and the EU law, the common constitutional traditions of the member- states, the protection of the constitutional identity of member- states in EU law ant the CJEU jurisprudence.
7. The relation between the national constitution and the ECHR, the obligation of the Courts to implement the ECHR, the binding force of the interpretative precedent of the rulings of the CJEU .
8. The notion of constitutional pluralism and the relation between the national constitution with the EU law and the ECHR.
9. The protection of property rights in ECHR and EU law.
10. The «measures necessary in a democratic society» clause of ECHR.
11. The principle of proportionality as a means of balancing in the CJEU jurisprudence and the ECHR.
12. International protection of human rights.
13. Global regional protection of human rights.

**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 – Reading:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<i>Judicial Protection of Fundamental Rights in the E.U. [in Greek]</i>	M. Perakis	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2015	
<i>The E.U. Charter of Fundamental Rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. [in Greek]</i>	V. Tzemos (ed.)	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2018	
<i>European Convention of Human Rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed [in Greek]</i>	Al. Sisilianos (ed.)	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2018	
<i>The Protection of Fundamental Rights in EU after Lisbon</i>	Sybe de Vries, Ulf Bernitz & Stephen Weatherill,	Hart Publishing	2013	
<i>Human Rights in the Council of Europe and the European Union: Achievements, Trends and Challenges</i>	Steven Greer, Janneke Gerard et.al.	Cambridge University Press	2018	
<i>Human Rights Law in Europe: The Influence, Overlaps and Contradictions of the EU and ECHR</i>	Kanstantsi Dzehtsiarou - Theodore Konstadinides - Tobias Lock - Noreen O'Meara	Routledge	2014	
<i>International Human Rights Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.</i>	O de Shutter	Cambridge University Press	2019	