



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Constitutional Justice

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Learning objectives

Constitutional Justice is the jurisdictional defence of the Constitution against acts, including law, and conducts carried out by Public Powers.

Various models of Constitutional Justice are nowadays present in almost every democratic legal systems. They aim at assuring the binding feature of the Constitution and the observance of the fundamental rights protected by the Constitution and of boundaries between the competences of central State and local governments.

By reading and commenting some judgements of the Italian Constitutional Court, the students will experience a sort of 'constitutional law in action'.

Contents

Origins of Constitutional Justice. ____

The Italian Constitutional Court, its history, features, composition, organization and functioning

The 'incidental' system of constitutional review: Constitutional Court and ordinary judges in the Italian Republic

Particular relevance will be given to the different kind of final decisions and to their effects.

Detailed program

The judicial review of legislation and its different mechanism in common law and civil law legal systems

The judicial review of legislation in the Italian legal system: the debate during the Constituent Assembly

The Italian constitutional justice's sources of law

The Italian Constitutional Court and its composition

Organization and functioning of the Italian Constitutional Court

The reasoning in the Italian constitutional jurisprudence

The notions of "judge" and "trials"

The contested measure

The constitutional principles

The referring judge

The referral order and its requisites

Decisions and Judgments

The Italian Constitutional Court and the European Courts (the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights)

Prerequisites

Good knowledge of the Italian Constitutional Law is required

Teaching methods

The course duration is on three-weekly lectures basis (2 hours each).

Because of its tutorial feature it is addressed to attending students.

Beside traditional lectures, students will be actively involved into jurisprudential case-study and discussion.

Assessment methods

Attending students will take their examination, writing a short article on a judgment recently adopted by the Italian Constitutional Court. The comment will be therefore discussed together with the Professor

Non-attending students will take an oral examination

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Attending students are due to know the relevant normative material, the case-law discussed in class and the following textbook: E. Lamarque, Corte costituzionale e giudici nell'Italia repubblicana, Bari, Laterza, last edition.

Texts for non-attending students are: E. Lamarque, Corte costituzionale e giudici nell'Italia repubblicana, Bari, Laterza, last edition, and E. Malfatti - S. Panizza - R. Romboli, Giustizia costituzionale, Giappichelli, last edition
