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| **COURSE INFORMATION** | | |
| **Course Name: Jean Monnet Module: Doha Courses on European Union Law / DCEUL – Course 2, component 2: The Evolution of the European Union Law in the Field of Human Rights**  **Semester: Fall 2023 Department: Legal Skills**  **College: College of Law** | |  |
| **Day and Time: Monday/Wednesday, 5 pm – 6:30 pm**    **Classroom: College of Law Auditorium** | | **Hours:** 9 hours  **Prerequisites**: Students who have done 30 credit hours already. |
| **COURSE DESCRIPTION** | | |
| The course will introduce students to European Union law focusing on the promotion and protection of human rights. Particular emphasis will be placed on the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights – which sets out the fundamental rights and freedoms recognized by the European Union – and its implementation. In addition students will have the opportunity to explore the relationship between the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights (Council of Europe) in this field. | | |
| **JEAN MONNET MODULE** | | |
| The objectives of the Jean Monnet Module can be summarized as follows:  The Module aims to promote modern teaching modules that are offered by leading European universities with a view to improving the educational outcomes in Qatar. Qatar University as a national university with the largest share of students is the best place to apply and disseminate this state-of-the-art knowledge.  The Module aims to promote knowledge in the field of international organizations and integration using the European Union as a model, environmental protection and human rights, which are key pillars of QNV2030. The focus on the protection of the environment and human rights represents an important contribution towards promoting environmental and human rights issues in the Qatari society. Increasing education quality on the above issues will have important spill-overs on Qatari education and society.  The Module will contribute to the realization of the vision of a strong knowledge based society with capable and competitive workforce. It will improve the specificity and job-market relevance of education and, will inject relevant tools and emerging issues into current curricula. Therefore, education outcomes of students and capacities of educators on European Union issues and curricula design will be enhanced.  Experience from this Module will be up-scaled into other programs within Qatar University and beyond. | | |
| **FACULTY INFORMATION** | | |
| **Instructor:**  **Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis**  **Asst. Professor of International Law**  **Office Location:**  College of Law, I09, Office B335  **Office Hours**:  Tuesday, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  **Telephone: 4403 6519**  **E-Mail:**  [ikonstantinidis@qu.edu.qa](mailto:ikonstantinidis@qu.edu.qa) |  | |
| **REFERENCES AND LEARNING RESOURCES** | | |
| 1. **Key Textbooks (available at QU Library):**  * M. Varju, *European Union Human Rights Law: The Dynamics of Interpretation and Context,* London, Elgar, 2014. * J. Wouters and M. Ovadec, *The European Union and Human Rights: Analysis, Cases, and Materials*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2021. * J. Wetzel, *The EU as a 'Global Player' in Human Rights?*, USA, Routledge, 2011. * F. Dorssemont, K. Lörcher and S. Clauwaert (eds.), *The Charter of Fundamental Freedoms of the European Union*, Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2019. * S. Peers, T. Hervey, J. Kenner and A. Ward (eds.), *The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: A commentary*, Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2014. * A. Kaczorowska-Ireland, *European Union Law*, London, Routledge, 4th ed., 2016.  1. **Suggested Additional Resources:**   [**EuroVoc**](http://eurovoc.europa.eu/drupal/) is a multilingual, multidisciplinary thesaurus covering the activities of the EU. It contains terms in 23 EU languages. This thesaurus enables researches to search the relevant databases more effectively.  [**The European e-Justice Portal**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do?action=home&plang=en) is a useful research tool providing information on justice systems - it is designed for the layperson, as well as lawyers, litigants and researchers. It links to [**EU**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_eu_case_law-12-en.do), [**member state**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_member_state_case_law-13-en.do) and [**international case law**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_international_case_law-150-en.do) and [**EU**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_eu_law-3-en.do), [**member state national**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_member_state_law-6-en.do) and [**international**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_international_law-10-en.do) legislation.  The [**Europa**](http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_en.htm) platform (open access) includes the [**EU Bookshop**](http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/e-books-cbDyaep2OwDPcAAAFH2zdqoBpl/) which offers open access to a large quantity of documents including reports, newsletters, teaching tools and other documents on the history and current workings of the EU.     1. **Recommended Law Journals:**   E-journals on EU law held by the QU Library include:   * [**Columbia Journal of European law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=10766715)   vol 1 (1994) to current   * [**Common Market Law Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=01650750)   vol 1 (1963) to current   * [**European Business Law Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=09596941)   vol 1 (1990) to current   * [**European Energy and Environmental Law Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=18793886)   vol 1 (1992) to current   * [**European Foreign Affairs Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=13846299)   vol 1 (1996) to current   * [**European Journal of International Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=09385428)   vol 1 (1990) to current   * [**European Public Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=13543725)   vol 1 (1995) to current   * [**European Review of Private Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=09289801)   vol 1 (1993) to current   * [**Journal of Common Market Studies**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=00219886)   vol 1 (1962) to current   * [**Journal of European Consumer and Market Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=23644710)   vol 1 (2012) to current   * [**Journal of European Integration**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=07036337)   vol 1 (1977) to current   * [**Legal Issues of Economic Integration**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=15666573)   vol 1 (1974) to current   1. **Websites/Research Guides:**  * University of Oxford LibGuides - [**EU Law**](http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/law-eu) * Globalex Guides   + [**European Union Legal Materials: An Infrequent User's Guide**](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/European_Union1.html)   + [**European Union: A Guide to Tracing Working Documents**](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/European_Union_Travaux_Preparatoires1.htm) * [**A Guide to Researching EU Law**](http://blogs.loc.gov/law/2017/06/a-guide-to-researching-eu-law/?loclr=eaiclb) - from the Law Library of Congress * [**ASIL Electronic Resource Guide: European Union**](http://www.asil.org/erg/?page=eu) | | |

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| **course regulations** |

**Participation**

Class participation and attendance are important elements of every student’s learning experience at Qatar University, and the student is expected to attend all classes. A student should not miss more than 25% of the classes during a semester. **Attendance record begins on the first day of classes.**

In exceptional cases, the student, with the instructor’s prior permission, could be exempted from attending a class provided that the number of such occasions does not exceed the limit allowed by the University.

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| **CONtent distribution** |

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| WEEK | class TOPICs | Additional READINGs |
| **week 1** | The Emergence of Human Rights within the European Union Framework | Additional readings:   * D. Chalmers and A. Arnull (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of European Union Law*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 249-270. * European Union and Human Rights: <https://europa.eu/european-union/topics/human-rights_en>   Videos:   * The EU and Human Rights - with EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Eamon Gilmore:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=diGWF_pna5E>   * The EU and Human Rights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBF94joEAyA>   Podcast:   * European University Institute, The Human Rights Challenge in Europe: Antonio Cassese's work at the EUI: * <https://www.eui.eu/news-hub?id=the-human-rights-challenge-in-europe-antonio-cassese&lang=en-GB> |
| **week 2** | The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | Additional readings:   * G. di Frederico, *The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: From Declaration to Binding Instrument*, New York, Springer, 2011. * S. Douglas-Scott, “The European Union and Human Rights after the Treaty of Lisbon”, *Human Rights Law Review*, vol. 11(4), pp. 645-642, 2011. * Report on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: * <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/784b02a4-a1f2-11e9-9d01-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>   Videos:   * The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights – Binding Rules with Real-World Impact:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ln7hAI5fN7c>   * The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fceik3nGkxM>   * History: EU Charter of Fundamental Rights:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAZnzpoRBzc>   * Fundamental Rights in the EU: strengthening the EU Charter in the next decade:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivJt6DP4G1k>  Podcasts and other sources:     * The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fceik3nGkxM>   * European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/podcasts> |
| **week 3** | - The European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights  - European Union External Action and Human Rights | Additional readings:   * Council of Europe, Accession of the EU: * <https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-intergovernmental-cooperation/accession-of-the-european-union-to-the-european-convention-on-human-rights#{%2230166137%22:[0]}> and * <https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/council-europe/negotiations-accession-eu-echr_en?s=51#:~:text=The%20EU's%20accession%20to%20the%20Convention%20means%20that%20the%20EU,of%20the%20Council%20of%20Europe>. * European Court of Justice, Opinion pursuant to Article 218(11) TFEU — Draft international agreement — Accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms — Compatibility of the draft agreement with the EU and FEU Treaties. * Case Opinion 2/13. * F. Korenica, *The EU Accession to the ECHR Between Luxembourg’s Search for Autonomy and Strasbourg’s Credibility on Human Rights Protection*, Switzerland, Springer, 2015. * T. Meinich, “EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights – Challenges in the Negotiations”, *The International Journal of Human Rights*, vol. 24(7), 2020. * S. Velluti, “The Promotion and Integration of Human Rights in EU External Trade Relations”, *Utrecht Journal of International and European Law*, vol. 32, pp. 41-68, 2016.   Videos:   * 30 years - 30 cases: Opinion 2/94 Accession to the ECHR:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGPUve4IpIo>   * Framing Power Europe? EU External Action on Democracy and Human Rights in a Competitive World:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAIoaGuda8A>   * Human rights in EU trade Policy:   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lqFk69rUsM>   * Human rights in EU trade agreements   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QT8lgkHZru0> |