

n° 6 (2024) SECOND MONOGRAPHIC: THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS VALUES PRESENTATION

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This sixth issue of the *Spanish Journal of Legislative Studies* includes the second monograph on ‘The European Union and its values’ based on the second edition of the *Advanced Interuniversity Research Seminar on the European Union*, organised by the [Jean Monnet Chair of the Miguel Hernández University Strengthening the European Union by reinforcing its value \(ReinforcEu\)](#), Ref. 101085550.

As explained in the presentation to the first monographic on this topic, which was published in Issue 5 (2023) of the Journal, the main objective of the Seminar is to provide an inter-university and interdisciplinary forum for discussion. This platform allows young researchers in particular, to express their scientific concerns, exchange opinions and viewpoints, and reflect collaboratively from different approaches and perspectives. The Seminar is part of the annual activities offered by the Doctoral Programme in Social and Legal Sciences at the Miguel Hernández University.

Our aim is to promote excellence in research on topics related to regional integration in general and the European Union in particular, through dialogue and scientific debate among renowned experts, university professors and trainee researchers from various European and Latin American universities and research centres.

In this context, the Seminar’s primary focus is on the values on which the European Union is based (respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including those of persons belonging to minorities). Values that we share with other regional areas, most particularly with Latin America.

The second edition of the *Advanced Interuniversity Research Seminar on the European Union* took place in two sessions (November 23, 2023, and May 13, 2024). The Seminar featured excellent presentations by several experts, followed by research contributions from young researchers from various European and Latin American universities and research centres. This facilita-

ted a highly enriching environment for debate and reflection.

The first session addressed the need to promote dialogue on human rights between Europe and Latin America, with the participation of *Ms. Anna Mengual*, Senior Lawyer Head of Unit of the European Court of Human Rights and *Mr. Dante Negro Alvarado*, Director of the Department of International Law at the Department of International Legal Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS).

The second session focused on the topic of European values in times of crisis with contributions from *Dr. Alejandro del Valle Gálvez*, Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Cadiz and *Jean Monnet* Professor, and *Dr. Dr. Carlos Jiménez Piernas*, Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Alcalá, former Head of the Legal Department of Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also *Jean Monnet* Professor.

The seminar was co-directed by *Dr. Francisco Pascual Vives*, Senior Lecturer of Public International Law and International Relations, Director of the University Institute for Research in Latin American Studies (IELAT) at the University of Alcalá and member of the *Jean Monnet ReinforcEU* Chair team, along with myself as *Jean Monnet* Chair holder. We were supported by *Ms. Adela Rodríguez Mañogil*, Assistant of Public International Law and International Relations at Miguel Hernández University, who coordinated the activities. The Seminar was also supported by an excellent Scientific Committee, composed of professors from different areas of several universities: *Dr. Laura Aragonés Molina*, Assistant Lecturer of Public International Law and Inter-

national Relations at the University of Alcalá; *Dr. José Carlos Espigares Huete*, Senior Lecturer of Commercial Law at the University Miguel Hernández of Elche; *Dr. Andrés González Serrano*, Lecturer and Dean of Law Faculty at the Universidad Militar Nueva Granada (Colombia); *Dr. Leonardo Pasquali*, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Pisa (Italy), *Jean Monnet ProSoEULaw Abroad* Chair holder and *Dr. Teresa Russo*, Senior Lecturer of European Union Law at the University of Salerno, *Jean Monnet Chair Promoting Public Awareness on Enlargement Policy, EU Values and the Western Balkans'* Accession holder.

This sixth issue of the *Spanish Journal of Legislative Studies (SJLS)* features the second monographic edition on 'The European Union and its values', which reflects the results of the second edition of this interuniversity Seminar and is completed with two additional articles selected from submission received throughout the year.

Specifically, this issue contains a total of seven articles. Five of these are part of the monographic section and underwent a two-stage selection process. First, they were evaluated by the Scientific Committee of the seminar for oral presentation. Subsequently, they were subjected to a double-blind peer review process, in accordance with the journal's criteria. The other two articles are the result of the selection carried out by the Journal in accordance with the same double-blind peer review process.

Of the five papers in the monograph, two focus on the protection of human rights within the European regional framework. Firstly, the article written by *Mr. Pablo Pareja Ferrer*, a PhD student of the Doctoral Programme in So-

cial and Legal Sciences at the University Miguel Hernández, which is situated within the framework of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) with his interesting study 'The ECHR Judgment in *Fragoso Dacosta v. Spain*: a step further in the confusion between the ECHR and the Spanish Constitutional Court on due to hate speech'. Following Council of Europe's work, in this case in the fight against violence against women, *Dr. Lidia Ballesta Martí*, Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Department of Public Law and Historical-Legal Sciences of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, offers an analysis titled 'The European Union's accession to the Istanbul Convention and its indirect compliance: strengthening European values'.

The other three papers are linked to the dialogue between human rights protection systems. On the one hand, more focused on civil and political rights, the work entitled 'The essential core of Art. 14. 1 of the ICCPR in the context of Human Rights Committee decisions. An analysis from the EU's Fundamental values', co-authored by *Dr. Andrés González Serrano*, Lecturer and researcher at the Centre for Legal, Political and Social Research and Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Universidad Militar Nueva Granada (Colombia) and *Mr. Kevin Santiago Malagón Albán*, PhD student of the Doctoral Programme in Latin America and the European Union in the international context at IELAT, University of Alcalá. On the other hand, directed at economic, social and cultural rights, the study by *Ms. Yoseland César Pinto*, PhD student of the same PhD Programme and trainee researcher at the aforementioned University Research Institute of the University of Alcalá 'The justiciability of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights: through an analysis of the European Court and the Inter-American Court

of Human Rights judgments'. Closing the monographic section is an article by *Ms. Adriana I. B. Sá Leitão Di Pasquale*, a PhD student in the Doctoral Programme in International Law and European Union Law at the University of Pisa (Italy), titled 'Approaches for a circular economy in the European Union and its effects in third countries: promoting a values-based dialogue with Latin America?'

As highlighted earlier, this issue also includes two additional studies. The first is by *Dr. Olga Fuentes Soriano*, Professor of Procedural Law at the University Miguel Hernández, titled 'Criminal procedure and the gender perspective'. The second, 'The Spanish monarchy and Russian advances in the Northern Pacific: commercial implications and economic consequences', is co-authored by *Dr. Jesús María González Martín*, Professor of Economics at the Department of Applied Economics I, Economic Institutions History and Moral Philosophy at the University Rey Juan Carlos and *Mr. Gonzalo Bellón de Aguilar*, PhD student in the Doctoral Programme in Law at the University Rey Juan Carlos.

To conclude this brief introduction, I would like to remind that this second monographic edition on 'The European Union and Its Values', as mentioned earlier, is one of the outcomes of the *Jean Monnet Chair ReinforceEU*. It has been made possible thanks to the support of all those who have collaborated and continue to collaborate, in one way or another, with the Project. To all of them we extend our deepest gratitude for this issue.

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