



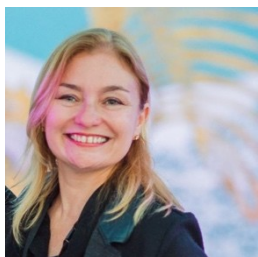
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JEAN MONNET CHAIR

“LEGAL THEORY OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: A SUPRANATIONAL DEMOCRACY MODEL?”

Jean Monnet Chairs are awarded as the highest recognition of a prestigious profile in *research, teaching and dissemination activities* by the European Union. In 2019 one of them was awarded to the Università del Salento, Department of Legal Sciences, prof. Susanna Cafaro. The three years activities of the Chair (2019-2022) are meant to enhance the awareness of students, civil society organizations, local authorities and governmental policy-makers.



Prof. Cafaro is the author and editor of numerous books and more than 50 scholarly journal articles and book chapters about the EU, European economic and monetary union, EU external relations, IMF & World Bank governance and functioning, Euro-Mediterranean relations. Her interest for the European legal theory and the supranational democracy model is not new, she is the author of the blog <http://supranationaldemocracy.net> and the organizer of the Supranational Democracy Dialogue, a dialogue among scholars, civil society and creative thinkers on democratic solutions to global challenges. For more details see the conference website
The whole 2018 conference is summarized in a documentary film that you can find in a You Tube Channel dedicated to Supranational Democracy.

The Project

The JM Chair will focus on the European supranational democratic model - one of its kind - but also on citizens' rights, on transparency and civic participation. The main reasons for the JMC project “Legal Theory of European Integration: a Supranational Democracy Model?” at Unisalento are: (i) contributing to the development of European Studies and specifically of EU Law within Unisalento and in Southern Italy; (ii) enhancing the research and the critical thinking on Europe and democracy among students and young scholars, so to make them more conscious as European citizens, European jurists and European scholars; (iii) spreading awareness on European democracy and citizens' rights in the academic community and in the public opinion; (iv) fostering the dialogue between the academic world, civil society, policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders on European democratic governance and civic participation's rights. The JMC will affect students at different levels: the main course “Legal Theory of European Integration: a Supranational Democracy Model?” is addressed to undergraduate Law students and will have a more theoretical, yet innovative cut. It will be embedded in the curriculum of the Master's Degree in Law. The modules “Case-Law on Civic Rights in the European Union” - a training course for future practitioners of EU Law- will be offered twice a year, to master students and to students of the Specialization School for Legal Professionals. The seminar “EU as a Lab for Supranational Democracy Worldwide” will be offered to PhD students and young scholars, thus meeting students' need to become European jurists in any role they will decide to spend their academic expertise. This JM Chair will also comprise the Supranational Democracy Dialogues, an annual international high-level inter-disciplinary event, targeting academics, civil society and policy-makers to affect all the relevant stakeholders.