

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND EQUALITY  
CONTEMPORARY DEBATES

Sapienza University of Rome, February 6-7th 2025  
Faculty of Law, Aula Calasso

Thursday, February 6th 2025

14:30 - **Welcome Address**

Mirzia Bianca – Director of the Department of Legal Sciences, Sapienza  
Francesco Bilancia – Coordinator of the PhD Course in Public Law, Sapienza  
Andrea Buratti – Co-Director of Diritti Comparati

15:00 - **Session I**

**Critiques and Counter-Critiques of Rights**

Chair and Introduction – Alessandra Di Martino, Sapienza

*Are Human Rights Compatible with Radical Inequality?*  
Justine Lacroix – Free University of Bruxelles

*Forms of Critique. A Comparative Analysis*  
Giovanni Marini – University of Perugia

*The Democratic Foundations of Constitutional Rights*  
Roberto Gargarella, University of Buenos Aires and  
University of Torcuato di Tella

16:30 - *Coffee Break*

17:00  
*Critique of Rights in the Age of Late Fascism*  
Tim Wihl – University of Erfurt

*Which Equality? Looking at Migrants' Rights as a Mirror*  
Elisa Olivito – Sapienza

18:00 - *Debate*

Friday, February 7th 2025

9:30 - **Session II**

**Private Powers and Fundamental Rights in a World of Growing  
Inequalities**

Part I  
Chair – Angelo Schillaci, Sapienza

**Which Antidiscrimination?**

*Care Work as the Other of Labour and Social Security Law. A Substantive Equality  
Perspective*  
Cara Röhner – Hochschule RheinMein Wiesbaden

*Social Rights as Rights to Non-Discrimination (and Vice Versa).  
Some Reflections on the Meaning of the Word 'Social' in European Policies*  
Silvia Niccolai, University of Cagliari

**Challenges for Union and Labour Rights**

*The Constitutional Attack on Labor Rights and Democratic Governance in the  
United States*  
Kate Andrias – Columbia University, New York

*Fundamental Rights, Power Asymmetries and the Enforcement of EU Labour  
Legislation*  
Francesco Costamagna – University of Torino

11:30 - *Coffee-break*

11:45 - **Part II**  
Chair – Alessandro Somma, Sapienza

**Corporations: Rights, Duties, Public Good**

*Beyond a Responsibility to Respect? The Case for the Positive Obligations of  
Corporations to Fulfill Fundamental Rights*  
David Bilchitz – University of Johannesburg and University of Reading,  
Acting Justice at the South African Constitutional Court

*Rights and Political Economy: from Formal Equality to the Neoliberal Exploitation  
of Inequality*  
Francesco Denozza – State University of Milan

13:00 - *Light Lunch*

14:30

**Climate Emergency and Transition Dilemmas**

*Just Transition and Green v. Green Litigation: Adjudication of Dilemmas towards a  
Low-Carbon Future*  
Joana Setzer – London School of Economics

*The Ecological Crisis in the Legal Prism, Between False Dilemmas and Ambiguous  
Solutions*  
Silvia Bagni – University of Bologna

15:30 - **Part III**  
Chair – Cesare Pinelli, Sapienza

**Conflicts over Online Platforms and Artificial Intelligence**

*The Double Horizontality of Fundamental Rights: Constitutionalizing Online  
Platforms*  
Lars VIELLECHNER – University of Bremen

*From Automation to Autonomy: the AI Constitutional Challenge*  
Oreste Pollicino – Bocconi University of Milan

**Institutions for Fundamental Rights Protection and Civil Society: Access  
and Selectivity**

*National Human Rights Institutions: New Perspectives in Fundamental Rights  
Protection*  
Antonia Baraggia – State University of Milan

*Reframing the Systemic Function of Fundamental Rights: NHRIs and Civil Society*  
Giorgio Repetto – University of Perugia

17:30 - *Debate*