The Summer Course on Histories of Human Rights (hereinafter: Summer Course) is being organized by the 'University of Palermo's PhD Program on Human Rights' in its XXVth anniversary.

INTRODUCTION – KEY ISSUE

The past twenty-five years have witnessed an extraordinary efflorescence of interest in the idea of human rights: in law, in philosophy, in politics. One of the most notable features of the discussion, at least more recently, has been the turn to history as a means of understanding the concept. Not surprisingly, however, the relationship between concept and history has proved neither unidirectional nor unidimensional. What kind of history we tell depends on what we think of human rights; what we think of human rights depends on how we read history. The stories into which we insert, and through which we present and justify, our visions of human rights are irreducibly plural and contested. To mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the doctoral programme in Human rights at the Department of Law of the University of Palermo, ‘Histories of human rights’ adds to the annual summer school associated with the programme a workshop designed to reflect on the complex pasts of human rights and their implications for the present. We invite twelve younger scholars to present their work to an audience consisting of established international scholars in the field as well as participants in the summer school (currently PhD students and 12 extra participants) and members of the University of Palermo with interests in law, philosophy and history. Confirmed keynote speakers opening the workshop will be Martti Koskenniemi (University of Helsinki) and Samuel Moyn (Yale University), and each
subsequent day will feature a themed presentation from a senior scholar together with three presentations from more junior researchers. Senior scholars: Lena Halldenius (University of Lund), Fiona MacMillan (University of London), Otto Pfersmann (Université Paris1), Jesus Velasco (Columbia University). Francesco Viola’s intervention on “The Last 25 Years of Human Rights” will close the week. ‘Histories of human rights’ promises to be an exceptionally fruitful and exciting occasion, and we look forward to welcoming an outstanding panel of participants to the event.

CALL FOR PAPERS. PARTICIPATION TO THE WORKSHOPS.

To apply to present a paper, you will need to send a proposal, your CV and a sample (up to 15000 words) of your research to andrea.fattorini@unipa.it by 31st of March 2018. Applications are restricted to advanced doctoral students and early-career scholars who have obtained their doctorate no more than five years previously. We welcome proposals from all periods of history and from diverse perspectives, for example: empire and the colonial past, gender, economics, past and modern legal thought. Applicants may be members of Law, History, Politics or Philosophy departments. The working languages of the workshop will be Italian, Spanish, French and English, and you will be required to send an abstract to the organisers by the 30th of November 2017, followed by the full draft of your paper for circulation (password-protected) to other participants in the workshop and summer school by 31st May 2018. The selection process will be completed by the 30th of April. The twelve successful applicants for the workshop will each receive a bursary covering their accommodation and subsistence allowance in Palermo. We regret that we are unable to cover travel costs.

METHODOLOGY
Each day on the morning one or two seminars will be held. On each day a specific topic will be discussed from various theoretical and practical perspectives, aiming at achieving an effective integration of methods and solutions. In order to encourage a proactive participation, the participants will be engaged in a workshop on the topic discussed in each seminar session, with the support of the suggested and provided bibliography. In the afternoon, during the 4 planned workshops (see program for details) the 12 papers that have been selected according to the call of papers related to the Summer Course will be presented.

WORKING LANGUAGES
The working languages will be English and Italian

APPLICANTS, CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION AND CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
As established by the Regolamento per l’attivazione di Corsi Internazionali di Studi Avanzati Summer and Winter School of the University of Palermo, the Course is open to students holding a 1st or 2nd cycle degrees (ita. laurea triennale or laurea specialistica), a first or second level Master degree, PhD students, PhD’s and researchers with an interest in the topic and able to orientate themselves in the subject matters of the courses. No more than 12 applications (for the Summer Course) will be accepted, besides 22 PhD candidates in the PhD Program on Human Rights, and the 12 authors of the papers to be discussed during the workshops in the
afternoon. The Summer Course will not be held if there will be less than 15 applications.

Every applicant shall fill in the form here attached, adding his/her CV. If a selection will be necessary (if more than 30 applications will be received) the scientific committee will redact a list and a reserve list. Students from the reserve list will be contacted in the case in which students admitted in the list withdraw. The Summer Course is composed of two different parts. In the first part, participants will have to study the reading material – theoretical and practical articles, court decisions, official reports – that will be provided through the website of the PhD program in “Human Rights: Evolution, Protection and Limits” at least two weeks before the beginning of the Course. The second part will see the participants engaged in lectures by speakers from Italian and foreign universities and in discussions and Q&A based on the lectures and on the reading material. The second part of the Course will be held in Palermo, Italy, at the Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza – Sezione “Diritto e Società” – Piazza Bologni 8. As the program shows, lectures will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Participants will have full access to the Law department (Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza) Library.

Students who will attend at least 90% of the seminar hours will receive a certificate, corresponding to 6 ECTS, after passing a test.

ENROLMENT AND FEES

Attached to this Call (on-line from the 30th of April 2018), a model of the Application form can be found (this is in English, but it can be filled out also in French, Italian or Spanish).

The application should be sent (and received by the 18th of May 2018), jointly with a CV, a copy of the degrees obtained, a copy of a national ID, and a copy of the payment of registration fees (and, for current University students, a letter of motivation), to the following address:

Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza
Piazza Bologni, 8
90134 Palermo, Italy
(also write down on the outside of the envelop: “Histories of Human Rights summer course”).

The application form, along with the documents above mentioned, can be sent, also, by e-mail at teresa.affatigato@unipa.it

The payment of registration fees of 250,00€ includes the inscription to the Course, the reading material, the final certificate, and the insurance cover.

The registration fees shall paid to the Università di Palermo bank account
IBAN: IT 09 A 02008 04682 000300004577
SWIFT/BIC code: UNCRITMMPAE
UNICREDIT S.p.A.
via Roma 185, Palermo, Italia.
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More information about the payment of pre-inscription fees and registration fees (in particular the payment procedure) will be found on these websites:
https://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/dipartimentogiurisprudenza/

HOUSING AND MEALS
Participants not residing in Palermo can rent a room at the ERSU Palermo – Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario, at very cheap rates. All participants will have access to University canteens (at very cheap rates).
For further information, please contact the Sig.ra Teresa Affatigato (teresa.affatigato@unipa.it)

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SUMMER COURSE
Histories of Human Rights.
Palermo 18th-22nd June 2018

18th of June
Aula Magna di Giurisprudenza

9 am Greetings of Academic authorities
10 Francesco Viola, Università di Palermo, The Last 25 years of Human Rights
11.30 Samuel Moyn, Yale University, Human Rights History after the Inequality Debate

13 pm Lunch

14 pm Meeting of the Phd alumni

15 pm Martti Koskenniemi, University of Helsinki, The Politics of Human Rights History

19th of June
Sala Dottorato di ricerca in Diritti Umani, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Piazza Bologni 8

10 am
Lena Hallenius, University of Lund, Feminist Republicanism

15 pm
Workshop of selected papers.

20th of June
Sala Dottorato di ricerca in Diritti Umani, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Piazza Bologni 8

10 am
Otto Pfersmann, Université Paris1, Postmodernism and Rights

15 pm
Workshop of selected papers.

21st of June
Sala Dottorato di ricerca in Diritti Umani, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Piazza Bologni 8

1 Changes of program are possible.
10am
Jesus Velasco, Columbia University, Early Modern History of Human Rights

15 pm
Workshop of selected papers

22nd of June
Sala Dottorato di ricerca in Diritti Umani, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Piazza Bologni 8

10 am
Fiona MacMillan, University of London, Human Rights, Cultural Rights, Copy Wrongs

15 pm
Workshop of selected papers

Closing of the Summer Course
Università degli Studi di Palermo

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Dottorato di ricerca in “Diritti umani: evoluzione, tutela e limiti”

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Application Form

To the Director of the Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza Prof. Aldo Schiavello
Address: Piazza Bologni, 8 - 90144 PALERMO, Italy

I, the undersigned (First name)__________________(Family name)____________________, born on (DD/MM/YY) ____/____/_______ in (Town, State)__________________________ resident in  (Town, State)________________________________, having obtained (title of the degree)/ enrolled in the last year of a 1st/2nd level Master degree in (title of the master course)_____________________________________

HEREBY APPLY
to the SUMMER COURSE on ‘Histories of Human rights’ which will be held in Palermo, Italy from 18th-22nd of June 2018.

Documents attached:
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- copy of the degrees obtained or of the certificate of enrollment in the last year of a 1st/2nd level Master degree (for undergraduate students: an auto-certificate of having obtained at least 120 CFU and a letter of motivation);
- copy of a valid National ID or Passport;
- copy of the receipt for payment of the inscription fee amounting to 250,00 EUR

Please indicate if you need to stay at the university residences ERSU.

Date and signature