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Final report on Prof. J.J. Moreso's stay as A.S.Cent. Senior Visiting Fellow (22.02.2024-23-03.2024)

Professor Moreso arrived in Palermo on 22 February 2024, and will stay until 23 March 2024.

During this period, Professor Moreso held four seminars at the Department of Law, during which he presented various aspects of his work in progress on a general theory of defeaters. The seminars were as follows: *A Theory of Institutional Hedges* (26/02, 5 pm - 7.30 pm); *On the Scope of Exclusion of Razian Reasons* (4/03, 5 pm - 7.30 pm); *A Taxonomy of Defeaters* (11/03, 5 pm - 7.30 pm); *Law and Morality: An Argument from Conceivability* (18/03, 5 pm - 7.30 pm). Each seminar was followed by an intensive discussion. The audience included professors from the Department of Law, a professor from the Department of Humanities, PhD students, Post-doc researchers, as well as some students from the Philosophy of Law courses.

Professor Moreso also gave a lecture (in Italian) on the *Rule of Law* as part of my Philosophy of Law course (15/03, 8 am - 11 am). He participated in the following events at the Department of Law, University of Palermo: the seminar *Lacità: credenze religiose nella ragione pubblica*, held by Prof. M. Fernández Núñez, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, (08/03, 11 am - 1 pm); the presentation of the book *Razionali fino in fondo*, by Prof. M. Mazzone (08/03, 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm); the conference *The Impartiality of the Civil Judge* (11/03, 10 am – 13



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am). He also participated, together with a group of philosophers of law from the University of Palermo, in the seminar *Democracy*, held by Prof. Stefano Berteà, University of Messina, at the Department of Law, University of Catania (15/03, 4 pm – 7 pm).

Professor Moreso also contributed intensively to the life of the Department of Law, where he daily had discussions with several colleagues. He also took the opportunity to discuss with two doctoral students in Human Rights who had spent a period at Pompeu Fabra as visiting students (D. Tokmak and P. Capriati) about the progress of their thesis.

Overall, Professor Moreso's stay was highly fruitful, both for his research, on which he received various feedback and suggestions, and for the University of Palermo, which benefited greatly from his lectures and his active involvement in other research activities.

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