

“Internationalization of criminal policy and human rights”

The subject of this course is to scrutinize the contemporary trends of criminal policy in connection with the protection of human rights as they show in the interaction between the national level of governance and the activities of international organizations.

1. - In the first part of the course we will be dealing with the following topics:

- criminal policy as a *‘field’* (in P. Bourdieu’s sense) and human rights as barriers in the penal power;
- the multiplication of actors in the field of criminal policy as a result of the decline of nation-state’s exclusivity in normative power;
- the internationalization of criminal policy through the adhesion of the states in supranational organizations as well as in international conventions.

2. - In the second part, the focus of the course will turn on the activities of international organizations in the field of criminal policy and the promotion of human rights in the global level (O.N.U) as well as in the european level (Council of Europe, European Union). At this prospect, particular attention will be paid to the transformation of social control through the implementation of the E.U. security policies for the movement of individuals (“*deterritorialization*” of controls, “*policing at a distance*”, etc) and the protection of human rights (Charter of Fundamental Rights; the provision of entry of the E.U. into the European Convention of Human Rights).

3. - At the end of the previous analysis the focus of the course will be directed towards the challenges that these evolutions address to the criminological theory and, specifically, to the need for a new conception and a more fulfilling “paradigm” for understanding the contemporary elaboration of the criminal policy and the means of its implementation as well as the function of human rights in the undergoing transformations in the field of social control.