



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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## Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2019/2020

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT: 40 hours**

### COURSE TITLE

Transitional Justice

### TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

### SCIENTIFIC AREA

International Law

### LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

### COURSE SUMMARY

The course introduces students to the foundations of Transitional Justice.

It is structured in 5 main blocks:

1. Introduction to Transitional Justice: Background, Development, Connections to other relevant fields of expertise (law, history, social studies, anthropology, psychology)
2. The right to truth and relevant bodies
3. Memory and reparation
4. Sanction
5. Institutional reform and specific case studies

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course aims at providing an enriched understanding of transitional justice. Student should be able to understand better how the legacy of a violent past, in relation to armed conflict or other situations of violence, can be linked to the realization and achievement of major policy changes, with the view of increasing chances of success of this transformation process. Given the magnitude of these violations and their number, traditional judicial systems are often unable to provide a

satisfactory response in terms of justice. Transitional Justice - which has developed in the years 1980-1990 - considers post-conflict justice in a broader manner where the response is not only focusing on the punishment of crimes' perpetrators but also on recognizing the victims' suffering and capacity of resilience.

### **TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES**

The Visiting Professor shall be available to students who intend to prepare papers under his or her supervision, and shall tutor students to introduce them to research methods in the field. Both judicial and non-judicial aspects of Transitional Justice will be explored with the view of discussing with the students the cumulative objectives that it pursued: truth-seeking, reparation, repression and sanction. The central place of the victim in all transitional justice processes will be explained and compared to criminal ones, where the behavior and sanction of alleged perpetrators are at the centre of the exercise. Thematic issues, such as the missing persons, children and sexual violence, will be used to understand in practical terms how Transitional Justice processes can work and interact. Processes of memorialization will also be examined.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE**

The Visiting Professor shall deliver lectures to PHD students and young researchers. The Visiting Professor shall have the opportunity to present her or his research work in one or more conferences to the Faculty.

### **VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**

Applications by candidates who have already taught the subject to international classes are strongly encouraged. The Visiting Professor should be willing to teach the subject in a collaborative way, in some cases jointly with the Professors of international Law of the University of Torino. The candidate should be experienced in transitional justice, criminal law and as well as humanitarian and human rights law. A profile with practical experience in Legal Advisory activities on the topics of the course is a preferential element as well as relevant knowledge related to multinational enterprises, the global supply chain and social corporate responsibility.

### **CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT**

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