

Master en Ciencias Jurídicas	
<b>Course: Comparativa Constitucional Justice</b>	<b>Trimester: 3</b>
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Description of the course
<p>The majority of countries in Europe have established constitutional courts to guarantee the supremacy of the Constitution over ordinary laws. There are variations, however, within this so-called "European model" (or "centralized model") of judicial review. What are the reasons that justify this European preference for centralization? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this model, when compared with the decentralized model that the United States has historically embraced? What particular institutional arrangements are better, for which countries?</p> <p>On the other hand, the emergence of two supranational organizations in Europe – the European Union and the Council of Europe- has had an impact on the role of constitutional courts. What is the division of labor between national constitutional courts and the two supranational courts (the Court of Justice of the European Union, and the European Court of Human Rights)?</p>

Requirements
None.

Method
Material will be distributed to students in advance, so that the sessions can focus on the most important issues to discuss. Active participation by students is expected.

Activity
Students must submit a final paper (15 pages, approximately) on a topic connected to the issues discussed in class.

Evaluation		
Concept	%	Comment
Paper	80	Students must submit a final paper.
Participation in class	20	Active participation in class is expected from students.

Bibliography
<p>The following bibliography is of a general nature. More specific material may be referenced or distributed in particular sessions.</p> <p>E. AJA, Las tensiones entre el Tribunal Constitucional y el Legislador en la Europa actual. Ed. Ariel, 1998.</p> <p>F.CAAMAÑO DOMÍNGUEZ, A.J.GÓMEZ MONTORO, M.MEDINA GUERRERO y J.L.</p>

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