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CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION IN EUROPE

Meeting Challenges and Enhancing Prospects

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CONFEERENCE GOALS

- Present and discuss the current developments that clinical legal education (CLE) is facing in Europe and discuss prospects for its development.

- Identify and discuss challenges faced in relation to:
  a) academic institutionalization & capacity building
  b) innovating teaching methodologies
  c) provision of legal services / access to justice
  d) fund raising for the sustainable development of legal clinics

- Develop strategies that would address the challenges.

- Provide an opportunity for networking with the aim of introducing clinical legal education in the standard university curricula, also as way of ensuring an example of more innovative, comparable, compatible and coherent systems of higher education according to the Bologna Process Platform.
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Registration of participants: the registration and distribution of Conference materials will take place at the Conference Desk

9,15: Welcome and Official Opening
Arnaldo Canziani, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Brescia
Costanza Hermanin, Open Society Justice Initiative

9,30 – 11: Session I – Introducing the Topic: Legal Clinics – Concept, Methodology and International Experiences
Introduction and Moderator: Fabio Addis, University of Brescia

Presentations:
Clinics and the Transformation of Legal Education – David Oppenheimer, Berkeley University
Combining Education Goals and Services: Challenges, Networks, Best Practices - Marguerite Angelari, Open Society Justice
Civil Law and Common Law Traditions - Pilar Fernández Artiach, University of Valencia
Legal Clinics and Professional Ethics - José García Añón, University of Valencia

11,00 – 11,15: Coffee Break

11,15 – 13,00: Session II – CLE Programs in European Universities – Opportunities, Challenges, Capacity Building
Introduction and Moderator: Costanza Hermanin, Open Society Justice Initiative

Roundtable:
Legal Clinic for Social Justice: Growing Up Fast - Ruth Mestre IMestre, Pilar Bonet, University of Valencia
Innovation and Integration: The Keys to Sustainable Clinical Legal Education – Kevin Kerrigan, Northumbria University
Clinical Education at Sciences Po Law School: A Multidimensional Approach to Legal Services – Marie Mercat-Bruns, Sciences Po Law School, Paris
The Experience of the Humboldt Human Rights Law Clinic – Jacqui Zalcberg, Humboldt University, Berlin
The Polish Legal Clinics Program and the Role of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation: The Importance of Networking – Filip Czemicky, Polish Legal Clinic Foundation and GAJE

13,00 – 13,30: Discussion

13,00 – 14,30: Lunch break
14,30 - 16,00: Session III – 1) Practicing and Managing Clinical Legal Education in Italy

Introduction and Moderator: Patrizia De Cesari, University of Brescia

Presentations:
Developing Strategies for Academic and Financial Sustainability: The Brescia Legal Clinic experience – Cristina Amato, Fabio Ravelli, University of Brescia
The Legal Clinics at Turin – Ulrich Stege, IUC Turin
The Legal Clinics at Rome - Enrica Rigo, University of Roma Tre
The Legal Clinics at Florence, Emilio Santoro, University of Florence

16,00 – 18,45: 2) A Discussion on Educational Goals, Expected Teaching Outcomes, Academic and Financial Sustainability of Legal Clinics

Introduction and Moderator: Gianmaria Ajani, University of Turin

Discussants:
Gian Guido Balandi, University of Ferrara
Paolo Benvenuti, University Roma Tre
Fiorenzo Bertuzzi, Bar Association of Brescia
Graziana Campanato, Court of Appeal of Brescia
Giovanni Comandé, SSSUP, Pisa
Giovanni Pascuzzi, University of Trento
Barbara Pozzo, University of Insubria
Saverio Regasto, University of Brescia

Wrap Up of the Three Sessions: Marzia Barbera, University of Brescia

18,45: Closing remarks
Alessandro Mazzucco, Chancellor of the University of Verona
Sergio Pecorelli, Chancellor of the University of Brescia

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