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“TEACHING COMPARATIVE LAW”

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Marking the 30th anniversary of its seventh colloquium held in Palermo in 1985 and devoted to the same topic, the Italian Association of Comparative Law (AIDC) opens an international Call for Papers on the subject

Teaching Comparative Law

1. AIMS OF THE COLLOQUIUM

Italian scholars have always given an important contribution to the systematic and methodological outline of comparative law. The result of this effort is extremely clear in the curricula of Italian law faculties which all have at least one mandatory course in comparative law and in curricula of other faculties (typically Political Sciences). There are over 170 tenured professors (full and associate) of comparative law and over 100 lecturers and adjunct professors.

However comparative law and its teaching have significantly changed in the last decades, mostly because of globalization to which comparatists are naturally and voluntarily exposed. The following are some of the issues which AIDC feels could usefully be investigated in the conference.

1. *Geopolitical factors in teaching comparative law (Eurocentric, US, Latin-American, Eastern approaches, Post-colonial, etc.)*
2. *The relation between academic law curricula and teaching comparative law*
3. *Top/down approach (“Grands systèmes juridiques”), or Bottom/up approach (e.g. contract; constitutional adjudication; fundamental rights)?*
4. *Is the distinction between comparative private law and comparative public law still essential?*
5. *Integrating transnational law and topics (e.g. EU law, Human rights) in comparative law classes*
6. *Fostering legal pluralism through comparative law*
7. *New systemologies and teaching comparative law*
8. *Beyond the “cases”: “problems-oriented” teaching and trans-systemic teaching*
9. *Using foreign languages in class*



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10. *“Law and” classes as an approach to comparative law*
11. *Comparative law outside law faculties*
12. *Comparative methodologies in social sciences and the peculiarity of legal comparison*
13. *Quantitative methods*
14. *Post-graduate teaching and professional training in comparative law*
15. *New methodologies in teaching comparative law (in particular: information and communication technologies and comparative law)*
16. *Training comparative law teachers*
17. *Financial crisis and the prospects of comparative law: sustainable professionalism or intellectual privilege?*
18. *Comparing the teaching of comparative law worldwide*

We suggest to avoid topics which overlap those of the plenary opening and closing sessions (see para. 3)

2. TO WHOM THE CALL FOR PAPERS IS ADDRESSED

AIDC organizes on a bi-annual basis a “younger comparatists colloquium” (the last one, this year, was held in Rome) open to PhD candidates and holders, lecturers, adjunct professors; and the ordinary bi-annual colloquium, generally open to full and associate professors.

Owing to the topic of the meeting which presupposes a certain experience in teaching, the selection committee **will prefer papers presented by full and associate professors**, although it may make a limited amount of exceptions.

Papers should be in Italian or English, and may be presented in either language. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS

The proposal must be submitted by **November 30, 2014**. Acceptance will be communicated by the end of the year. **Within 10 days from acceptance, the participation fee (€ 100) must be paid.** If not, acceptance will be forfeited and the selection committee will move on to other candidates. This requirement is essential in order to avoid that no-show of some rapporteurs preclude the possibility to others to present their papers.

The Colloquium will be organized in plenary opening (Thursday, June 11) and closing (Saturday, June 13) sessions (with invited speakers), the first devoted to the inter-relation between comparative methodologies and teaching methodologies; and the



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second on comparative law handbooks. And parallel sessions (Friday, June 12) divided according to topics. It is expected that up to 35 papers will be presented in a time slot not exceeding 20 minutes per speaker.

The on-line periodical "*Comparative Law Review*", sponsored by AIDC, intends to devote a special issue to the proceedings of the Colloquium. Participants are however free to publish their papers wherever they deem most appropriate.

Papers in Italian may also be submitted for publication to "*Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo*", and to "*Comparazione e diritto civile*", the other two leading Italian comparative law reviews.

4. OTHER ASPECTS

Palermo University was founded in 1806 and historically has graduated among Italy's finest minds. One of the founders of modern comparative legal science, Emerico Amari, was born and taught in Palermo University.

June is summer time in Palermo. Non-mediterranean participants should bring, together with their bathing suit, a hat and sun-protection cream.

5. HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail at palermo2015@dirittocomparato.org in Word format, following this order:

- a) author(s)
- b) affiliation
- c) e-mail address
- d) title of abstract
- e) body of abstract (apx 250 words)

Abstract file should be entitled: Family Name_Last Name.doc