



1st Cycle 2020-2021

COMPARATIVE LAW

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A) General purpose of the course

This course aims at providing students with an overview of the main legal systems of the contemporary world, with emphasis on those of the Civil Law and Common Law legal families.

B) Lecturing system and use of languages

The course is divided into general lectures, in which the topics of the program are expounded systematically and which, due to the COVID limitations will be available in platform Educast, and seminars, to take place in the classroom, in which cases and statutes are discussed with students. General Lectures will be available in Portuguese and seminars, for Erasmus students, in English.

The course may be attended either in the continuous or the final evaluation methods. Students that enrol in the continuous evaluation system may submit a research paper on a topic of their choice, prepared under the supervision of the course lecturers. Those who approve with a grade equal or superior to 12 value points shall be dismissed of sitting a final written test in the end of the semester.

Written papers may be presented in English, French, German, Portuguese, or Spanish.

C) Syllabus

I - Introduction

Chapter I – Legal systems in general

Chapter II – The Roman-German legal family

Chapter III – The *Common Law* legal family

Section I – Preliminary

Section II – English Law

Section III – The USA Legal System

Chapter VIII – A comparative synthesis

D) *Main Bibliography*

- In English:** Konrad Zweigert and Hein Kötz, *An Introduction to Comparative Law*, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1998; H. Patrick Glenn, *Legal Traditions of the World. Sustainable Diversity in Law*, 5th ed., Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2014; Michael Bogdan, *Concise Introduction to Comparative Law*, Groningen, Europa Law Publishing, 2013; Raymond Youngs, *English, French & German Comparative Law*, 3rd ed., London/New York, Routledge, 2014.
- In French:** René David and Camille Jauffret Spinosi, *Les grands systèmes de droit contemporains*, 12th. ed., Paris, Dalloz, 2016; Raymond Legeais, *Grands systèmes de droit contemporains. Approche comparative*, 3rd. ed., Paris, Litec, 2016.
- In German:** Uwe Kischel, *Rechtsvergleichung*, Munich, C.H. Beck, 2015 ; Konrad Zweigert and Hein Kötz, *Einführung in die Rechtsvergleichung*, 3rd ed., Tübingen, J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1996.
- In Italian:** António Gambaro and Rodolfo Sacco, *Sistemi Giuridici Comparati*, 3rd. ed., reprint, Torino, UTET, 2008.
- In Portuguese:** Dário Moura Vicente, *Direito Comparado*, vol. I, 4th. ed., Coimbra, Almedina, 2014; vol. II, Coimbra, Almedina, 2017
- In Spanish:** Manuel Guillermo Altava Lavall (coord.), *Lecciones de Derecho Comparado*, Castelló de la Plana, Universitas, 2003.

E) *Internet sites with free access*

<http://www.biicl.org> (British Institute of International and Comparative Law).

<http://www.civil.udg.es/ecplp> (European and Comparative Private Law Page).

<http://www.comparativelaw.org/> (American Society of Comparative Law).

<http://comparativelawblog.blogspot.com> (Comparative Law Blog)

<http://www.constitution.org> (Constitution Society)

<http://www.dvr.euv-frankfurt-o.de/Welcome.html> (Der virtuelle Rechtsvergleicher).

<http://www.ejcl.org> (Electronic Journal of Comparative Law).

<http://www.ejls.eu> (European Journal of Legal Studies)

<http://www.fd.ul.pt/ICJ/luscommune.asp> (Biblioteca Digital *Ius Commune*).

<http://gddc.ministeriopublico.pt> (Gabinete de Documentação e Direito Comparado).

<http://www.germanlawjournal.com> (German Law Journal).

<http://www.glin.gov> (Global Legal Information Network).



<http://www.henricapitant.org> (Association Henri Capitant).
<http://www.isdc.ch> (Institut Suisse de Droit Comparé).
<http://www.iuscomp.org> (The Comparative Law Society).
<http://www.iuscomparatum.org> (Académie Internationale de Droit Comparé).
<http://www.juriguide.com> (Juriguide).
<http://en.jurispedia.org> (Jurispedia).
<http://www.lexadin.nl/wlg> (World Legal Guide).
<http://www.legiscompare.com> (Société de Legislation Comparée).
<http://www.loc.gov/law/guide> (Library of Congress/Guide to Law Online).
<http://www.loc.gov/law/public/glm> (Library of Congress/Global Legal Monitor).
<http://www.mpipriv.mpg.de> (Max-Planck-Institut für Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht).
<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex> (New York University/Globalex).
<http://www.ouclf.iuscomp.org> (Oxford University Comparative Law Forum).
http://ucl.ac.uk/laws/global_law/index.shtml (Institute of Global Law, University College London).