

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

ID VP13_DIP_GIU

Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2022/2023

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 40 hours

COURSE TITLE

Transitional Justice

TEACHING PERIOD 2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA International Law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH English

COURSE SUMMARY

"Transitional justice (TJ) refers to the ways countries emerging from periods of conflict and repression address large-scale or systematic human rights violations so numerous and so serious that the normal justice system will not be able to provide an adequate response" (International Center for Transitional Justice). Over the past decades, TJ has emerged as an interdisciplinary field of research and practice that aims to understand and advance a complex range of goals, from strengthening democratic transitions and peacebuilding processes to enabling reconciliation. It focuses on the moral, legal, and political dilemmas encountered as individuals, communities, and nations attempt to grapple with historical legacies of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, and other large-scale human rights violations.

This course provides a broad conceptual understanding of this emerging field. It will examine the complementarity and conflict between the demands that nations face in the wake of large-scale human rights abuses, including retribution, reconciliation, restitution, memory, and other forms of accountability. The course examines the diverse range of TJ interventions that have been employed to date, including trials, international tribunals, amnesties and truth commissions. This will include study of the role TJ plays as part of broader post-conflict reconstruction efforts and the potential contribution of these interventions to post-conflict peacebuilding.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the course is to provide participants with a solid foundation in the fundamentals of Transitional Justice to understand the challenges, options and implications of different approaches to justice in peace processes, trough Project Based Learning method. The goal of Project Based Learning (PBL) is to engage students in learning that is deep and long-lasting, and inspires for them a love of learning and personal connection to their academic experience.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Professor expert on Transitional Justice and with international background

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