



*Workshop for young researchers*

## **Culture, territory and the rule of law. An interdisciplinary approach**

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**University of Siena – Certosa di Pontignano (Italy)**

The workshop is part of the National Research Projects PRIN 2017 “*Framing and diagnosing constitutional degradation: a comparative perspective*”, Principal Investigator: Prof. Tania Groppi and PRIN 2017 “*The constitutional implications of European separatist claims*”, Principal Investigator: Prof. Alessandro Torre – Unit of Siena “*Separatist claims, minority rights and citizenship transformation*”, coordinated by Prof. Valeria Piergigli.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

In a comparative perspective and following an approach also enhancing not strictly legal skills, the initiative aims at promoting a reflection on the plurality of cultures and on the tools that can effectively implement the accommodation of minority identities in the contemporary constitutional State, within which the resilience of the rule of law is questioned at different latitudes. To this end, a Call for Papers for young scholars is proposed, with a focus on the following profiles:

1) Policies for the accommodation of cultural identities (old and new minorities, indigenous peoples) within the evolving/regressive constitutional State. The aim is to reflect on lexical and semantic issues related to classical themes (e.g. multiculturalism, interculturalism) from a comparative perspective, also considering the topic of the effectiveness, thus investigating the most suitable tools in contemporary society to: a) prevent cultural conflicts: the importance of educational and professional training (training of teachers, educators, students and school programmes; of specific professional figures, such as mediators and counsellors; of magistrates); b) resolve cultural conflicts: the role of lawyers, ADR techniques, judges (national and international).

2) The role of local and regional autonomies in guaranteeing the rule of law and democracy in front of the regressions of the constitutional State. The aim is to reflect on the role that local

self-government can play in the re-building of a pluralist democracy, able to respond to the needs of multicultural societies, thus avoiding identity-based regressions that seek to base unity on a “tribal nationalism”. To this end, it is especially encouraged the submission of proposals that: a) illustrate paradigmatic experiences; b) contain proposals aimed at rethinking the competences of the Regions and the local entities, also at normative level, considering a perspective to enhance participatory and grassroots democracy too.

3) Citizenship policies and the conditions for building more cohesive, sustainable, and democratic societies. The aim is to reflect on the requirements for access to citizenship and on the practices followed in the different legal systems, not only in relation to the achievement of citizenship status, but also regarding the participation of foreigners in local public life, investigating the most appropriate *de iure condendo* modalities for an inclusive and intercultural citizenship, able to oppose the nationalistic, populist, and xenophobic impulses of the contemporary society.

**Selection of proposals:** Young scholars (lecturer, research fellows, PhDs or PhD candidates) interested in presenting papers on the aforementioned subjects must submit before the 31st of March an abstract (max. 500 words) in Italian or English, together with a CV, at the following e-mail address: [valentina.carlino@unisi.it](mailto:valentina.carlino@unisi.it). Proposals will be selected by the scientific coordinators of the workshop.

Selection’s results will be notified before the 15th of April. Before the 30<sup>th</sup> of May the selected authors will have to send the written text of their paper. The length of the paper should remain under 5,000 words.

**Workshop Language:** Papers can be presented either in Italian or in English.

**Travel and subsistence expenses:** Selected scholars will have to provide for their own travel and subsistence expenses. The organizing committee will support participants in finding accommodation.

**Papers’ presentation and publishing:** The selected papers will be presented during the workshop (max. 10 minutes). Papers will be published, subject to successful blind peer-review, in a book published by an international publisher.

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