



E.MA Director

Prof. Christophe MAUBERNARD

Fields of competence: Professor Maubernard is teaching European Union Law (both institutional and substantive Law) as well as International Economic Law. His main fields of researches are the effectiveness of fundamental rights within European and International Law, the quality of standards (especially human rights' norms) and the role of judges in human rights' empowerment. He worked for the former European Commission of Human Rights (Council of Europe, Strasbourg) and the European Parliament (EU, Brussels).

Professor Maubernard is belonging to the Institut de Droit Européen des Droits de l'Homme (IDEDH, *Human Rights' European Law Institute*). He published many articles and contributions about human rights protection and co-leads the yearly chronicle "European jurisdictions and fundamental rights" at the *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme*. He is also member of the research committee of the University of Montpellier and has integrated international academic programs with Argentina and Romania.

Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

Prof. Claire VIAL, Director of the Institut de Droit Européen des Droits de l'Homme (IDEDH)

Fields of competence: European Union Law, European protection of human rights, Environmental European Law, Animal Rights.

Prof. Gérard GONZALEZ, Director of International Relations for the Faculty

Fields of competence: International criminal Law, International Public Law, Public Liberties.

Prof. Caroline PICHERAL

Fields of competence: European Union and European Convention on Human Rights Law, Right of aliens

Prof. Katarzyna BLAY-GRABARCZYK

Fields of competence: European Convention on Human Rights Law, International Public Law.

The university and the city

The Faculties of Law and Political Science and Medicine are among the oldest in France. They were created at the same time as those of Bologna in Italy. The Faculty of Law has around 9000 students from the first year to post-doctorate. Three main departments are represented: Law (public, private and international Law), History and Political Science. The Faculty of Law is located in the historical center of Montpellier, which is entirely pedestrian.

The Faculty provides to the students access to libraries, both the general library with all the catalogues and the specialized ones (for instance the Human Rights European Law Institute holds a very rich collection of books and reviews, both in French and English, concerning aspects of protection of human rights).

The city is located in south of France between the mountains of "Cevennes" and the Mediterranean Sea. The weather is quite warm from March to the end of October. A tramway can easily bring the students outside the center, even close to the sea which is about 10 miles from the city. Very practical information can be seen on: www.montpellier.fr and <http://www.ot-montpellier.fr/en/> (in English).

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Second semester courses

Courses available for E.MA students: All the courses are in the fields of Law and/or Political Science. **All courses are in French.**¹ The E.MA students can attend courses freely in other fields (science, history, sociology, etc.). Especially at Master level, the Faculty provides many courses in the field of protection of human rights: development and environmental law, European and international human rights law, international trade and human rights, etc. All the programs for the second semester can be found on www.umontpellier.fr. More information can be received from **Prof. Christophe Maubernard**, for example for personal advice and practical information, for instance how to rent a room or how to enroll in the courses.

Deadline for enrolment in the courses: For the 2017 second semester the courses will begin on Monday 9 January and will end on Saturday 8 April. During February the E.MA students can foresee a week off (from 11 to 20 February). The students from Venice can expect to receive, as they arrive later, a resume of courses by professors.

Examination procedures: Oral examination. The examinations take place most of the time between the end of April and the end of May. The EMA students are enrolled under “Erasmus” status. Each course is 6 ECTS, which means in accordance with EMA convention, that **the EMA students are expected to choose at least 2 general courses** (and more if interested).

Specific resources

In order to facilitate the arrival and the stay of students from Venice, the Institute will set at its expense some specific costs for photocopies, French language courses, and if justified some travel expenses. Two years ago, the Faculty has also signed a convention with one of the student residences, which is about 10 minutes' walk from the Faculty and has very competitive prices.

Thesis

Research areas:

- Human Rights, from European and international point of view. Comparative law.

Thesis supervision: One of the Professors belonging to the Institute.

According to the new Status of the E.MA program, the students for the second semester in Montpellier write their thesis in English.

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university: (+ 1 copy to the E.MA Secretariat): 2

Library

The University and libraries are generally open from 8 am to 7 pm. An access card will be delivered to the E.MA students for using all the equipment.

Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

NGOs: HRW

National Organisations: Fédération française des droits de l'homme

IGOs: European Union (especially European Parliament and European Human Rights Agency), Council of Europe, UN.

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements: The national governmental website for all questions about legal conditions to stay in France is France-Diplomatie: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr (the website is available in English).

As national requirements have been strengthened with the *état d'urgence* (state of emergency) non-EU residents' students should be very careful about their visa and the French procedure for their stay.

¹ The Human Rights European Law Institute which officially receives the E.MA students provides computers and books. Nevertheless, the professors involved in the academic program of Venice all speak in English and will deliver advice and information for the exams in English. It can be seen also as an opportunity to improve French language, which remains a diplomatic one.