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Università degli Studi di Padova  
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**Course Title  
and  
Description**

**Inheritance law in Italy and in Spain: comparison of models**

The seminars of Prof. Arroyo Amayuelas will be divided into three parts.

The first part (2 hours) will focus on the architecture of the internal Spanish inheritance system also from the point of view of law sources. The internal Spanish inheritance system is a system characterized by the coexistence of the Spanish and the Catalan Civil Code and on which the EU Regulation UE 650/2012 has a direct effect.

The second part (2 hours) will focus on a general overlook of the main characteristics of inheritance law in Spain compared to inheritance law in Italy.

The third part (2 hours) will focus on the analysis of some specific subject matters of Spanish inheritance law as, for example, the principle of testamentary freedom and legitimate heirs whose relevance is nowadays debated also in Italian inheritance law.

The seminars will be held in the last part of the course: at first students will be divided in groups and will receive actual cases to be solved that are connected with the object of the seminars.

Thus students will improve their knowledge through the approach 'learning from difference'. This teaching method, which is based on the comparison of different law models, will allow to understand in a concrete way how the national legal systems provide solutions to the same problems that are sometimes different and sometimes similar according to the prevalence of the interests that on a case-by-case basis the legislative body has deemed it worthy of more protection.

The comparison, as described above, with the Spanish Inheritance Law and the consideration of the European Law in matters of succession (Reg. UE 650/2012) has a double aim: a) to increase the students' awareness of the principles that form the basis of the technical rules adopted by each system, both national and supranational; b) to strengthen the students' understanding of the actual and applied mechanisms of the different subject matters of Inheritance law.

**Period**

24/05/2021 – 26/05/2021

**Course Level**

Master Degree course in Law