

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND EQUALITY
CONTEMPORARY DEBATES

Sapienza University of Rome, February 6-7th 2025
Faculty of Law, Aula Calasso

Thursday, February 6th 2025

14:30 - Welcome Address

Mirzia Bianca – Director of the Department of Legal Sciences, Sapienza
Francesco Bilancia – Coordinator of the PhD Course in Public Law, Sapienza
Andrea Buratti – Co-Director of Diritti Comparati

15:00 - Session I

Critiques and Counter-Critiques of Rights

Chair and Introduction – Alessandra Di Martino, Sapienza

Are Human Rights Compatible with Radical Inequality?

Justine Lacroix – Free University of Bruxelles

Forms of Critique. A Comparative Analysis

Giovanni Marini – University of Perugia

The Democratic Foundations of Constitutional Rights

Roberto Gargarella, University of Buenos Aires and
University of Torcuato di Tella

16:30 - Coffee Break

17:00

Critique of Rights in the Age of Late Fascism

Tim Wihl – University of Erfurt

Which Equality? Looking at Migrants' Rights as a Mirror

Elisa Olivito – Sapienza

18:00 - Debate

Friday, February 7th 2025

9:30 - Session II

Private Powers and Fundamental Rights in a World of Growing Inequalities

Part I

Chair – Angelo Schillaci, Sapienza

Which Antidiscrimination?

Care Work as the Other of Labour and Social Security Law. A Substantive Equality Perspective

Cara Röhner – Hochschule RheinMein Wiesbaden

Social Rights as Rights to Non-Discrimination (and Vice Versa).

Some Reflections on the Meaning of the Word 'Social' in European Policies
Silvia Nicolai, University of Cagliari

DIRITTI COMPARATI
Comparare i diritti fondamentali in Europa

Challenges for Union and Labour Rights

The Constitutional Attack on Labor Rights and Democratic Governance in the United States

Kate Andrias – Columbia University, New York

Fundamental Rights, Power Asymmetries and the Enforcement of EU Labour Legislation

Francesco Costamagna – University of Torino

11:30 - Coffee-break

11:45 - Part II

Chair – Alessandro Somma, Sapienza

Corporations: Rights, Duties, Public Good

Beyond a Responsibility to Respect? The Case for the Positive Obligations of Corporations to Fulfill Fundamental Rights

David Bilchitz – University of Johannesburg and University of Reading,
Acting Justice at the South African Constitutional Court

Rights and Political Economy: from Formal Equality to the Neoliberal Exploitation of Inequality

Francesco Denozza – State University of Milan

13:00 - Light Lunch

14:30

Climate Emergency and Transition Dilemmas

Just Transition and Green v. Green Litigation: Adjudication of Dilemmas towards a Low-Carbon Future

Joana Setzer – London School of Economics

The Ecological Crisis in the Legal Prism, Between False Dilemmas and Ambiguous Solutions

Silvia Bagni – University of Bologna

15:30 - Part III

Chair – Cesare Pinelli, Sapienza

Conflicts over Online Platforms and Artificial Intelligence

The Double Horizontality of Fundamental Rights: Constitutionalizing Online Platforms

Lars VIELLECHNER – University of Bremen

From Automation to Autonomy: the AI Constitutional Challenge

Oreste Pollicino – Bocconi University of Milan

Institutions for Fundamental Rights Protection and Civil Society: Access and Selectivity

National Human Rights Institutions: New Perspectives in Fundamental Rights Protection

Antonia Baraggia – State University of Milan

Reframing the Systemic Function of Fundamental Rights: NHRIs and Civil Society

Giorgio Repetto – University of Perugia

17:30 - Debate