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The Central European Law Conference for Students is an ambitious project aiming to create a central and south-eastern European forum addressing questions of EU law in a systematic way. The main goal of the conference is to discuss topical issues of EU law relevant for the EU as a whole and to send out a strong message about the importance of EU law in establishing rule of law in central and south-eastern European countries. The conference is conceived so as to bring together the most committed of students as well as first-class professors of EU law, judges, prosecutors and policymakers at the national and EU level. Together with academics and holders of judicial and political power, students will be discussing and refining their visions and proposals about the future of the EU legal system in selected topical areas. The conference presents a unique opportunity for students to interact and engage in discussion with one another as well as with distinguished scholars and practitioners involved in European affairs. Furthermore, the conference will give students the opportunity to be a part of and contribute to a project creating a future plan of action for the EU.

The main objectives of the conference are:

- to develop a vision for the European Union legal system concerning its system of judicial protection, particularly in relation to human rights, migration, market regulation, consumer, environment and data protection systems, EU civil procedures, minimum standards for criminal procedures as well as democracy and rule of law in EU Member States and candidate countries;
- to enter into a debate with distinguished professors, current and former EU policymakers, representatives of the European Commission and with supra-national and national judges and other professionals with vast experience in various topics of EU law and policy;
- to form a cross-border student brain-trust in Central Europe which will continue the debate on topical issues of EU law;
- to dedicate students’ originality, resourcefulness and time to build ideas for the future legal system of the European Union.

Foremost however, the greatest wish of the organiser is that the conference will generate substantial social connections and will contribute to three pleasant days filled with interaction between ambitious European students and distinguished academics and practitioners who have kindly agreed to honour us with their presence.

Janja Hojnik
Jean Monnet Project Holder
Day 1 – 31st March 2016

12.00 Conference opening (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)
Welcome Addresses:
- Janja Hojnik, Head of the Conference Programme Board
- Igor Tičar, Rector of University of Maribor
- Vesna Rijavec, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor

Keynote Opening Lecture:
- Marko Ilešič, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU

13.00 – 15.30 SESSION 1: Triangle of cooperation between courts – ECtHR, EU Court and national courts (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)

1. Kateřina Štěpánová, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic; What is the real fundament of fundamental rights’ protection?
2. Ana Bobić, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; A pluralist interpretation of the national identity clause
3. Erik Kotlárik, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; Schism in the Human Rights protection? Race to the top rather than race to the bottom
4. Dino Gliha, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Accession by the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: relationship between CJEU and ECHR
5. Pia Ravter, University of Maribor, Slovenia; The question of hierarchy in the light of EU accession to the ECHR or Quis custodiet ipsos custodes
6. Mandela Walter, European Inter – University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Italy; Lifting the veil of the EU legal system

Expert Panel:

1. Monica Claes, Professor of European and Comparative Constitutional Law at Maastricht University, the Netherlands
2. Marko Ilešič, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg
3. Siniša Rodin, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee and snack break

Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)
16.00 – 18.30 SESSION 2: Managing migration in Europe – between economic feasibility and protection of human rights (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)

1. Simona Sobotovicova, University of the Basque Country, Spain; Université de Pau et des Pays de l’Adour, France; Mobility and legal migration of third country nationals within EU – myth or reality?
2. Chloé Brière, Free University of Brussels, Belgium; Balancing fundamental rights and migration management in the external dimension of the EU migration policy
3. Tamuna Beridze, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary; Refugee Migration crisis or benefit to the European Union?
4. Ana Marija Apostoloska, University of Skopje, Macedonia; A short story of the European barbed wire and the challenges of Macedonia as a potential buffer zone
5. Nicolette Busuttil, University Queen Mary, London; Rethinking ‘exceptionality’: state obligations in the expulsion of the mentally ill

Expert Panel:
1. Andrea Saccucci, Associate Professor of International Law at the Seconda Università di Napoli, Professor of Migration Law at the LUMSA of Rome and Professor of International Protection of Human Rights at the Master Course in International Relations of the Università Cattolica of Milan, Italy
2. Vesna Győrkös Žnidar, Slovenian Minister of the Interior
3. Rajko Knez, Full-time Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Maribor

18:30 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)
19:30 Cold-Warm Fingerfood Dinner: Restaurant Rožmarin, Gosposka ulica 8, Maribor

Day 2 – 1st April 2016

9:00 – 11:30 SESSION 3: Market integration through law: reforming legal foundations for a stable EU market (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)

1. Vilija Velyvyte, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; A power to shape the internal market: implications of CJEU case law for the EU’s constitutional order
2. Nevena Milošević, University of Belgrade, Serbia; Is there a single market in agricultural land?
3. Renato Kenda, University of Maribor, Slovenia; Searching for a new momentum of the European private company
4. Oksana Yashyna, Ternopil National Economic University, Ukraine; Full and partial harmonization and the contradictions of legislature on implementing of directives into domestic legislation
5. Lazar Obradović, University of Belgrade, Serbia; Swiss franc loans and the development of EU’s current consumer protection framework
6. Jasmina Tabakovič, University of Maribor, Slovenia; Far away from Home and Beyond their wildest dreams: Legal barriers of Frontier Workers under Tax and Social Advantages
7. Nikola Filipović, University of Graz, Austria; Insurance distribution directive – upcoming changes in EU insurance market

Expert Panel:

1. Nicolas de Sadeleer, Full-time Professor of environmental law at the Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis, Academie de Louvain, part-time Professor at the Institut d’études européennes de l’Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
2. Tatjana Jovanić, Associate Professor of Economic Law and Market Regulation at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, Serbia
3. Julian Nowag, Senior Lecturer in EU Law at Lund University, Sweden

11:30 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)

9:00 – 11:30 SESSION 4: Effective enforcement of data protection law in Europe (Lecture room A, 4th Floor)

1. Katarzyna Katana, University of Gdansk, Poland; Wearable privacy. Health status data and its protection under EU law.
2. Davide Nardo, University of Trieste, Italy; The challenges of data protection within the international cooperation between law enforcement agencies
3. Jerneja Horvat, University of Maribor, Slovenia; Will the “Internet of Things” break all boundaries of privacy?
4. Lori Dolores Kregar, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Bridging the information inequality between individuals and organisations by simplifying data handling policies
5. Kristof Ruisz, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary; An Authority Instead of a Commissioner – The changes in supervision of the right to the protection of personal data in Hungary

Expert Panel:

1. Nataša Pirc Musar, Slovenian Attorney, former Information Commissioner
2. Dubravka Dolenc, Deputy Director at Croatian Personal Data Protection Agency
3. Filip Krepelka, Associate EU Law Professor at the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic

11:30 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)

11:30 – 12:30 BUFFET LUNCH – Faculty of Law, Main Hall, Ground Floor

12:30 – 15:00 SESSION 5: EU Consumer protection – the current challenges (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)

1. Giacomo Pailli, University of Florence, Italy; “Strengthening the Rule of Law in the EU” - A ‘perfect’ enforcement for Europe?
2. Zita Géresi-Sándor, University of Pécs, Hungary; Passengers as EU Consumers - Basic Rights and its’ Restrictions at the Airport
3. Orsolya Emese Vallyon, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary; EU Consumer protection – the current challenges
4. Justyna Nowak, University of Lodz, Poland; The necessity to protect consumers' rights with regard to Polish regulations on the medicinal products sale at a distance to the public

5. Tamuna Beridze, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary, and Tbilisi, Georgia; New Consumer Protection Directive on Alternative Dispute resolution and Regulation on Online Dispute Resolution - Challenge or Effective Tool for Protecting Consumer Rights?

6. Edita Beganović, University of Maribor, Slovenia; The cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market

Expert Panel:

1. Julian Nowag, Senior Lecturer in EU Law at Lund University, Sweden
2. Andrejka Grlić, Chief Market Inspector, Slovenia
3. Mateja Durović, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, China

15:00 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)

12.30 – 15:00 SESSION 6: From transnational principles to European rules of civil procedure (Lecture room A, 4th Floor)

1. Danijela Vrbljanac, University of Rijeka, Croatia; Determining Locus Solutionis in Contractual Disputes on the Internet
2. Sarolta Édua Szabó, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary; From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure
3. Anastasia Gialeli, University of Freiburg, Germany; The regulation establishing a European Account Preservation Order: a milestone for the effective enforcement of judgments in the European Union?
4. Katja Drnovšek, University of Maribor, Slovenia; The Impact of Language Barriers on Cross-border Evidence Taking

Expert Panel:

1. Robert Bray, Head of Unit of the Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs of European Parliament
2. Vesna Rijavec, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University in Maribor, Slovenia
3. Matthias Neumayr, Judge of the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice, Professor of Law at Salzburg University, Austria

15:00 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break
15:30 – 18:00 SESSION 7: Common EU standards on rights of suspects, the accused and victims in criminal proceedings (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)

1. Magdalena Kania, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland; When Legal Principle Meets Politics. EU Criminal Legislation and the Question of Further European Integration
2. Marija Jovanović, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; The Principle of Non-Punishment of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings
3. Lina Burkelc Juras, University of Maribor, Slovenia; The right to interpretation and translation and the challenges it faces
4. Erik Uszkiewicz, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary; Relationship between police and Roma in Hungary
5. Tjaša Zapušek, University of Maribor, Slovenia; A Manifesto for Creating a New Better and Human Rights Friendly Data Retention Directive to Prevent Terrorism and Other Serious Crimes
6. Alina Drozda, Ternopil University, Ukraine; Common EU Standards on rights of suspects and accused in Ukrainian legislation
7. Miha Šošić, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; The Ne Bis in Idem Principle in EU law

Expert Panel:

1. Katja Šugman Stubbs, Professor of Criminal law and Criminology at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
2. Jorge Andújar Hernández, Senior Public Prosecutor, Prosecutor’s Office of Málaga, Spain, Correspondent of Eurojust National Correspondent System
3. Blaž Kovačič Mlinar, Attorney, Criminal Law Specialist, Ljubljana, Slovenia

18:00 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)

15:30 – 18:00 SESSION 8: Integration of environmental protection into EU policies (Lecture room A, 4th Floor)

1. Luka Veljović, University of Montenegro, Montenegro; Impact of changing European environmental policies to developing countries on Montenegrin example
2. Ida Lauridsen, Lund University, Sweden; Commission responsibility to monitor Member State Compliance with IEAs in the light of the Aarhus Convention
3. Davor Petrić, University of Zagreb, Croatia; University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Incorporating Concerns for Environmental Protection and Climate Change Mitigation in the EU Energy Policy and Regulation
4. Dušan Aleksić, University of Belgrade, Serbia; Water Pricing as a Method of Water Management
5. Jelena Pecotić, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Wildlife trafficking
6. Maja Lukić, University of Maribor, Slovenia; Right to Drinking Water
Day 3 – 2nd April 2016

10:00 – 12:30 SESSION 9: Democracy and rule of law in Central and South-eastern Europe (Auditorium Maximum, 2nd Floor)

1. Harun Išerić, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Challenges of Bosnia and Herzegovina Constitution reform on the path to the EU membership
2. Šimon Drugda, Nagoya University, Japan; Judicialization of Politics in Slovakia
3. Iryna Hnasevych, Jagiellonian University, Poland; Administrative capacity in countries acceding to the European Union on the example of Ukraine
4. Boldizsár Szentgali-Toth, University ELTE, Hungary; Minority protection within the European Union
5. Elisabeth Hoffberger, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria; The Justiciability of European Values: Are We Underestimating Art 2 TEU?
6. Iztok Štefanec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Constitutional act as a threat to the rule of law
7. Melinda Vittay, University ELTE, Hungary; Why strengthening the role of EU-citizens is an appropriate measure to combat national authorisation?

Expert Panel:

1. Tomislav Borić, Distinguished University Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Graz, Austria
2. Snježana Bagić, Deputy President of the Croatian Constitutional Court
3. Ernest Petrič, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia
4. Ákos Bence GÁT, Personal Advisor to the Minister of Justice of Hungary

12:30 Experts’ deliberation in the Jean Monnet Room (2nd Floor)

12.30 – 13.00: Coffee and snack break

13:00 – 14:30 REPORTS FROM SESSIONS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

AWARDS CEREMONY

CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS

Kateřina Štěpánová, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic
Kateřina is a judge candidate at the Regional Court of Ostrava, she has gained long professional experience as an attorney-at-law. In the past she worked as référendaire at the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic and undertook professional traineeships at the Court of Justice of EU in Luxembourg, as well as at the European Court of Human Rights and the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic.

Ana Bobić, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Ana is a doctoral student at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. Her research addresses the incidences of, and reasons for, constitutional clashes between the European Court of Justice and national constitutional courts. She is a research associate at the Law Department of the Zagreb School of Economics and Management in Croatia, as well as a legal consultant for a Brussels based agency Tipik, concerning the implementation of secondary EU law in Croatia.

Erik Kotlárik, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Erik obtained his Master’s degree in Law in 2009, at the University of Matej Bel, Slovakia, and in 2012, he became Master of Comparative Constitutional Law, at the Central European University, Hungary. He is a PhD. candidate in law in the Central European University, Hungary. In 2014 he received an Award for best statement of claim in the Warsaw Arbitration Moot Court Competition. A year later, he was also a Visiting Scholar in the University of Valencia, Spain.

Dino Gliha, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Dino is summa cum laude candidate of integrated BA-MA general law programme University of Zagreb. He was awarded The Faculty Council’s award for the best student of 1st year (2011/2012), 2nd year (2012/2013), 3rd year (2013/2014) and 4th year (2014/2015). He has five publications in domestic and international journals and one conference held. He also gained some working experience at Albina Dlačić attorney office in Zagreb.

Pia Ravter, University of Maribor, Slovenia
In 2008, Pia enrolled in Law Faculty, University of Ljubljana, where she was given the opportunity to work with Department of Constitutional Law in 2009. In 2011 she participated in regional Moot Court Competition on the ECHR. In 2012 she did her Erasmus exchange in Karl Franzes Universität. During her exchange she also worked on her diploma thesis with prof. ddr. Wolfgang Benedek. In 2014 she graduated cum laude and received an award for exceptional diploma thesis by Law Faculty, University of Ljubljana. Currently she is working on her doctoral thesis regarding International Human Rights and EU Constitutional Law.
Mandela Walter, European Inter – University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Italy
Mandela is a Ugandan lawyer. He possesses a Degree in the British Common Law (Legum Baccaleureus – LLB). He worked initially as a Legal Trainee at a law firm (Rwaganika & Co. Advocates) in Kampala (the Ugandan capital) and then moved to the Uganda Human Rights Commission as an Intern Human Rights Officer- Legal. He is pursuing a European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation. Currently, he is also an exchange student at Maastricht University in the Netherlands.

Simona Sobotovicova, University of the Basque Country, Spain; Université de Pau et des Pays de l’Adour, France
Simona is a Phd Candidate in Joint Cotutelle PhD programme in Human Rights, Public Power and European Union: Public and Private law and in Droit public at the University of the Basque Country and Université de Pau et des Pays de L’Adour. Collaborator of Jean Monnet Chair “The judicial protection of the fundamental rights in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ)”. (Ex)stagiare at the European Commission, the Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations.

Chloé Brière, Free University of Brussels, Belgium
Chloé is an Erasmus Mundus Fellow in “Globalisation, the EU and Multilateralism” at l’Université Libre de Bruxelles and l’Université de Genève. She holds an LL.M. in European law (College of Europe, Bruges, 2010) and a master in European Economic Law (Sciences Po Paris, Université de Strasbourg, 2009). Her PhD, co-supervised by Prof. A. Weyembergh (ULB) and Prof. R. Roth (UNIGE), deals with the fight against trafficking in human beings in the European Union’s neighbourhood, focusing on the legal aspects of the externalization of this EU policy.

Tamuna Beridze, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary
Tamuna is currently studying in two Universities in two different countries at the Master of Law Level. She works as active initiator and participant of the development of the Mediation in Georgia. Scholar of the several competitive programs such as “Future leaders Exchange Program” in the United States, ERASMUS MUNDUS Exchange program, Visegrad scholarship holder and scholar of the Summer University in University of Munich.

Ana Marija Apostoloska, University of Skopje, Macedonia
Ana Marija graduated from Ss. Cyril and Methodius University – Skopje, Macedonia; Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus” with a Bachelor’s degree in Law. Currently, she is a first year master’s student in Constitutional Law at the same Faculty. She is also doing internship at a Law Firm, which allows her to expand her knowledge. As a person who lives in multicultural environment, she finds the areas of human rights and constitutional values as significantly important and interesting.
**Nicolette Busuttil**, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

Nicolette obtained her LLM in Immigration Law from Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL) in 2015, after qualifying as a lawyer in Malta. She will start her PhD studies at QMUL in September 2016 looking at international protection obligations towards mentally ill migrants facing deportation. Until 2014, she worked at the Jesuit Refugee Service Malta providing legal assistance to refugees and other forcibly displaced migrants.

**Vilija Velyvyte**, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Vilija is a doctoral researcher at the University of Oxford and a Weidenfeld Scholar. Her research interests include EU constitutional law, and the interplay between the Internal Market and social policy. Her PhD thesis is concerned with the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in shaping the EU’s constitutional order. Before commencing her PhD, Vilija graduated from the Mjur in Law with distinction and MPhil in Law, both at Oxford University. Vilija completed her Bachelor of Laws (2008) and Masters in International Law (2010) at the Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania, where she graduated first in her class for both degrees.

**Nevena Milošević**, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Nevena is at her last year of studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade. She is a Research Editor of Student Economic Law Review and is mostly interested in Business Law. She has written a number of articles and conducted a collaborative research on issues related to the legal framework of agriculture. She was the Editor of a special issue of the Review dedicated to modalities of acquiring ownership on agricultural land throughout Europe in 2014. She has attended and participated at several conferences in Serbia and abroad.

**Renato Kenda**, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Renato is attending the last year of undergraduate bologna program at University of Maribor. His fields of interests include: Corporate law, Contract law and EU law. Renato is currently, president of ELSA Maribor, previously worked as marketing director. Has also participated in moot courts and attended international conference in Belgrade.

**Oksana Yashyna**, Ternopil National Economic University, Faculty of Law, Ukraine

Oksana obtained qualification of Bachelor and Specialist of Law at the Ternopil National Economic University. She is currently acquiring the degree of Master of Laws at the Ternopil National Economic University.
Jasmina Tabakovič, University of Maribor, Slovenia
Jasmina graduated in 2008 with a thesis in the field of EU Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Maribor where she is currently finishing her postgraduate studies on Trade Law of the EU. She has worked as a trainee clerk at the High Court in Ljubljana, then as a lawyer in private and public sector and has also operated part-time at the attorney. In 2013 she passed national judiciary exam. In 2014 and 2015 she was employed as the higher judicial advisor at the State Prosecutor’s Office in Maribor.

Nikola Filipović, University of Graz, Austria
Nikola is currently writing his doctoral thesis at the University of Graz, Faculty of Law on the topic of EU Commercial and Insurance Law. He has extensive teaching experience working and lecturing as University Assistant at the University of Graz and Belgrade Business School. He completed LL.M. at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law and holds both Bachelor of Applied Economics and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Belgrade. He is a member of the International Insurance Law Association (AIDA).

Lazar Obradović, University of Belgrade, Serbia
Lazar is a final year undergraduate law student at University of Belgrade. He is an editorial board member of the Student Economic Law Review and his fields of interest are economy-related branches of law. Lazar worked on several legal projects and attended several business and EU law conferences in Belgrade and abroad.

Katarzyna Katana, University of Gdansk, Poland
Katarzyna is a PhD candidate from University of Gdansk, she graduated from Jagiellonian University in Cracow in the field of law. She also spent part of her studies in the University of Malta. She specialises in biomedical law, law protection of cultural heritage and in human rights in relation to ownership and public interest. She is an co-author of few publications, for example Heritage, cultural assets, monuments, protection and care in law.

Davide Nardo, University of Trieste, Italy
Davide graduated from University of Bologna with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Criminological Science in December 2013. During this period he had an internship at an investigative agency for a Summer. The following year he started to study Political Science at the University of Trieste in order to obtain the Master’s degree in Science of Government and Public Policies. Currently he is writing the thesis on the fight against cybercrimes in the International Law and in the European Union Law.
Jerneja Horvat, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Jerneja graduated in 2014 and is currently in her second year of masters’, bologna program. She was a participant in 2014/2015 Willem C. Vis Moot Court competition for the team of University of Maribor, and this year she is a participant in European Law Moot Court competition for the team of University of Maribor. She is also a co-author of two articles published in Slovenian law journals (Pravna praksa, Dignitas).

Kristof Ruisz, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary

Kristof is a Junior lawyer at Diageo Business Services Limited (Budapest, Hungary). He graduated as juris doctor from Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Faculty of Law (Budapest, Hungary) in 2013. Currently, he is taking the LL.M course in International and European Business Law at ELTE. His main areas of professional interest: data privacy, commercial/business law.

Lori Dolores Kregar, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Lori Dolores was born in Ljubljana and graduated high school with an International Baccalaureate Diploma. She attended the Faculty of Economics thereafter, spending a semester abroad at ESSEC Business School in France and a year abroad at HEC Montreal in Canada. Currently, she studies at the Faculty of Computer Science, University of Ljubljana, as she wishes to pursue a career in data science.

Giacomo Pailli, University of Florence, Italy

Giacomo holds a PhD in Comparative Law (2013), University of Florence; LL.M. (2011), New York University School of Law; JD (2009), University of Florence. Admitted to practice law in Italy and in the State of New York. Member of European Law Institute, Italian Society for the Research and Study of Comparative Law (SIRD).

Zita Géresi-Sándor, University of Pécs, Hungary

Zita is working as a legal advisor at Airport Police Directorate in Budapest, Hungary since 2010. She stands for police at court and other formal procedures. Her specialty is administrative law and EU law (in the field of aviation law). At the same time, she is working on her PhD thesis devoted to the connections between passengers’ fundamental rights and aviation security.
Orsolya Emese Vallyon, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary
Orsolya graduated from ELTE Faculty of Law in 2015 and is currently attending post-graduate competition law program at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, and also holds a BA in Economics. She is mainly interested in financial market regulation, competition law (especially state aid, state monopolies and market liberalisation), consumer protection and economic policy-making. Emese is fluent in English, French and German, and speaks some Russian as well. She has studied in the U.S., Russia and France.

Justyna Nowak, University of Lodz, Poland
Justyna is a PhD student in the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Lodz in the Department of European Economic Law. She is interested in pharmaceutical and food law as well as commercial law in its theoretical and practical aspects. She also works in the law office where she serves as trainee solicitor.

Edita Beganović, University of Maribor, Slovenia
Edita is an undergraduate student at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor. She has done part of her studies in Brussels (Free University of Brussels). She has been working at the Government Communication Office for several years and has completed internship at the European Commission (Representation in Slovenia). She has participated in various projects (Transparency International – National Integrity System, Jean Monnet, MEUZ) and summer schools.

Danijela Vrbljanac, University of Rijeka, Croatia
Danijela is an assistant and a doctoral student at the Department of International and European Private Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka, Croatia. She received her LL.M. degree after completing the postgraduate specialized study “Law of European Integration” at the same Faculty. Currently she is writing her doctoral dissertation on the topic of private international law aspects of personality rights violations on the internet.

Sarolta Édua Szabó, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary
Sarolta graduated summa cum laude at ELTE Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest in 2015. Since September 2015 she is a Phd student at the Civil Procedure Law Department of ELTE. The topic of her Phd research is the standard of proof in civil procedures, her tutor is Prof. Dr. István Varga deputy dean and head of the Civil Procedure Law Department of ELTE. From 2009 until 2015 she was a member of the Civil Law Department of the Bibó István College of Advanced Legal Studies.
**Anastasia Gialeli**, Faculty of Law, University of Freiburg, Germany

Anastasia holds a law degree from the University of Athens, two LL.M. degrees in civil procedure (Athens) and in comparative civil law (Freiburg). Currently research assistant and PhD student at the Inst. of Foreign and International Private Law by Prof. Jan von Hein at the University of Freiburg, where she also teaches giving courses in German civil law. Main field of interest is EU Civil Procedure Law. Member of the Athens Bar Association and registered as European Lawyer in Freiburg.

**Katja Drnovšek**, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Katja is a PhD student and an assistant for civil procedure, philosophy and theory of law at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor. Her field of research is tightly connected to European civil procedure and she has previously assisted with implementation of EU project on cross-border evidence taking. She also holds a degree in Interlingual Studies and in Philosophy.

**Magdalena Kania**, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Magdalena is a PhD student in Political Science in the Department of National Security since 2015 and MA student in Law since 2012 at Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland). Erasmus+ Scholarship at University of Copenhagen (academic year 2014/2015). Scientific interests: International security, European criminal law, developing countries.

**Marija Jovanović**, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Marija is completing a doctoral thesis on the role of human rights law in addressing human trafficking at the Law Faculty, Oxford University. Marija has taught human rights law, criminal law and international law at Oxford University and in Serbia. Her research interests include: human rights law, criminal justice, international law and EU law.
Lina Burkelc Juras, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Lina, born in 1991, is attending the second year of masters’ bologna program at University of Maribor. She participated in Willem C. Vis Moot Court competition in 2014/2015 and is currently also competing in the 2015/2016 European Law Moot Court competition. Through all her years of study she actively engages as the president of her year and currently also as the editor of the student newspaper. She was a co-author of an article, published in a Slovenian law journal.

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Personal advisor to the Minister of Justice of Hungary, graduated from Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) and the University of Strasbourg in European law and business law. He also studied political sciences at the European campus of Sciences Po in Dijon and at Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona. In 2011, he founded a French association and European online debating magazine Duel Amical (www.duelamical.eu), awarded by the European Commission. In 2015 he was admitted to ENA (French National School of Administration) where he will start scholarship in September 2016. He gives lectures in French on Hungarian politics and central European political mentality at the University of Szeged and Pázmány Péter Catholic University of Budapest. In the Cabinet of the Minister he deals with matters directly related to the interest of the Minister, he prepares analyses related to French law and establishes high level contacts between France and Hungary.

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»Make men work together, show them that beyond their differences and geographical boundaries there lies a common interest.«

Jean Monnet, 1988-1979