**SYLLABUS DE COURS / ACADEMIC SYLLABUS**

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| [TITRE] |
| Intitulé du cours / *Course title* ***Dissecting the Law of the European Union through the Landmark Cases of its Court of Justice*** |
| Discipline*Academic field* | EU (European Union) Law |
| Enseignant*Teacher*  | Daniele Gallo |
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| Niveau de formation*Academic level* | Full Professor of EU Law (Professeur Agrégé) |
| Volume horaire*Hours* | 20 hours |
| Langue*Language* | English |

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| Description du cours / *Course outline* |
| The course aims to explore the European Union, particularly from a legal perspective, through the study of landmark judgments of the Court of Justice, as a main driver of European integration and an agent of change. A special attention will be devoted to the evolution of EU law over the decades, from the origins in the 50s until today. Throughout the course, it will be shown how and why the Court of Justice has created legal and political principles and categories in order to strengthen the autonomy of the Union in relation to that of its Member States. |

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| Objectifs pédagogiques du cours / *Course objectives* |
| Provide students with a fundamental understanding of EU law through the analysis of the most relevant case law and current events. By the end of the course, students will be able to thoroughly understand the functioning of the EU legal order. Moreover, they will be able to grasp the specificity and uniqueness of this legal system, which stands at the crossroads between international and constitutional law. Finally, students will be capable of analyzing and interpreting current events through the lens of their knowledge in the field of EU law. |

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| Compétences acquises / *Learning outcomes* |
| Knowledge and Understanding:Students will acquire specific knowledge of the main issues of EU law, including the development of European integration, the functioning of institutions, the division of competences, the EU legal order, the protection of human rights, the impact of EU law on national legal systems, judicial proceedings, external relations, and the internal market.Applying Knowledge and Understanding:Students will be able to handle and apply the norms and principles of EU law, including in the analysis of specific cases.Critical Thinking:Students will be able to understand and critically analyze the process of European integration and the role played by the EU in addressing both past and future challenges.Communication Skills:Students will acquire appropriate legal vocabulary and develop effective communication skills in the field of EU law.Learning Skills:The skills acquired during the course will enable students to independently interpret and understand future legislation and case law within the EU legal order. Additionally, students will develop a solid grasp of the key topics in EU law, which will support further academic specialization and prepare them for various professional career paths upon completing their studies.Assessment:The acquisition of the above skills will be assessed through class discussions and presentations throughout the course.  |

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| Plan de cours par séance / *Course content for each session* |
| Very brief introduction to EU law: history, originality, governance of the EU, and role of the Court of Justice of the EUDirect effect and primacy: case studiesRelationship with international law and autonomy of EU law: case studiesEU legal order, directives and State liability: case studiesFundamental rights: case studiesInternal market and harmonization: case studiesEU citizenship: case studiesEU values and the rule of law |

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| Références bibliographiques / *Bibliography* |
| Selected chapters of the volume (Oxford, Hart, 2025) by P. Craig and R. Schuetze, Landmark Cases in EU Law:<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/landmark-cases-in-eu-law-volume-1-9781509954124/><https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/landmark-cases-in-eu-law-volume-2-9781509954179/>+The following judgments by the CJEU:1. *Van Gend en Loos*: direct effect2. *Costa*: primacy 3. *Van Duyn*: the EU legal order and directives 4. *Francovich*: State liability 5. *Internationale Handelsgesellschaft* and *Bauer*: fundamental rights 6. *Dassonville*, *Cassis* and *Tobacco Advertising*: internal market and harmonization 7. *Kadi*: international law 8. *Opinion 2/13*: autonomy of EU law and the accession to the ECHR9. *Zambrano*, *Coman* and *Commission v. Malta*: EU citizenship 10. *Commission v. Poland* and *Commission v. Hungary*: EU values and the rule of law |

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| Mini CV de l’enseignant / *Mini CV of the teacher* |
| Immagine che contiene Viso umano, persona, muro, vestiti  Descrizione generata automaticamente[Daniele Gallo](https://www.luiss.it/faculty/50711) is Full Professor of EU Law in the Law Department of Luiss University (Rome), Co-Director of the [LLM](https://lsl.luiss.it/en/academic-programs/european-law-and-policies-melp) in European Law and Policies, Co-Director of the [MA](https://www.luiss.edu/international-programs/double-degrees/incoming-students/incoming-students-washington-college-law-and) in International, Comparative and EU Law, Head of the major in EU Law, Head of the clinical law program in EU Law, and Head of the dual degrees educational [program](https://www.luiss.it/esperienze-estero/programmi-studio-internazionale/double-degree) with 15 European and US universities.He currently teaches EU Law, EU Law before Courts, EU Substantive Law: Internal Market and Beyond, and (in Italian) *Diritto dell’Unione europea* for undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students. At Luiss he held the [Jean Monnet Chair](https://eupract.luiss.it/) in *Understanding EU Law in Practice: EU Rights in Action before Courts* (PRACT, 2020-2023) and was the Deputy-Provost for the European Alliance [ENGAGE.EU](https://www.engageuniversity.eu/) (2020-2024), as well as at the Vice-Dean for International Relations (2018-2024) at the Law Department. He is a Fellow at *Universidade de Lisboa* (since 2020) and has been *Professeur invité* at *Université des Antilles* (Pointe-à-Pitre) in 2023 and 2024, *Professeur invité* at *Université Panthéon-Assas* (Paris) in 2017-2019, Recurring Adjunct Professor of EU Law at the School of Law of American University (Washington DC) in 2016-2019, *Professor invitado* at *Universidad de La Habana* in 2017, *Professeur invité* at *Université Capitole I de Toulouse* in 2015, Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Global Governance Studies of KU Leuven in 2014, European Union Fulbright Schuman Scholar at Fordham Law School (New York) in 2010-2011, DAAD Fellow at the *Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht* (Heidelberg) in 2009-2010, and Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute (Florence) in 2008-2009. He is the author of four monographs, including [Direct Effect in EU Law](https://global.oup.com/academic/product/direct-effect-in-eu-law-9780192898708?lang=en&cc=it) (EU Law Library Series, Oxford University Press, 2025) and [Public Services and EU Competition Law. *The Social Market Economy in Action*](https://www.routledge.com/Public-Services-and-EU-Competition-Law-The-Social-Market-Economy-in-Action/Gallo/p/book/9781032132396?srsltid=AfmBOop0NWrEhGAbUqVnK14o-emwdxFMOslpxttjIIQ5FA2JSL5N1IQu)(Routledge, 2022).He is the co-editor of two books: [Same-Sex Couples before National, Supranational and International Jurisdictions](https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-642-35434-2) (Springer, 2014) and [The Italian Influence on European Law: Judges and Advocates General (1952-2000)](https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/italian-influence-on-european-law-9781509967780/) (Hart, 2024). He is the co-editor of three journal special issues: [Re-connecting Authority and Democratic Legitimacy in the EU](https://www.europeanpapers.eu/en/e-journal/reconnecting-authority-and-democratic-legitimacy-introductory-remarks) (*European Papers*, 2020), Dual Preliminarity through National, EU and Comparative Case Law (*Italian Journal of Public Law*, 2023), and [The Preliminary Ruling Procedure, Today: Revisiting Article 267 TFEU’s Constitutional Backbone](https://ejls.eui.eu/issues/cjeu-special-issue-the-preliminary-ruling-procedure-today-revising-article-267-tfeus-constitutional-backbone/) (*European Journal of Legal Studies*, 2023).He is also the author of over 130 contributions featured in various edited books and law journals, such as, amongst others, *European Law Journal*, *European Law Open*, *The European Journal of Legal Studies*, *European Public Law*, *Review of European Administrative Law*, *European Papers*, *European Business Law Review*, *European State Aid Law Quarterly*, *European Journal of Social Law*, *International Organizations Law Review*, *Fordham International Law Journal*, *American University International Law Review*, and *The Italian Journal of Public Law*. He has organised over 30 international conferences/workshops and/or acted as chair, speaker or discussant at over 100 conferences/workshops worldwide.As a legal advisor, Professor Gallo acted in 2013 for the Global Reporting Initiative, in 2015 for the Italian Ministry for Economic Development, in 2017 for the European Food Security Agency, in 2019 for the Region of Valle d’Aosta, and in 2021 for the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance. In 2024 he was heard by the Italian Parliament on matters related to EU law. His opinions, articles and interviews appeared in the media, including, amongst many others, *Bloomberg*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Euronews*, *La Stampa*, *Rai Tre*, *Il Sole 24 Ore*.Attorney-at-Law, admitted to practice before the highest courts in Italy, he has pleaded before the European Court of Human Rights, the UNIDROIT Administrative Tribunal and the ILO Administrative Tribunal, and regularly pleads before national jurisdictions, the EU General Court, the EU Court of Justice, and the European Commission. |