



Factsheet on the 2022 Arqus Twinning Project between the University of Leipzig and the University of Granada: European Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights in the EU

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Dear Students,

We are pleased to announce that this year the University of Leipzig will hold a twinning project with the University of Granada. A twinning project aims to promote the collaboration between two universities in a particular subject matter and to create joint learning and teaching opportunities for students and instructors. This is done as part of the Arqus European University Alliance.

The twinning project is between the Chair of European, International Law and Public Law at University of Leipzig and the Department of Constitutional Law at the University of Granada. The purpose is to explore and examine the concepts of European constitutional law and fundamental rights in the EU. Both universities will provide their distinct perspectives and understandings to this joint project.

The culmination of the project will be a week spent in Granada, Spain, where students from both universities will present their work in English to the other participants.

The tentative list of topics for this project are:

- Right to be Forgotten
- The German Constitutional Court's finding against the EU Court of Justice and the subsequent European Commission's infringement procedure against Germany
- EU rule of law crisis: EU constitutional supremacy vis-à-vis Poland and Hungary
- Social Networks between fundamental rights entitlement and fundamental rights obligation
- Digital constitutionalism in the EU
- EU strategy on disinformation
- European approach to the debate on mandatory vaccination

If you have any questions after reviewing this document, please email Gabriel.Armas.Cardona@uni-leipzig.de.

I. Project Details

The project is for one month and involves two parts: an online portion and an in-person portion. The schedule for the project is listed below

- 27 April: Information Session (optional, see below)
- 30 April: Application deadline (see below)



- 9 Mar: Online introductory event
- Mid-May to 3 June: Students work together in pairs on their topics
- 5-11 June: Trip to Granada.
 - 5 and 11 June are travel days
 - 6-8 June: lectures and working together in person
 - 9-10 June: Student presentations

In the first portion of the project, students will select a topic from the list above and be assigned a partner from the other university. The two students will work together on the topic. During this time, the pair will develop an understanding of the topic, understand its legal basis, recognize the current challenges in realizing the topic, and develop ideas or suggestions on how to resolve one of those recognized challenges. More details about the contents of the presentation will be given during the online introductory event.

In the second portion of the project, the group from the University of Leipzig will spend a week in Granada. During that time, there will be lectures, social events, visits of cultural sites, and student presentations. During the student presentations, each pair of students will present for about 30 minutes followed by about 30 minutes of questions and discussion.

The group from University of Leipzig entails one professor (Prof. Dr. Stephanie Schiedermaier), one Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (Gabriel Armas-Cardona), and five students.

Transportation and housing costs are paid for by the University of Granada. Students will stay in university housing provided by the University of Granada. Food and other expenses will need to be covered by each individual participant.

II. Student Benefits

This project involves a serious amount of work in a compressed period of time. Therefore, your participation earns you one of the certificates below:

- A language certificate (*Fremdsprachschein*),
- Students will have the opportunity to expand their presentations into an in-depth paper (*Zulassungseminararbeit*), OR
- A key skills certificate (*Schlüsselqualifikationsschein*).

In addition, other outstanding soft skills will be acquired through your participation:

- Improvement of Legal English, both in speaking and writing
- In-depth understanding of a current legal issue
- Working with a partner with a different background



III. Information Session

There will be an information session more this project is discussed on 27.04.2021 at 17 – 18 in room 3.21 (Burgstraße 21). Any questions can be asked there.

IV. Procedure of the application process (2022)

- Application deadline, **30 April 2022** -

To apply, please send us a motivation letter in English, a current CV (in German or English) and a copy of your transcript (a copy from AlmaWeb is sufficient).

In the motivation letter, you should, among other things, explain why you would like to participate in the project and how it fits with your academic goals. This shouldn't be more than a page long.

Please send your application to Gabriel_Armas.Cardona@uni-leipzig.de.

We will inform you about any further steps directly.

