RiDe- Rights and Democracy

The Multilevel Protection of Fundamental Rights and the Role of Constitutional and European Courts

OPEN TO: Master and PhD students of Law, Social Studies and Humanities

APPLICATIONS: 1 October 2026 - 31 October 2026

9 Feb - 4 May 2027 (Virtual Part)
7 - 11 June 2027 (Summer School, Sapienza University of Rome)
Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) - 6 ECTS

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CONTENT

The **virtual classes** will take place from **9 February to 4 May 2027** (around 28 hours in total) and will be taught by experts and academics, providing insights on the topics which will be further examined during the summer school.

The **physical part** of the Summer School will take place from **7 to 11 June 2027**, at the Department of Political Science of Sapienza - University of Rome. The 5-days course will offer insights on the relationship between **Rights and Democracy** at the present stage with a focus on the key role of National Constitutional Courts and European Courts. The summer course will include roundtables, lectures, workshops, student presentations and cultural events.

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VIRTUAL PART PROGRAMME*

SESSION & LESSON	INSTRUCTOR / SUBJECT	DATE / TIME
1. Introduction to CIVIS BIP	M.G. Rodomonte, L. Durst and CIVIS RiDe team Students introduce themselves	9 February h 14-16 (CET)
2.SESSION 1 Rights, Democracy and the Common EU Heritage	D. Mattiangeli Title: Civitas Romana and Civitas Europea	16 February h 14-16 (CET)
3. Focus on essays	N. Castellano - WORKSHOP	23 February h 14-15 (CET)
4.SESSION 2 Democracy and Participation in the EU	M. Nettesheim Title: The Democratization of the EU	2 March h 14-16 (CET)
5.SESSION 2 Democracy and Participation in the EU	M. Nettesheim Title: The Democratization of the EU (WORKSHOP)	9 March h 14-16 (CET)
6.SESSION 2 Democracy and Participation in the EU	C. Fasone Title: Electoral Rights between Strasbourg and Luxembourg	16 March h 14-16 (CET)
7.SESSION 3 The Multilevel Protection of Rights	L.-A. Sicilianos Title: The evolutive Interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights	23 March h 14-16 (CET)
	EASTER BREAK	
8.SESSION 3 The Multilevel Protection of Rights	F. Battaglia Title: The Eu Charter of Fundamental Rights and the core values of the EU	1 April h 14-16 (CEST)
9. SESSION 3 The Multilevel Protection of Rights	E. S. Tanasescu Title: EU Protection of Fundamental Rights –Part I	6 April h 14-16 (CEST)
10. SESSION 3 The multilevel Protection of Rights	O. Spineanu-Matei Title: EU Protection of Fundamental Rights –Part II	16 April h 14-16 (CEST)
11. SESSION 4 The Multilevel Protection of Rights	A. Lopez Title: The Spanish and German Constitutional Court and the "dialogic" relationship with the ECJ	20 April h 14-16 (CEST)
12. SESSION 4 New Rights, Constitutional Courts and Legislative power	G. Santomauro Title: The methodological tools of the European Court of Human Rights in immigration related cases: margin of appreciation and judicial activism arguments	27 April h 14-16 (CEST)
13. SESSION 4 New Rights, Constitutional Courts and Legislative power	R. Dechaux Title: AI and fundamental rights protection	30 April h 14-16 (CEST)
14. SESSION 4 New Rights, Constitutional Courts and Legislative power	G. Vasino Title: Rights of persons deprived of personal liberty: vulnerable subjects and prison conditions	4 May h 14-16 (CEST)

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PHYSICAL PART PROGRAMME *

	7 June	8 June	9 June	10 June	11 June
9.00 – 10.30		**Module 2: Democracy and Participation** Lecture 2: *Prof. M. Nettesheim University of Tübingen*	**Module 2: Democracy and Participation** Lecture 4: *Prof. C. Mari, Sapienza University of Rome (Environmental democracy: the right of citizens to participate in decision-making processes)*	**Module 1: Rights, Democracy and the common European Heritage** Lecture 6: *Prof. A. Dimopoulou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*	*Optional visit to the Roman Forum / Senate of The Italian Republic (according to the avaibility)*
10.30 - 11.00	Welcome Coffee	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.30	**REGISTRATION AND INTRODUCTION** to the CIVIS BIP RiDe Physical Part – Summer School	**Module 3: The multilevel Protection of Rights** Lecture 3: *Prof. A. Lopez Castillo, Autonomous University of Madrid*	**Module 3: The multilevel Protection of Rights** Lecture 5: *Prof. E.S. Tanasescu, University of Bucharest*	WORKSHOP coordinated by A. Dimopoulou	
12.30 –14.00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
14.00 -18.00	**Module 1: Rights, Democracy and the common European Heritage** Lecture 1: *D. Mattiangeli, University of Salzburg / L. Niglia, Sapienza University of Rome* & WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP *coordinated by Prof. A. Lopez Castillo and Prof. M. Nettesheim*	WORKSHOP *coordinated by Prof. E.S. Tanasescu and Prof. C. Mari*	**Module 4: "New" rights, Constitutional Courts and legislative power in the national and European perspectives** Lecture 7: *Prof. L. Lodevole (Bioethics and end of life issues)* & WORKSHOP	**CERTIFICATES CEREMONY** *Round Table with CIVIS Professors and students* *Farewell*
		SOCIAL DINNER			

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