Visiting Professor Program
Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

COURSE TITLE
Food Law

TEACHING PERIOD
2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
Administrative Law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

COURSE SUMMARY
The course aims to provide students with a broad, in-depth and critical perspective on the link between international economic law (trade and investments), national legal structures and the construction of a transnational food regime that produces almost 800 million undernourished people and more than 1 billion over-nourished and obese. The way in which food is produced, transported, allocated, consumed and discarded is strictly dependent on local and international legal structures. In addition, the current global food system has implications and produces consequences that go far beyond individual health and consumers' rights. The students will obtain instruments and knowledge to pursue future career trajectories in the food regime or, more simply, to be conscious and critical consumers.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES
The course aims to:
- Understand the legal complexity of the global food regime;
- Evaluate the multiple socio-economic implications of the food we consume everyday;
- Understand the role that legal instruments have in shaping the geography and mechanisms of production and in allocating resources and bargaining power throughout the food chain;
- Learning about the actors and venues of global food governance;
- Engage with some of the most pressing issues related to food production, transportation, consumption and recycling;
- Identify the weaknesses of the current global food regime and apply the theoretical tools to a concrete case study.
Present a legal argument in public
Draft a legal brief on the basis of an existing issue.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES
N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES
N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE
N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE
The selected candidate will have to be familiar with the complexity and manifold interactions between law and global food systems. Particular consideration will be given to candidates who have:
a) previously taught in the area of law and food at the undergraduate and graduate level; b) contributed to the organization of international events on the issue of food and law; c) presented food and law related research at international workshops and conferences; d) published in proceedings and international journals on the issue of food and law.
In line with an inter-disciplinary approach, preference will be given to candidates with experience in cooperation and consultation with public authorities, civil society and the private sector on the area of food policies and the right to food.

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