

The HURI-AGE Programme includes the establishment of 9 Consolider-Ingenio 2010 “El tiempo de los derechos” Laboratories. These would be units specialised in research and, as applicable, in teaching, targeting some of the programme’s thematic lines which are most suitable for the development of theoretical/empirical studies.

HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 Laboratory on the Implementation and Efficacy of Social Rights, of the Universidad de Zaragoza (Laboratorio HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 sobre la Implementación y Eficacia de los Derechos Sociales de la Universidad de Zaragoza)

The Laboratory on the Implementation and Efficacy of Social Rights will devote itself to collecting data and assessing the treatment of these rights in the administration of Justice, the actions of the rights protection organisations and political organisations and all kinds of measures designed to implement the social rights recognised in the EC and in international legal regulations. In particular, a specific monitoring of violations of economic, social and cultural rights will be carried out, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable groups and from a gender-orientated perspective. The Laboratory on the Implementation and Efficacy of Social Rights will also promote scientific meetings and the carrying out of further research with related objectives, in addition to the dissemination of its analyses and research in civil society.

Link: <http://derechosociales.unizar.es/index.php>

Research Centre on the effectiveness of human rights, HURI-AGE Consolider-Ingenio 2010 Laboratory of the Universitat Jaume I de Castellón (Centro de investigación sobre la efectividad de los derechos humanos, Laboratorio HURI-AGE Consolider-Ingenio 2010 de la Universitat Jaume I de Castellón).

The CIEDH was set up to perform research on the effectiveness of human rights. It is not a question of analyzing the juridical efficacy of rights but to go deeper into knowledge of the kind of social conditions which make it possible for human rights to reach complete fulfilment. Therefore, this is research which fits into the sphere of juridical sociology. Basically, it is a question of gathering and analysing quantitative and statistical information. Consequently, the group’s central project is the creation of its own system of statistical human rights indicators. The research carried out will be published progressively through the Lab web page and a debate will be opened with the international community of researchers specialised in the statistical analysis of human rights through the publication of working papers.

Link: <http://www.ciedh.es/>

HURI-AGE Consolider-Ingenio 2010 “Norberto Bobbio” Laboratory on Equality and Non-discrimination by the “Bartolomé de las Casas” Human Rights Institute of the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Laboratorio HURI-AGE Consolider-Ingenio 2010 “Norberto Bobbio” sobre Igualdad y No Discriminación, Instituto de Derechos Humanos “Bartolomé de las Casas” de la Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

The HURI-AGE Consolider-Ingenio 2010 “Norberto Bobbio” Laboratory on Equality and

Non-discrimination is a stable academic structure which channels and fosters the research which the Institute has been carrying out for several years on the requirements of equality and non-discrimination. Through the Laboratory we also promote the writing of studies, the dissemination of results and the creation of frameworks for dialogue and reflection on these subjects. Its name is a tribute to Norberto Bobbio, a distinguished Italian philosopher of Law and Politics, who passed away in January 2004.

This laboratory takes over from the “Norberto Bobbio” Chair of Equality and Non-discrimination, created in 2004, and from the research unit on the same subject which was set up a few years previously. So far, it has carried out various different research projects, specialised seminars, symposiums, summer courses and a number of conferences, all of which has given rise to several different publications: a large number of articles in specialised journals, monographs, and also reports for public and private institutions.

In order to achieve the objectives we have set in the fastest and most effective way and above all to attend to the specific needs of the vulnerable groups especially affected by situations of inequality and discrimination, we have opened various lines of work according to the causes which normally provoke the discriminatory process: gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or other convictions, disability, age sexual orientation, poverty and economic inequalities, to name but a few. And we are aware that a study on these causes cannot be narrow or strict given that, unfortunately, the situations in which excluding or segregationist attitudes can arise or take root are varied and changeable.

Isabel de Villena Chair of human rights and protection of vulnerable groups, HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 Laboratory of the Universitat de València (Càtedra Isabel de Villena de drets humans i protecció de grups vulnerables, Laboratorio HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 de la Universitat de València).

Over the last few decades, rights protection on both state and international levels has focused on vulnerable groups, i.e. those which have taken shape in our democracies as groups which especially need protection precisely due to the fragility of their statute of equality in terms of rights and the fragility of their guarantee. The prohibition of discrimination, which means the prohibition of unfavourable treatment whether regulatory, public or private, expressly refers to discrimination based on gender (women) sexual orientation (homosexuals) origin (migrants, refugees) and so forth.

The Isabel de Villena Chair of Human Rights and Protection of Vulnerable Groups is designed to be a space for examining the real situations of vulnerable groups and their struggles for the recognition of their equality, as well as a space for reflection and denunciation of the discrimination suffered. In this way, we propose to reflect upon the discrimination affecting women, homosexuals, migrants and refugees, children, persons with disabilities and other conditions which can place people or groups of people in situations of vulnerability (poverty, violence...). The Chair is an open space for critical discussion, and proposals range from running seminars, simposiums, discussions and readings to the screening of documentaries

and book presentations.

Link: <http://www.uv.es/idh/cas/index.wiki>

HURI-AGE Consolider-Ingenio 2010 Laboratory on “New Technologies and Human Rights” of the Universidad de Sevilla (Laboratorio HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010, sobre "Nuevas Tecnologías y Derechos Humanos" de la Universidad de Sevilla).

The main objective of this Laboratory is the study of the impact of the New Technologies (hereinafter, NT) in the sphere of liberties, examining their repercussions on the right to privacy as well as their effects on the rightstof political participation (teledemocracy and cybercitizenship). In 2009, the Laboratory planned a programme of seminars and scientific conferences related to this research subject, with the aim of contributing to its greater social dissemination within university circles.

Link: <http://www.almarecords.es/lntdh/>

HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 Laboratory on “The Information Society and human rights” of the Universidad de Vigo (Laboratorio HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 sobre “Sociedad de la Información y derechos humanos” de la Universidad de Vigo).

The basic objective of this Laboratory consists of reflection on and study of the ethical, social and legal implications of the information and communication technologies and the Information and Knowledge Society, paying particular attention to this key topic, due to its impact on fundamental rights and liberties: the computerized handling of personal data.

Link: <http://www.siddhh.com/>

HURI-AGE “Rights and rights policies from a comparative perspective” Laboratory, organized jointly by the Universidad de Cádiz and the Universidad de Deusto (Laboratorio HURI-AGE “Los Derechos y las Políticas de los Derechos desde una Perspectiva Comparada” organizado conjuntamente por la Universidad de Cádiz y por la Universidad de Deusto).

This Laboratory will basically be working on the study of the following subjects: 1) citizenship, diversity and rights: current challenges to rights in multicultural societies; 2) jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights: new challenges in the trans-national protection of rights. Two meetings are held yearly as a part of this Laboratory, one at each university; in June in Jerez, at the Universidad de Cádiz, and in November at the Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao) in which subjects related to the object of the studies are discussed. These meetings are for teachers, doctorate holders and postgraduate students, and are run according to the following system: one researcher is asked to give a lecture on one of the subjects concerned, and two

other researchers are nominated to respond critically to the talk, and then a general discussion is held. The results of these meetings will then be published.

Chair of Democracy and Human Rights, HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 Laboratory of the Universidad de Alcalá (Cátedra de Democracia y Derechos Humanos, Laboratorio HURI-AGE, Consolider-Ingenio 2010 de la Universidad de Alcalá)

The main objective of this Laboratory is to constitute a channel through which the theoretic and practical problems of interest to juridical and social operators with regard to strengthening democracy and human rights can be addressed, from an interdisciplinary perspective and with full scientific freedom. In order to achieve this purpose, the Laboratory is mainly devoted to the promotion of and research into subjects of interest within the Laboratory's field, and to the development of teaching and training activities and the publishing of studies.

Link: www2.uah.es/catedra_ddhh/

Seminar of Studies on Democracy Consolider-Ingenio 2010 “El tiempo de los derechos”, Observatory of the Universidad de Jaén (Seminario de Estudios sobre la Democracia, Observatorio Consolider-Ingenio 2010 “El tiempo de los derechos” de la Universidad de Jaén).

The Seminar of Studies on Democracy (Consolider-Ingenio 2010 HURI-AGE Observatory) is the initiative of a group of teachers from the Universidad de Jaén, designed to carry out research, teach and promote democracy and the values accompanying it in general and, in particular, to achieve these specific objectives:

To analyse the challenges facing democracy today, especially multiculturalism and globalisation.

To make proposals for the adaptation of democracy to these new socio-political circumstances.

To reflect on the opportunity and possibility of a deeper, more profound democracy in contemporary societies and the intensive and extensive development of such a democracy.

Link: <http://www.ujaen.es/dep/derpen/filder/sed.html>