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II INTERUNIVERSITARY SEMINAR ON THE EUROPEAN UNION 2023-2024

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THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS VALUES

The Interuniversity Seminar on the European Union, organized by the Jean Monnet Chair Strengthening the European Union by reinforcing its values (ReinforcEU), is part of [the Specialized Seminars](#) of the Ph.D. Program in Social and Legal Sciences of the Miguel Hernández University and funded by the European Union¹.

OBJECT:

The main objective of the Seminar is to promote excellence in research in matters related to regional integration in general and to the European Union in particular, by promoting dialogue and scientific debate among experts and practitioners, University Professors, and researchers from different countries and European and Latin American Universities.

The University Miguel Hernández promotes and encourages knowledge, reflection, debate, and research on the European Union as an International Organization of regional integration with broad competences that are projected on many different sectors, drawing special attention to the enormous importance of consolidating, and strengthening the values on which it is based. Values such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including those of persons belonging to minorities, which are common to the Member States in a society characterized by pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between men and women (Art. 2 Treaty of the European Union). Further, these values are also shared in Latin America.

There is no doubt of the importance for the European Union of preserving, developing and reinforcing such values, both *ad intra* (in the Member States) and *ad extra* (in its relations with third countries), insofar as they are essential to guarantee the proper functioning of the European Union as such and the well-being of its citizens. These values also enhance the peaceful coexistence not only in Europe and

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in the whole world. In the current circumstances, in which such values are threatened at all levels and from various fronts, the active involvement of citizens in their defence is particularly necessary.

The Seminar seeks to offer participants a space for interuniversity and interdisciplinary discussion, and an extraordinary opportunity to raise their scientific concerns and to reflect together on these issues from different approaches and perspectives.

PARTICIPANTS:

The Seminar is open to the participation of Ph.D. students from both Spanish and international universities, especially from Italy and Latin America and young doctoral researchers.

FORMAT AND VENUE:

The Seminar will be developed in two 3-hour sessions that will take place in November 2023 and May 2024 in the afternoon (4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Spanish hour).

Each session will begin with a debate between two guest speakers, followed by the oral presentation of the papers by the Ph.D. students and a final discussion.

The format of the sessions will be hybrid. The sessions will be held in person at the Miguel Hernández University: Misteri d'Elx Trial Room, Torrevaillo Building (Elche Campus) and in a live streaming via Google Meet for those who cannot attend in person.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is free of charge and will be held for each Seminar Session. It must be carried out no later than 10 days before the beginning of each session, by filling in the corresponding form.

The corresponding certificate of attendance will be given to the speakers of each session and to the attendees who request it when filling in the registration form.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- Thematic axes:

Candidates who are enrolled to the UMH may submit communications on the central theme of the Seminar "The Values of the European Union", from the perspective of any of the topics linked to the lines of research covered by the Ph.D. Program in Social and Legal Sciences: Law and Justice, Economics and Business, Communication, Journalism and Society.

Candidates belonging to other university research centres may submit papers that are related to the central theme of the seminar “The values of the European Union”, including papers that may deal with how these values have been transferred to other regional areas (Latin America).

- Formal requirements:

Proposals must be individual, and only one proposal may be submitted for each Session.

Both the oral presentations of the papers and the subsequent publication, if applicable, may be made in Spanish, English or Italian.

Those wishing to present a paper should send 3 different documents in Word and pdf format:

- 1) Document containing only the title of the proposal, name and surname of the proposer, University of origin with indication of the Doctoral Programme and name and surname of the Director/Supervisor of the doctoral thesis.
- 2) Document with the title and summary of the communication proposal (without the name of the proposer) with a maximum length of 1,000 words.
- 3) Abbreviated *curriculum vitae* of the proposer (maximum 2-3 pages).

- Evaluation and selection of papers:

The Scientific Committee will select proposals based on:

- The relevance of the topic in relation to the subject of the Seminar.
- Quality of the approach developed.
- Originality of the proposal.

- Deadline, submission address and confirmation of acceptance:

The deadline for submission of proposals will be indicated for each session in due course.

Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to the following address:

catedrajeanmonnet@umh.es

Receipt of submissions will be promptly confirmed by e-mail. Subsequently, each candidate will receive an e-mail notifying:

- The selection of their paper for oral presentation at the Seminar and subsequent submission of the full text for publication;
- The invitation to present the full text for publication, without oral presentation at the Seminar;
- The rejection of your paper.

- **Publication:** It is planned to publish the contributions of the participants in the two sessions of the Seminar in a monographic section of **the Spanish Journal of Legislative Studies** (December 2024).

The dates for submission of manuscripts and the formal requirements will be indicated in the email communicating the invitation to submit the full text for publication. [The journal's rules of style](#) will be followed in the writing of the manuscript.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

- Co-chairs:

- *Prof. Dr. Elena Crespo Navarro*, Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the Miguel Hernández University of Elche and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair "ReinforceEU".

- *Prof. Dr. Francisco Pascual Vives*, Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations and Director of the University Institute for Research in Latin American Studies (IELAT) at the University of Alcalá.

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FIRST SESSION: THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2023 (04:00 – 07:00 p.m. Spanish hour)

PROMOTING A DIALOGUE ON VALUES BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS

Speaker's round table:

- *Mr. Dante Negro Alvarado*, Director of the Department of International Law of the Legal Affairs Secretary of the Organisation of American States (OAS).
- *Ms. Anna María Mengual* Senior Lawyer Head of Unit at the European Court of Human Rights.

Moderator: *Prof. Dr. Francisco Pascual Vives*, Member of the *Jean Monnet Chair team Strengthening the European Union by reinforcing its values (ReinforceEU)*, Director of the IELAT and Co-Director of the Seminar.

Deadline for submission of proposals for papers to the first session: 15 November 2023.

Date of confirmation of acceptance of papers to the first session: 20 November 2023.

SECOND SESSION: MONDAY, 13 MAY 2024 (04:00 – 07:00 p.m. Spanish hour)

THE VALUES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Speaker's round table:

- *Prof. Dr. Carlos Jiménez Piernas*, Emeritus Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Alcalá.
- *Prof. Dr. Alejandro del Valle Gálvez*, Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Cádiz.

Moderator: *Prof. Dr. Elena Crespo Navarro*, holder of the *Jean Monnet Chair in Strengthening the European Union by reinforcing its values (ReinforceEU)* and Co-Director of the Seminar.

Deadline for submission of proposals for papers to the first session: 15 April 2024.

Date of confirmation of acceptance of papers to the first session: 29 April 2024.

SUMMARY TABLE OF RELEVANT DATES:

Deadline for submission of papers 1st session Seminar	15 November 2023
Confirmation of acceptance/refusal of paper submission 1st session	20 November 2023
Holding of the 1st session Seminar	23 November 2023
Deadline for submission of papers 2nd session Seminar	15 April 2024
Confirmation of acceptance/refusal to present papers 2nd session	29 April 2024
Holding of the 2nd session Seminar	13 May 2024

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