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Seminario Scienze Sociali

"We, the Nature" - Exploring the Legal Becoming of Rights of Nature

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Abstract:

In September 2022, the Spanish Parliament approved the law that recognizes rights to the Mar Menor lagoon in Murcia (Southeastern Spain). The statute was promoted by popular citizen initiative and constitutes the first example in Europe of recognition of rights to an ecosystem. The case is a successful instantiation of recognition of rights of nature in Europe --the cradle of Western legal thought-- as happened before in other places in the Americas, Oceania, Asia or Africa. With all its unresolved contradictions and embroiled in controversy, the movement for recognition of the rights of nature is on the rise. Considered by some a transformative constitutional revolution, by others a legal and conceptual aberration, or a movement as full of good intentions as it is insubstantial, it leaves no one indifferent. In the defense of the rights of nature converge a colorful array of arguments from cultural, philosophical, moral and political points of view. The seminar is not oriented towards taking a position, but rather it is the occasion to examine the fascinating path of an idea born "outside the box": recognizing rights to nature as a radical mechanism to raise awareness and compel powerful and efficient environmental protection.



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