

STUDIES ON LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR JUNE 23rd, 2023

***'HUMAN DIGNITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE,
AND HUMAN RIGHTS'***

LOCATION: Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall

DATE: Friday, June 23rd, 2023

Respect for human dignity 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 human dignity, social justice and human rights, as well as their treatment by public opinion in Western countries. We will also study the practice of the distributive justice in our world and how to reduce the inequalities in the organizations and the basis of a social and economic system based in the ethical principle of equality and respect for human rights.

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AIM: Day of discussion on human dignity, social justice, and human rights, directed to Professors, Fellows of Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard and Researchers. Graduate Students from Harvard Law School, Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Medical School are welcome.

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- a. **9:15 am Reception of attendees**
- b. **9:30 am Opening Ceremony**
 - i. **Prof. Dr. María-Luisa Gómez-Jiménez** (Vice-Dean for International Relations, School of Law, University of Málaga, Spain)
 - ii. **Prof. Dr. José-María Puyol Montero** (School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain)
 - iii. **Prof. Dr. Jane Driver** (Harvard Medical School)
 - iv. **Institutional welcome, Prof. Dr. Daniel Sánchez** (director of Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University)
- c. **9:45 am Panel 1 'Human Dignity'**
 - i. **Prof. Dr. Francesc Torralba** (Director of Ethos Chair, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain): "The Notion of Inherent Dignity in the Declaration (1948). Philosophical Foundations".
 - ii. **Prof. Dr. Sylvain Bloquet:** (School of Law, University of Paris V-Cité, France): "From social dignity to human dignity in the construction of the European Union".
 - iii. **Prof. Dr. María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez** (Vice-Dean School of Law, Málaga University, Spain): "Social Housing Policy in the Digital and Ecological Transition Era: a Comparative Approach".
- d. **10:45 am Discussion**
- e. **11:15 am Coffee Break**
- f. **11:30 am Panel 2: 'Human Dignity, Social Justice and Rights in History'**
 - i. **Prof. Dr. Manuel Ángel Bermejo Castrillo:** (School of Law, Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain): "Dignity of women and limitations of legal capacity from the Laws of Toro".

- ii. **Prof. Dr. Jean-Baptiste Busaall** (School of Law, University of Paris V-Cité, France): “Dignity as the basis of workers' demands for legislative intervention of the State in the field of labor in 1848”.
- i. **Prof. Dr. José-María Puyol Montero** (School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain): “The death row prisoners and their rights in the XIX and XX centuries”.

g. **12:30 pm Discussion**

h. **1:00 pm Lunch**

i. **1:30 pm A Greeting from Prof. Dr. Carol Steiker** (Harvard Law School, Henry J. Friendly Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, USA)

j. **2:00 pm Panel 3: ‘Social Rights: Caring the Vulnerable’**

- i. **Prof. Dr. Maria do Céu Patrão Neves** (President of the Bioethics Committee of Portugal, Professor of Ethics, University of the Azores, Portugal): “Surrogate pregnancy in Portugal”.
- ii. **Prof. Dr. Daan Bernardus van Schalkwijk** (Amsterdam University College, The Netherlands): “Mental health: an actual challenge to the right to health?”
- iii. **Prof. Dr. Jane Driver** (Harvard Medical School): “Creating Age-Friendly Healthcare Systems”.

k. **3:00 pm Discussion**

l. **3:30 pm Coffee Break**

m. **3:45 pm Panel 4: ‘Human Rights: Freedom of Conscience and Religious Freedom’**

- i. **Prof. Dr. Javier Martínez-Torrón** (School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain): “Some criteria for the analysis of conflicts between conscience and law”.
- ii. **Prof. Dr. Santiago Cañamares Arribas** (School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain): “Conscientious objection and no discrimination of health professionals in EU law”.
- ii. **Prof. Dr. Liviu Olteanu** (United Nations, Geneva): “All Lives Matter! – How to Solve the Issue of Hate Speech and Religious Hatred, Countering Abuses in Time of 'New Normality' That Affects Human Dignity and Fundamental Freedoms”.

n. **4:45 am General Discussion**

o. **5:15 pm Closing Ceremony**

i. **Prof. Dr. María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez** (School of Law, Malaga University, Spain)

i. **Prof. Dr. Jane Driver** (Harvard Medical School)

ii. **Institutional Farewell, Prof. Dr. Daniel Sánchez** (director of Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University)

iii. **Prof. Dr. José-María Puyol Montero** (School of Law, Universidad Complutense, Director of the Seminar, Spain)

p. **6:00 pm Cocktail-Reception at Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard.**

May 17th, 2023

