1. Description

Judicial protection of fundamental rights in Spain can be ordinary made by the judiciary through special proceedings called “Amparo”, in every jurisdictional order. Once this way is exhausted, it’s possible subsidiary protection with the “appeal of constitutional amparo” before the Spanish Constitutional Court. In case you don’t find protection for your fundamental right inside Spain, it’s still possible to ask for it before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. And, as a Member State of the European Union, Spain has also the European Convention System and European Union System. Finally, it’s important to know how the International Criminal Court works, and how is it organized. The aim of this academic subject is to study all those proceedings in order to achieve a good knowledge of judicial protection of fundamental rights in Spain and European Union.

2. Course learning objectives

Students should be able to:

1. Become familiar with the main theoretical approaches to the study of judicial remedies for protecting fundamental rights.
2. Acquire a global knowledge of the Spanish judicial protection system of fundamental rights as well as the European Convention System and European Union System.
3. Knowledge about jurisdiction, proceedings, structure and how the International Court of Criminal Justice works.
4. Understand and master proceedings tools and case-law.
3. Contents / Programme

List of topics:

Topic 1: Key concepts and overview of all the procedural tools and legal regulation.
Topic 5: International Criminal Court of Justice Procedural Protection System.

4. Bibliography

Principal reference handbook:

A synthesis of the most important parts will be provided translated in English.

Other reference Works:

Main internet references:
CONSEJO GENERAL DEL PODER JUDICIAL: www.poderjudicial.es
TRIBUNAL CONSTITUCIONAL: www.tribunalconstitucional.es
EUROPEAN UNION COURT OF JUSTICE: www.curia.europa.eu
EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS: www.echr.coe.int
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: http://www.icc-cpi.int/
WEB: http://www.derechoshumanos.net/derechos/index.htm?gclid=CN2J5eKfqL0CFSMYwvodFjgAdg

5. Workload distribution

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6. Assessment criteria

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