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Activities promoted by the TransJus Research Institute

Throughout the academic year 2016-2017, the TransJus Research Institute organized and sponsored a series of academic research activities. Details concerning all activities can be found in the TransJus Agenda: <http://www.ub.edu/instituttransjus/agenda.html> (available in Catalan and Spanish).

The cycle of activities commenced with the “International Seminar on Corporations and Criminal Responsibility: imputation (attribution, limits and exclusion) and the co-perpetratorship of individuals”; an event that involved scholars from all over Spain. The seminar, organized by TransJus and Observatory of Criminal System and Human Rights, took place the 4th and 5th of October 2016 in the *Saló de Graus* of the Faculty of Law and has been directed by Dr. Joan J. Queralt (Professor of Criminal Law, member and former director of the Transjus Research Institute).

Additionally, on October 5, the TransJus organized the Conference on the Spanish Public Research Centres in collaboration with the Institute of Public Law of the University of Barcelona. The event, held in the *Aula Font i Rius* of the Faculty of Law, has been promoted by Dr. Laura Díez Bueso, Director of the Department of Constitutional Law,

Political Science, Administration and Philosophy of Law. During the conference, the interim results of the research project managed by the *Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientado a los Retos de la Sociedad* (2014) have been also presented.

On November 11, the TransJus launched the “TransJus Debate Cycle” with a conference on “Economic crisis, rights and cuts in social expenditure. The role of Constitutional Courts: the Portuguese example”. The event has been headed by Dr. Claudio Moreira, Professor at the University of Lisbon and Judge of the Portuguese Constitutional Court, and by Dr. Juli Ponce Solé, Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Barcelona and Director of the TransJus Research Institute.

The 24th of January 2017, the TransJus arranged a seminar on “Transdisciplinarity and innovation in research”. Jordi Segalás and Gemma Tejedor from the Institute for Sustainability Science and Technology of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Gabriel Domènech (Professor at the University of Valencia) and Juli Ponce Solé have been the speakers of the event. Few months later, Prof. Domènech’s presentation has been transcribed and became the first Note published by the TransJus Research Institute: *G. Domènech Pascual*, “La (falta de) Interdisciplinarietà en las Facultades de Derecho Españolas” http://www.ub.edu/instituttransjus/documents/Nota%201-2017_Domenech.pdf

Furthermore, on January 26-27, the TransJus Research Institute took part in the organization of the Congress on International Administrative Cooperation in Tax Matters and Tax Governance. The Congress, coordinated by Dr. Eva Andrés (member of the Transjus), addressed the main trends in international administrative cooperation and tax governance, the orientation of the most important international organizations (OECD, EU and UN) and the impact of such tendencies on taxpayers.

<https://transjusblog.wordpress.com/2017/07/11/chronicle-of-the-international-congress-international-administrative-cooperation-in-tax-matters-and-tax-governance-university-of-barcelona-faculty-of-law-january-26th-and-27th-2017/>

From the 13th to the 17th of March, the Transjus arranged a series of conferences regarding the fourth research area: Environment, Urban Planning, Housing and Health. This cycle of debates, characterized by an interdisciplinary and international approach, addressed multiple areas of knowledge (in particular, Urban Development Law, Urban Public Policy, Architecture, Economy and History) and involved an audience composed of scholars and students from various national and international universities (including a delegation from the Faculty of Law of the Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA), professionals and various public and private organizations.

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The 31st of March, the TransJus organized a conference on “Economy of the Common Good and the shared management of common goods” in the ambit of the “TransJus Debates Cycle”. The conference, presented by the Director of the TransJus Research Institute, has been mainly focussed on the World Bank’s Human Centered Business Model, a project in which TransJus takes part as a member. Ms. Adela Suñer Ollé, representative of the Catalan Association for the Promotion of the Economy of the Common Good, and Mr. Gregorio Arena, President of Labsus (Laboratorio per la Sussidarietá) and Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Trento (Italy) have been the speakers of the conference.

The “TransJus Debates Cycle” continued the 24th of May with the presentation of Colin Crawford, Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Tulane (USA). The topic of the debate was: “The right to the city: for whom and how? Theory and practice of the access to justice in the urban context”.

Few days later, the TransJus Research Institute collaborated in the organization of the conference on “Public employment, Integrity and Corruption”. The conference, which took place the 30th of May, has been coordinated by Professors Joan Mauri Majós and Juli Ponce Solé and counted on the participation of outstanding professors of various Spanish Universities.

On June 15, the TransJus contributed to the organization of the seminar on “International Governance: Efficient and Sustainable Governments”. The event, which involved many professors of the University of Barcelona and other foreign universities, focused on good governance from an international perspective and on the World Bank’s Human Centered Business Model. As already mentioned, the TransJus participates in this project and, since June, it is a member of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development.

<http://www.ub.edu/instituttransjus/documents/International%20Governance.3.pdf>

The same day, the TransJus Research Institute and *Agenda Pública* have jointly arranged a lunch-debate with Paul Craig, Professor of the University of Oxford. Professor Craig, an internationally renowned expert on Administrative Law, focused the debate on the Brexit and its consequences for UK and EU.

On June 16th, the TransJus collaborated to the organization of the Closing Ceremony of the first edition of the “Master on Prevention, Control and Reaction of Corruption. Public Compliance and Good Governance and Management”. The event counted on the participation of Prof. Paul Craig (University of Oxford) and Mr. Francisco Cardona, (former OECD member and expert on Public Governance and Management).

Finally, from the 10th to 12th of July, the TransJus Research Institute collaborated with the UNED (*Universidad de Educación a Distancia*) and ONU Habitat in the arrangement of a series of international debates that took place in Madrid. These events addressed housing, good governance, fight against urban corruption and right to the city.

Activities of the Board of Directors

The various meetings of the Board of Directors of the academic year 2016-2017 concerned:

- The inclusion of three new subareas, to the Research Area number 1 (Governance, Transparency and Corruption): Ethics, Law and Social Sciences; Neuroscience, Law and Social Sciences and Sharing Economy, Welfare Economy and Common Goods.
- The creation of an online archive of Board of Directors' proceedings for guaranteeing maximum transparency (freely accessible in the Catalan and Spanish webpages of the TransJus Research Institute).
- Webpage improvements, including its translation to Spanish and English and the enhancement of the publication system. The website's translation to Portuguese is currently in process.
- The acquisition of books related to the research areas of the Institute. The TransJus has already purchased the first batch of books that will be stored in a dedicated space of the Faculty Library.
- The provision of four different kinds of grants for funding: the participation of scholars in international congresses and debates with an international and transdisciplinary approach; the training on interdisciplinary methods of research (a course on this topic took place last year); the professional review of papers written in languages other than Spanish and Catalan; and the organization of debates and seminars held by speakers with an international and interdisciplinary profile.
- The inclusion of eight new members: Dr. Markus González Beilfuss, Dr. Oscar Capdeferro Villagrasa, Dr. Alex Peñalver, Dr. Domènec Sibina Tomàs, Dr. Miguel Angel Soria Verde, Dr. Joan Josep Vallbé (as members of the Scientific Council), Dr Joan Ridaó, Sr. Eduard Cabré y el Sr. Wellington Migliari (as Associate members).

- The acceptance of the World Bank's invitation to participate in the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development.

Besides the organization of cycles of debates and conferences, the TransJus Research Institute undertook an intense publishing activity: four working papers and a note have been published on the website. Furthermore, the TransJus has launched its first newsletter and various articles regarding events and TransJus' research areas have been posted on the blog of the Research Institute.

More info: http://www.ub.edu/instituttransjus/index_ENG%20-%20Copia.html