

STUDIES ON LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

HUMAN DIGNITY AND LAW IN LIFE AND DEATH

JUNE 3 2016

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

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 capital punishment and euthanasia, particularly studying the cases of Belgium, Holland and the United States, as well as their treatment by public opinion in Western countries.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Real Colegio Complutense is a joint Project of scholarly and cultural exchange created in 1990 by an agreement between Harvard University and the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain). It is hope that participants' home institutions will be willing to make funds available to permit their participation. Each professor will organize his own transport. The organization could grant some aid if necessary. Lunch, dinner and aperitifs will be provided by the organization.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd 2016

Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall, Classroom 3018

- a. 9:15am **Opening Ceremony**: José Manuel Martínez Sierra and José María Puyol Montero (directed by María Luisa Gómez-Jiménez)

- b. 9:30am **‘Human Dignity and Law’**
 - i. María Luisa Gómez-Jiménez (Universidad de Málaga): "A case for human dignity: comparative Public law in scene"
 - ii. Ricardo Calleja Rovira (IESE, Barcelona, Spain): "Who is the owner of our life and body?"

- c. 10:15am *Discussion* (directed by Ricardo Calleja Rovira)

- d. 10:30am *Break*

- e. 10:45am **‘The Death Penalty in Spain and in America: Modern Research Perspectives’**
 - i. María-Jesús Torquemada Sánchez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Law School): "The Spanish Inquisition and the death penalty"
 - ii. José-María Puyol Montero (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Law School): "A new approach to the death penalty in 19th century Spain"
 - iii. Manuel-Ángel Bermejo Castrillo (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, dean of the Law School): "The death penalty at the first part of 20th Century Spain"
 - iv. Moshik Temkin (Harvard Kennedy School of Government): "The death penalty in the United States from a historical perspective"

- f. 12:00am *Discussion* (directed by María Luisa Gómez JiméneZ)

- g. 12:30pm *Lunch*

- h. 1:15pm **“Euthanasia: Ethical and Social Debate’**
 - i. José-Miguel Serrano Ruiz-Calderón (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Law School, Comité Nacional de Bioética, Spain): “The temptation euthanasia. Complacency and Bioethics”
 - ii. Didier Sicard (Comité Consultatif National d’Éthique, Université Paris-Décartes, France): "3 years of public debate in France (2012-2015) and the main results for the February 2016 law"
 - iii. Santiago Cañamares Arribas (Complutense University of Madrid, Law School): “The regulation of the "right to die with dignity" in the Spanish Law”
- i. 2:30pm *Discussion* (directed by María-Luisa Gómez Jiménez)
- j. 3:00pm *Break*
- k. 3:15pm **“The debate on Euthanasia between Europe and America: Practical Aspects”**
 - i. Theo Boer (Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Groningen, Holland): "Ethics and Law in Interaction: Experiences from the Dutch Euthanasia Practice"
 - ii. Willen Lemmens (Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium): “Death as therapy? Euthanasia for psychiatric patients in Belgium”
 - iii. Daniel Lage (Harvard Medical School): “Palliative care: the case studies of the Massachusetts Medical Hospital”
 - iv. Jane Driver (Harvard Medical School, USA): “Shift in Attitudes on Assisted Suicide among Physicians and Patients”
- l. 5:15pm *Discussion* (directed by Ricardo Calleja Rovira).
- m. 5:45pm **Closing Ceremony**: José-Manuel Martínez Sierra and José-María Puyol Montero
- n. 6:00pm **Guided Visit to Harvard University**
- o. 8:00pm **Reception and coctel at Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard**

April, 20th 2016