



Direzione Ricerca,  
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## **Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2025/2026**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT:** 12 hours

### **COURSE TITLE**

**Decolonizing European Law**

### **TEACHING PERIOD**

II semester

### **SCIENTIFIC AREA**

Equality Law

### **LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH**

English

### **COURSE SUMMARY**

The module aims to introduce students to the decolonial approach to law.

In particular, it will focus on how Europe's centuries-long history of colonialism has shaped the law of European democracies, examining how colonialism shaped the drafting of the EU's early primary law, the ECHR, and the implementation of the various pieces of equality legislation.

It will discuss the question of white Eurocentrism, explaining how European legislators are still struggling with the eradication of colonial-era legal practices.

It will therefore explore the analysis of intersectional theory, namely the understanding that gender, sexuality, ethnicity, ability and age discrimination do not operate as mutually exclusive entities, and assess the European need to approach discrimination through an intersectional lens.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of the module, students shall be able to identify power mechanisms in dominant legal production; understand the importance of the adoption of intersectional approaches in

contemporary European anti-discrimination law; apply their critical thinking skills to interpret landmark equality cases decided by European courts.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE**

Seminar addressed to PhD students

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#### **VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**

The Visiting Professor shall be a law professor and an expert in critical legal studies, gender studies, and European law.

#### **CONTACT REFERENT**

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