

European Humanism in the Making
Summer School, Gubbio (Italy), 8-12 July

Sagesse University is pleased to announce that its Faculty of Law has participated in the Gubbio Summer School on *European Humanism in the Making*, organized by the European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE), and hosted by LUMSA University in Gubbio, Italy, from Monday July 8th until Friday July 12th, 2019.

Two students from Sagesse Faculty of Law, namely, Nader Abou Mrad and Layan Al Fatayri, accompanied by Dr. Anwar Frangi, joined a group of 21 students from various states, such as Ukraine, Georgia, Poland, Slovakia, Italy, Spain, France, and Belgium, to participate in the Gubbio Summer School.

The Summer School Program consists of courses, public lectures, workshops, and learning trips.

1. Main Courses.

Each course is designed for one day and taught from 9h00 to 20h00, on the following topics : Contribution of History to European Consciousness; Literature, the Arts, Translation and European Union; The Influence of Europe in the History Science; European Social Humanism, and Democracy and Civic Engagement: Beyond Differences.

Course I, Contribution of History to European Consciousness (8 July), shows how the word “Europe” originated in a myth according to which Europa, a Phoenician Princess, and daughter of Agenor, the King of Tyr, was abducted by Zeus, the God of Gods, and carried away to Crete (Greece). Accordingly, this course focuses, in one part, on the role of history in the construction of one European consciousness, and the re-construction of European Community. IN another part, the course studies the translation of the historical European unity into the current institutional framework.

Course II, Literature, the Arts, Translation and European Union (9 July), looks into “the soul of Europe”, which bypasses the political, social, economic and financial issues, understanding: the national building, in order to look for the local consciousness, represented by Literature and Arts, which contributed to the one European consciousness.

Course III, The Influence of Europe in the History of Science (10 July), argues for the complementarity among science, technology and humanism in the making. In one part, the course shows the role science and technology did play in leading to the “return to the human being”. In its second part, the course addresses the various ways Copernic, through his theory, was received as a humanist who worked against the superstitions of the primitive world vision. The third part deals with contemporary issues between ethics, religion, and science.

Course IV, European Social Humanism (11 July), studies the coherent set of values and ideals which have contributed to progress in building European people. Among these values are the dignity of the individual, freedom, and legitimation of authority. These three values are discussed in light of the three principles of Catholic Social Teaching, namely, solidarity, subsidiarity, and the common good. Then, the course shows how the catholic social teaching has fundamentally contributed to the ongoing “making of European humanism”.

Course V, Democracy and Civic Engagement: Beyond Differences (12 July), shows the potential of the study of European identity for integration, solidarity, and respect of diversity. As a matter of fact, economic globalization has been leading to homogenization of civilizations, understanding: leading to the end of Europe as it was formed. Thus, saving European identity would be at the same time saving European humanism through the making of integration, solidarity and respect for diversity.

2. Public Lectures.

Two public lectures are offered by the Summer Program: one on Monday July 7th from 19h00 to 20h00 on Islamic Culture & European Humanism; another is offered on Thursday July 11th from 19h00 to 20h00 on European Cultural Heritage.

3. Workshops.

As for the workshops, they focused on different topics. One is on leadership; others on science, and geography.

4. Learning Trips:

With regard to the learning trips, they were scheduled on Monday July 7th and on Tuesday July 12th (to Assisi/Perugia).