

STUDIES ON LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY  
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***'NEW CHALLENGES FOR LAW:  
GENETIC EDITION, HUMAN ECOLOGY, AND  
HUMAN DIGNITY IN LIFE AND DEATH'***

**LOCATION:** Hauser Hall 105, Harvard Law School

**DATE:** Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

Respect for human dignity at the end of life and the limits of power available to each person regarding their own existence have become major issues in the Western world. The aim of this international seminar is to bring new ideas to the contemporary debate on human dignity in life and death in Europe and America in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. To do this it is necessary to analyze the philosophical principles and historical events that have helped shape the current views on questions as genetic edition, human ecology, human dignity, death penalty, euthanasia, human enhancement or technological singularity, as well as their treatment by public opinion in Western countries.

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**AIM:** A day of discussion on genetic edition, human ecology, and human dignity in life and death, directed to Professors, Fellows of Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard and Researchers. Graduate Students from Harvard Law School and Harvard Medical School are welcome.

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- a. 9:15am **Opening Ceremony: Prof. José-María Puyol Montero** and **Prof. Jane Driver** (directed by **Prof. María Luisa Gómez-Jiménez**)
- b. 9:30am **Panel 1: 'Genetic Edition'**
  - i. **Prof. Rosario Isasi** (University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, USA): "Human Gene Editing: Traversing Normative Systems"
  - ii. **Prof. Maureen Condic** (University of Utah, School of Medicine, USA): "The Scientific Potential and Limitations of Genome Editing"
  - iii. **Prof. Vicente Bellver** (University of Valencia, España): "Ethics and Politics in the Genetic Edition"
- c. 10:30am *Discussion* (directed by **Prof. María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez**)
- d. 11:00am *Break*
- e. 11:15am **Panel 2: 'Human Ecology'**
  - i. **Prof. Hugo Ramírez** (Panamerican University, Ciudad de México): "The Environment as a Public Concern: Key Notes on Ecological Citizenship"
  - ii. **Prof. Luca Valera** (Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, School of Philosophy): "Human Ecology, Place and Oikos. What Makes us Different Psychologically"
  - iii. **Prof. Ronald Sandler** (Northeastern University, USA): "Should We Engineer Species in Order to Save Them?"
- f. 12:15pm *Discussion* (directed by **Prof. María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez**)
- g. 12:45pm *Lunch*

- h. 1:30pm **Panel 3: ‘Human Dignity in Life’**
- i. **Prof. María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez** (University of Malaga, School of Law, Spain): “The Red Queen Effect in Administrative Law: Challenging Dignity in Smartcities”
  - ii. **Prof. Dalibor Cepulo**: (University of Zagreb, School of Law, Croatia): “Human Dignity, Right to Self-determination and Dissolution of Former Yugoslavia”
  - iii. **Prof. Carlos Espaliú Berdud** (Universidad Nebrija, School of Law, Madrid, Spain): "The EU Naval Operation against Human Smugglers and Traffickers in the Mediterranean: Lights and Shadows"
- i. 2:30pm *Discussion* (directed by **Prof. María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez**)
- j. 3:00pm *Break*
- k. 3:15pm **Panel 4: ‘Human Dignity in Death’**
- i. **Prof. Francesc Torralba**: (Ramon Llull University, School of Philosophy, Barcelona, Spain): “Death with Dignity. A Polisemic Approach”
  - ii. **Prof. José-María Puyol Montero**: (Complutense University of Madrid, School of Law, Spain): “The Symbolic Meaning of a Public Execution of the Death Penalty and Human Dignity”
  - iii. **Prof. José Miguel Serrano**: (Complutense University of Madrid, School of Law, Spain): “Value, Life and Life without Value”
  - iv. **Prof. Jane Driver**: (Harvard Medical School, USA): “Seeking the Elixir of Life: Current Research Efforts to Extend Human Lifespan”
- l. 4:30pm *General Discussion* (directed by **María-Luisa Gómez Jimenez**)
- m. 5:15pm Closing Ceremony: **Prof. José-María Puyol Montero** and **Prof. Jane Driver** (directed by Prof. María-Luisa Gómez Jimenez)
- n. 6:15pm Cocktail-Reception at Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard.