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Les amphis Jean Monnet

This interdisciplinary programme, developed by lawyers, will reflect on the difficulty of opening up law, and especially French law, to other subjects. It will consist of 3 parts: Les Amphis du droit, Les Amphis de l'Europe and Les Amphis des libertés.

This programme, named after lecture theatres designed as a symbol of debate in a university setting, not to mention openness to civil society, aims to explore and apply the interdisciplinary approach. Developed by lawyers, it must firstly reflect on the difficulty of opening up law, and especially French law, to other subjects. The first part of the programme will be Les Amphis du droit. This interdisciplinary approach will then be applied to the subjects of 'Europe' (Les Amphis de l'Europe) and 'fundamental rights' (Les Amphis des libertés). A comprehensive scientific approach can only be applied to these two subjects by combining the views of lawyers with those of other specialists in the human and social sciences.

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The various parts of the 'Amphis' programme

Part one: les Amphis du Droit

The project will aim to consider the following questions: Why is French law 'traditionally' so ill-suited to opening up to other subjects? **[Read more](#)**

Part two: les Amphis de l'Europe

The 'Amphis de l'Europe' project seeks to open up debate on the issue of Europe from a global perspective, without reducing it to just the European Union. **[Read more](#)**

Part three: les Amphis des libertés

'European integration, i.e. the union of the free peoples of the continent', according to Jean Monnet's definition in his Mémoires (Paris, Fayard, 1976, p. 521), began with no reference to the fundamental rights or support for them. This failure to mention the fundamental rights demonstrates that they were not considered essential for the union of the peoples of Europe. Although they have gradually become key elements of the creation of the current European Union to the extent of forming part, through human rights, of the shared values enshrined in Articles 2 and 6 of the Treaty on European Union, they have also proved to be a source of division among Member States. **[Read more](#)**

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