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A. Organization & Management

1. Introduction

Based on the Ordinance of the Minister of Education and Sports No. 116, dated 13.03.2017 "On the opening of the main unit and the institutional re-organization of Epoka University", starting from the 2017-2018 academic year, the Department of Law has been established as part of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences. It started its academic activities during the 2018-2019 academic year by building upon the solid academic tradition of EPOKA University.

The mission of the Department of Law, through the integrated second cycle program in Law, is to prepare specialists in the field of law, future qualified leaders to contribute in the advancement of justice and the welfare of society; capable to engage in position in the judiciary, juridical bodies, prosecution, advocacy, notaries, bailiff, arbitration, central and local state administration, various institutions of state authorities, as well as in private sector.

Our integrated second-cycle study program is the only bilingual Law program in the country with English and Albanian as languages of instruction. It strongly emphasizes International and EU Law. The curriculum of the program has an inter-disciplinary approach with courses offered in collaboration with the other Departments from the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences as well as from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.

Our students will have the opportunity to participate in numerous mobility programs in the framework of the Erasmus+ program, as well as other bilateral agreements. They will also have the chance to experience the rich campus life at EPOKA and benefit from the internship programs. The Department is committed to being an active unit that aims to resolve legal, social, economic, domestic and international political problems of particular interest to society.

2. Study programs offered by the Department.

The Department of Law offers only one study program, the integrated study program in Law.

Pursuant to the Ordinance of the Minister of the Education, Sports and Youth No. 412, dated 18.09.2017, the Integrated second cycle study program in Law to be offered by the Department of Law under the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of EPOKA University has been licensed.

The Integrated second cycle study program in Law is a full-time study program, with a duration of 5 (five) academic years with 300 ECTS, and it is a bilingual program with Albanian and English as languages of instruction.

The study program enrolled its first cohort during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The integrated second cycle study program in Law offers to students the opportunity to gain analytical capacities and the basic concepts of law, legal terminology, legal theories and necessary procedures to deal with the theoretical and practical problems in the field of law.

Our department's integrated second cycle study program in law is in full compliance with the requirements of Albanian Higher Education Law. After completing this five-year program, students are conferred a Master of Science degree.

Students who graduate from the integrated second cycle study program in Law can become judges, prosecutors, lawyers, notaries, state lawyers, private or state bailiffs, as well as lawyers in the central and local state administration.

B. Resources

1. Department Staff (Full-time and Part-time)

Full-time Academic Staff



Dr. Gentjan Skara

Head of Department

Dr. Gentjan Skara holds an LLB from the University of Tirana (Albania); an MA in "European Studies" from Epoka University (Albania); an LLM for "South East European Law and European Integration" from the University of Graz; PhD in "EU Law and National Legal System program" from the University of Ferrara. From September 2021 until September 2022, Genti attended a Post-PhD Program in "Law and Technology" at MICHR. As of 1 August 2023, Genti is a full-time member of the Department of Law at Epoka University. Genti has been a visiting fellow at the Institute of Corporate and International Commercial Law, University of Graz (Austria), the Department of International Law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel (Switzerland). In May 2022, Genti published a book in a well-known publisher, Springer Nature, titled "Europeanization of Albanian Competition Law: The Case of Albania". Currently, Genti is editing a book on "Competition Law and Policy in the Western Balkan" to be published in early 2025 by Springer. His research interests relate to EU law, competition law, and the intersection of law and technology.

Besides academic engagement, Genti is a National Legal expert for the "Internal Market and Competition of EU acquis" near the Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania.



Prof. Dr. Endri Papajorgji

Lecturer

Prof. Dr. Endri PAPAJORGJI is a lawyer, legal expert and well-known lecturer in the field of law with over 15 years of experience. Prof. Endri Papajorgji has completed his higher studies (Bachelor-Master-PhD) in Law at "Karl Franzens Universität Graz", Austria and has earned the academic title "Associate Professor" from the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana in May 2015. In June 2022 he earned the academic title "Professor Doctor" from the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

Prof. Endri Papajorgji has carried out scientific research work at the University of Graz, Maribor, Vienna, Leuven, Salzburg, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Munich, Regensburg, Skopje, Tetova, Pristina, etc., as well as at the EU Institutions in Brussels and Luxembourg. Prof. Endri Papajorgji has worked as lawyer at several international and local legal offices (Vienna, Graz, Tirana), as well as Professor at the "Karl Franzens Universität Graz" Austria and Professor at several public and private universities in Albania. His areas of scientific research where he also lectures as a "Professor" are focused in the field of civil law, including the following subfields:

- European law – EU Market;
- Business Law;
- Right of Arbitration;
- Private international law;
- International and European commercial law;
- International and Albanian competition law;
- EU obligation law;
- Protection of personal data;
- Digital Law and cyber security;

From 2004 onwards, he is a legal expert and then Legal Director of the Scientific Institute "International Institute for Private, Commercial and Competition Law" based in Graz, Austria.

Prof. Endri Papajorgji has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Law of Tirana Business University from 2014 - 2022 and Deputy. Rector since October 2015 – October 2022.

Prof. Endri Papajorgji has worked as Cabinet Advisor in 2022 at the Albanian High Council of Prosecution.

During the period 2007 - onward, he was part of dozens of working groups in the framework of the drafting of legislation in the field of law and education, as well as a legal expert in several projects financed by USAID, OSCE, UNDP, etc.

Prof. Endri Papajorgji has published 8 scientific books, 2 of which in Germany and 6 in Albania. He has published over 150 scientific articles in international scientific conferences and journals with a total of more than 6000 pages in the form of scientific monographs, scientific articles, textbooks, publications in proceedings with ISBN and ISSN, book chapters, opinions and legal drafts. etc.

Prof. Endri Papajorgji is a Member of the Albanian National Chamber of Advocacy, Member of the Albanian National Chamber of Mediation, Executive Director of the International Institute for Private, Commercial and Competition Law, Member of Uni Graz Network, Editor-in-Chief of the international scientific journal "Academic Journal of Business, Administration, Law and Social Sciences", Board Member of the "Albanian Social Economic Review", etc.

His selected publications include the following monographs and textbooks:

1. Ausgewählte Kapitel des Strafrechts in Albania, Dr. Müller Verlag (2010) (100 pages) (Monograph) (ISBN: 9783639302080).
2. European Private Law, ILAR (2012) (210 pages) (ISBN: 9789928107602).
3. International Commercial and Business Law, ILAR (2012) (250 pages) (ISBN: 9789928107619).
4. Private International Law, ILAR (2013) (320 pages) (ISBN: 9789928107886).
5. Privatisierung von Unternehmen in Albanien und Mazedonien im Rechtsvergleich, Saarbruecken Verlag der Rechtswissenschaften (2013) (Monograph) (376 pages) (ISBN: 9783861941231).
6. International and Albanian competition law ILAR (2014) (250 pages) (ISBN: 9789928419538).
7. Privatization in Albania (Monograph) (2015) (150 pages) (9789928428431).
8. Competition Law-International Jurisprudence and Practice, (2016) (190 pages) (ISBN: 9789928214119).



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana Hajdini

Lecturer

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana Hajdini holds a LLM and PhD in Law from Faculty of Law, University of Tirana. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hajdini has a wide range of academic and professional experiences. She is a member of the Department of Law at Epoka University and has been teaching at Tirana University, Faculty of Law, and other Institution of Higher Education in Albania. Besides academic engagement, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana has worked as Head of the Legal Opponent Office at the Ministry of Justice, advisor on human rights issues at Prime Minister's Office, as State Advocate, before High Court and Constitutional Court, lawyer and legal expert in private and public institutions. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana has published in various national and international journals, and her research interests relate to public and criminal law.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gelande Shkurtaj

Lecturer

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gelanda SHKURTAJ was born in Tirana. She obtained a Full Master's Degree at Tiana University in Biochemistry in 1997. She also obtained a second Full Master's Degree in Law at Genoa University (Italy) in 2009. In 2011 she received a Full L.L.M in International Taxation Law at the University of Genoa (Italy). In 2018 obtained the PhD in Law and Legal Anthropology at the Academy of Sciences of Albania. In 2024 she received the academic title of Associate Professor in Law and Legal Anthropology. Between 2002 and 2011 she worked as a Technical Adviser and Court Expert at the General Prosecutor's Office in Genoa (Italy). From 2012 on she worked as Senior Project Manager for the IPA cross-border EU funds programme. She has been a member of the Tirana Bar Association since 2009 and a member of the Albanian National Chamber of Notary since 2013. She has great consolidated experience in legal comparative studies. In 2024 she achieved the Fulbright Visiting Scholar at "Temple" University in the USA. Since 2016 she has priorly been an Adjunct Faculty and a full-time professor at the Department of Law at EPOKA University. Since 2019 she has been an Adjunct Professor of Tax Law at the Master of II Level at "La Sapienza" University Rome. In the same University she is a scientific correspondent of the International Tax Law Review. She is the author of many articles published in indexed factor journals and also the author of two monographs. She is a Board member of the "European Wasatia Graduate School on Peace and Conflict Resolution" of Europa Universitat-Flensburg (Germany).

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Dr. Alba Gërdeci

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Dr. Alba Gerdeci has been working at Epoka University, in Tirana, Albania, as of 16 years, holding various administrative positions. As of 2013, she has directed the International Relations Office, negotiating, drafting, and ensuring implementation of international agreements with partner institutions in different parts of the world. Dr. Alba Gerdeci received her Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Tirana in 2019. She has a Master of Second Level in Business Administration from Epoka University and an Integrated Diploma in Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana. As of 2010, she has been teaching law courses at the undergraduate level delivered to non-lawyer audiences such as: Introduction to Law, Business Law, International Law, and Constitutional Law. The language of instruction of all these courses was English. Currently, she teaches Public International Law and International Criminal Law courses to the students of Law and Political Sciences and International Relations Departments. She is a member of the

International Law Association Albanian Branch and European Society of Criminology. Her research areas include human rights, international law, international criminal law, the responsibility to protect and the United Nations system.



Dr. Eglantina Farruku

Lecturer

Dr. Eglantina Farruku was graduated from University of Luarasi in law (2009), received the M.Sc. degree in Political Science & International Relations from Epoka University (2012), and her Ph.D. from Epoka University (2020). She is presently the lecturer of Law at the Department of Law of Epoka University. Her research area is focused on Political Science and Law related issues: Human Security, Child Security and Human Rights. She has participated in many international conferences and published various international articles. She is a Member of Bar Association since 2011.



Dr. Heliona Miço

Lecturer

Dr. Heliona Miço is a lecturer of Public and Constitutional Law, in the Law department at “EPOKA University”. Dr. Miço was educated at the Faculty of Law at the University of Tirana, Albania, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. She has completed the Master's study program in Civil Sciences at the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana and the Master's study program in Public Administration, offered by the Faculty of Economics, of the University of Tirana in collaboration with the University of Nebraska, USA. She has defended her PhD at the Institute of European Studies, at the University of Tirana with the thesis “A general overview of the right to education in Albania. Development of this right in accordance with international standard and European legislation.” She had worked in public administration for around 13 years. She was engaged as a lawyer in the Legal Department of the Ministry of Education and at the Center of Educational Services in the position of Director of State Exams for Regulated Professions.

She is involved as a researcher in “Introducing Modules on Law and Rights in programmes of teacher training and educational sciences: A Contribution to Building rights-based education systems in Countries in Transition” (EduLAW) Erasmus+ Mundus Curriculum Development project, and she co-edited the book “Introductory Textbook On Law and Rights for Students in Teacher Training and Educational Sciences”, Lauwers, G. Lumani (Zaçellari), M. Miço, H. (Eds.), Mileniumi i Ri, 2019, Durres, Albania, ISBN 978-9928-174-65-9. She has participated in the Teaching Mobility programs in the framework of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Agreement signed between EPOKA University and the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy.

She is part of the working group WG1 Fundamental and vertical dimension of human rights online of Cost action CA19143 “Global Digital Human Rights Network (GDHRNet)”, a member of Working Group WG1 School Climate Assessment/Development, Working Group WG4 Pupil Voice & The Promotion of Inclusion and Working Group WG5 School Design & Safety of Cost Action CA 18115 Transnational Collaboration on Bullying, Migration and Integration at School Level (TRIBES), and a member of Working Group WG2 The Perspective of Children and Youth and Working Group WG3 Social Rights and Social Protection of CA 21143 Transnational Family Dynamic in Europe (TraFaDy).

Dr. Miço is also a member of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE). She is an external evaluation expert at the QAAHE and a national consultant in education for UNICEF Albania. She is a member of several editorial boards of international journals and is engaged as a reviewer in several international journals. Her research is focused on human rights, the right to education, quality assurance, educational systems and policy, child's rights, and social justice.

Dr. Miço is the winner of the READ Fellowship Program from the Albanian American Development Foundation (AADF) for the “Legal Protection of minorities: Compliance of Albanian Domestic Legislation with International Instruments/Human Rights Treaties” project, as a resident scholar for the academic year 2024-2025.



Dr. Kelmend Nezha
Lecturer

Dr. Kelmend Nezha is a legal professional and academic, serving as the Head of the Institutional and Legal Affairs Office and lecturer in the Department of Law at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences (FLSS) at EPOKA University. With a distinguished career in law and education, Dr. Nezha has held key positions, including Faculty Chancellor and University Administrator. He

began his legal journey as an assistant lawyer, advancing through roles in academia and administration. His work highlights his ability to navigate complex legal and organizational frameworks. Committed to promoting justice and education, he is a licensed lawyer since 2013, Dr. Nezha holds a PhD with research focused on citizen participation in decision-making.



MSc. Najada Kiliç

Assistant Lecturer

MSc. Najada Kilic graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Ankara and holds an LLM in Civil law from the Faculty of Law at Tirana University. Currently, Najada is attending the PhD Program in Civil Law at the Faculty of Law at Tirana University. Since 2019, Najada holds the position of assistant lecturer at the Department of Law at Epoka University. Najada's commitment is to contribute to academia sharing her long professional experience in the field of law. She has published different articles in international journals.

In addition to academic experience, Najada is a licensed attorney and member of the Bar Association, with an experience of more than 23 years and specialised in M&A, competition, employment, real estate, data protection, internal control, risk management, local and international audit procedures of corporates, etc. Currently, Najada is from 2019. At the same time, Najada is the Head of Legal Affairs of Turgut Ozal EDUCATION Sh.a.



Dr. Desara Dushi

Lecturer (Administrative Leave)

Part time Academic Staff

No.	Academic Staff with Contracts (Name Surname)	Title /Degree Qualifications	Institution where they work full time
1	Eralda Çani	Prof. Dr.	University of Tirana, Faculty of Law
2	Marjana Semini (Tutulani)	Prof. Dr.	School of Magistrates
3	Hasan Bello	Assoc. Prof. Dr.	Academy of Albanological Studies, Institute of History
4	Ada Guven	Dr.	Bedër University College, Faculty of Humanities
5	Avenir Peka	Dr.	Rubin Legal Consultants
6	Ermal Nazifi	Dr.	IOM, UN MIGRATION
7	Ledinë Mandija	Dr.	Ledina Mandija
8	Lorenc Gordani	Dr.	TBU University College
9	Mirgen Prençe	Dr.	TBU University College
10	Ornela Rrumbullaku	Dr.	Prosecutor's Office at the Court of First Instance in Tirana
11	Adena Vangjeli	M.Sc	Center for Gender Justice in Albania
12	Albana Karapanço	M.Sc.	Albanian-American Development Foundation
13	Gledis Nano	M.Sc.	BAMI HOLDING

Teaching Assistant Staff



Aleksandër Haliti



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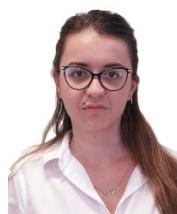


Katerina Çela

Administrative Staff



Morena Shima
Faculty Administrator



Alma Pupli
Coordinator

Academic Visitors (2023- 2024) N/A

Name Surname (Title)	Title	Sending University	Host Department at Epoka University	Cycle	Mobility Period

2. Finance

Income and Expenditure Summary

- Integrated Second Cycle Study Program in Law*

-Income and various financing for **Integrated Second Cycle Study Program in Law** during the 2023-2024 academic year:

Income (in Euro)	2023-2024
Tuition fees for and during studies	180,721.06
TOTAL	180,721.06

-Expenditures for **Integrated Second Cycle Study Program in Law** during the 2023-2024 academic year:

	2023-2024		
Expenditures (in EURO)	Salaries	Expenditures	Investments
Tuition and other student fees	301,703.8	22,300.08	14,016.24
Total	301,703.8	22,300.08	14,016.24

3. IT Resources, Physical Infrastructure and Library Resources

The Department of LAW is entitled to use all the resources and infrastructure of Epoka University.

The Information and Communication Technologies Coordinating Office (ICTCO) provides informatics services needed in the University. It plans the informatics infrastructure of the University, provides its security and ensures the continuation of its functions. ICTCO works on the project for effective, legal and extensive usage of the informatics services for students and personnel and provides the following services:



Teaching Services:

- **Turnitin** software helps users to understand and avoid plagiarism and develop their understanding of how to cite sources as part of an academic argument. The ICTC office manages the users and trains the staff in how to use Turnitin.
- **Learning Management System (LMS)** – A service based on Moodle offered for students and instructors in order to access, coordinate and organize course materials online. Students and instructors can log in to LMS using the provided official email account.
- **Library Automation System (Koha)** - Koha is an open-source Integrated Library System in use today by hundreds of libraries worldwide. Koha is web based, so there is no software to install on desktop computers. Users can check the books online and reserve them via the web. Its features are more than enough to manage the Epoka Library effectively and efficiently.
- **DSpace**– The institutional repository of Epoka University: DSpace is an open-source repository software package typically used for creating open access repositories for scholarly and/or published digital content. The proceedings of the conferences which are organized by Epoka University can be accessed from this repository. Epoka University is the only university that has a digital repository in Albania (<http://repositories.webometrics.info/en/Europe/Albania>). We also give services to other international journals to publish their publications in our digital repository (<http://dspace.epoka.edu.al/handle/1/1378>).

Google Services:

- **Webmail (Google account)** –Epoka University is using Google Apps for Education services and all students and academic and administrative staff are provided with an email address under epoka.edu.al domain which is a Google account. Besides official communication, which is done through this email address, this account can be used for authentication to other online systems offered by the university.
- **Google Classroom** – A more interactive service offered by Google as part of Google Apps for education in order to access, coordinate and organize course materials on cloud. By using Google Classroom, course materials can be integrated with other Google services where assigned users can collaborate. Students and instructors can access this service using the provided account.

Education Information System (Curriculum) – a website containing information related to study programs, curriculum and course syllabuses.

Smart Card: All students and staff are provided with Smart Card identification cards. The Smart Card is put as an e-ID application at three buildings, two PC labs, one Electronics Lab, and campus gate entry turnstiles and barriers. The e-wallet application is active for staff but has not started yet for students.

Help Desk: ICTCO is also responsible for the maintenance of personnel and PC Lab computers in respect to software and hardware. Its staff monitors the personal computers within the frame of distribution of duty and authority and brings the issues to a conclusion. At the same time, ICTCO plans servers and cabling services for the University. Staff can open tickets via help.epoka.edu.al for their ICTCO-related problems and follow the process from here. You can share your opinions on every subject related to information technologies and informatics with help@epoka.edu.al and you can also write your complaints and suggestions for a better campus life.

Software Opportunities

Epoka University has a subscription to the Microsoft Program which is called Dream Spark. It supports technical education by providing access to Microsoft software for learning, teaching and research purposes. Epoka University also provides Office 365 accounts to all staff and students, which includes all office applications for free.

Network:

- **Wireless:** Epoka University provides wireless internet connection to all Epoka members on the campus. As ICTCO, we ensure that the wireless signal is strong and covers everywhere on campus.
- **Wired:** Besides wireless, there are three PC labs, one Civil Engineering lab, one Electronics lab, one PhD study room and a library where PCs serve students and staff with wired internet. In the Epoka Library and one of the classrooms, there are plug and use stations next to each table where students and staff can use wired internet and electricity for their laptops.
- **Digital Signage:** There are four TVs on campus, which are used to inform Epoka members about the latest news and announcements.

Epoka Interactive Systems (EIS)



Recognizing the needs of campus community, Epoka has made a strategic decision to replace its aging, cumbersome, and vendor-supported student, instructors, and staff systems with a modern, nimble and effective internally built system that includes admissions, enrolment, registration, financial aid, student, instructor, and staff accounts, and advising in one platform.

EIS is developed by ICTCO at Epoka University. From the user interface, EIS is an online interactive system where users can log in using the provided official email account. It is a modular system organized by roles and respective units at the university and the information is stored in a centralized database. All users have access to their personal information, can update general details and CV and they can manage job related tasks and activities according to their role and job position.

- **Students:** Students in their profile can access their personal information and information related to their study program. Course registration is done through the system and after that, students can view the ongoing academic activity of the registered courses during the semester. They can check attendance, exam dates, interim grades and final grades. Also, in the system, they can access the program curriculum, transcript, grade calculation, weekly schedule, requests and notifications. The EIS prompts students when they are in the “warning zone” for financial or academic issues. It empowers students to create course plans to ensure timely graduation.
- **Instructors:** Academic staff, including full-time and part-time lecturers can have access to their courses assigned in the current semester and can also view previously assigned courses. Lecturers can update the syllabus, complete student attendance, assign and finalize grades. Advisor lecturers can have access to academic information of the students assigned for advisory and they can approve student course registration.

- **Coordinators:** The opening of courses according to course appointment in each semester is done by department coordinators and approved by faculty coordinators. Coordinators can monitor the academic activity of the lecturers under the respective department.
- **Admissions and Registrar's Office:** Admissions Office enters all pre-registered student information and assigns scholarships. After the student has completed the registration, all the related information entered by the Admissions office is managed by the Registrar's office.
- **Finance:** Finance office can manage and follow up all student financial information related to tuition fees and scholarship.
- **Human Resources:** The Human resources office can manage all staff information data and assign roles and job positions for each staff member.
- **Curriculum:** a website containing information related to study programs, curriculum and course syllabus.

All users have access to their personalized reports according to their roles and respective units. Faculties and units are liberated from tedious manual tasks. EIS supplies them with new and most updated information that will empower them to make informed decisions based on data.

EIS can be continuously updated with new modules according to the university's needs. EIS can be accessed via: <https://eis.epoka.edu.al> and users can log-in by their Epoka Mail account credentials.

Physical Infrastructure

The campus extends over a total area of 67,000 m². Through the year, students and lecturers have used different classes in D- Building. This building has modern infrastructure and a central heating and cooling system. The classrooms are equipped with video projectors and smart boards that enable the normal conduct of the learning process. In addition to classes, there are plenty of recreational facilities for students such as cafeterias, libraries, internet cafés, facilities for the Student Council and student clubs, sports facilities, etc.

For departmental activities and events, the LAW Department extensively uses the meeting rooms as well as the Conference Hall, which has a capacity of 99 people. The conference Hall is used for the PIR Department's social, cultural and various national and international forums and conferences.

Premises of the Faculty

Premises for the Faculties	Quantity	Surface (m ²)
Auditoria/Classrooms for lectures	3	210
Classrooms for seminars	5	284
Premises for promotion activities	1	128
Classrooms for course/professional practice	1	52
Laboratories for courses	1	52
Informatics laboratories	1	95
Internet Room	1	95
Library Hall	1	400
Premises for photocopying, bookshop etc.	1	33.6
Student information office	2	71
Corridors/halls	11	553
Sports premises	4	2100
Premises for service to third parties	1	56
Restrooms (WC) for students	19	94.7
Total Surface		3925.2
Ratio m²/students	3925.2 m² /154 std = 25.49 m² per student	
Premises for personnel:	Quantity	Surface
Offices for the Dean/Vice-Dean	1	27.5
Office for the Administrator	1	22.5
Office for Vice Rector	1	31.5
Offices for the Department Coordinators	1	22.5
Offices for departments/research centres	4	90
Offices for the academic personnel	5	112.5
Office for the Finance Office	2	37
Office for the Internal Quality Assurance Unit	1	13
Meeting rooms	1	27.5
Premises for service personnel	4	10
Premises for the activities of the Student Council	1	30
Recreation premises such as cafeteria/fast food/ restaurant	2	537
Restrooms (WC) for academic personnel	4	32
Total Surface		1231.5
Ratio m² per person	1231.5 m² /73 pers =16.87	

Library

The EPOKA University Library, which is located on the first floor of A- Building in the EPOKA University Campus, was founded to support the education and research activities of the university

by providing and organizing the needed documents. With its 100-seating capacity, our library has a 400 square meters area of use. Our University Library is composed of an entrance, book and reading hall. In the entrance, there is a check out desk. The periodicals, including the exhibition of new arrivals, are also shelved in this section. The reading hall is equipped for students to study and to do research. EPOKA University is a member of the Balkan Libraries Union which was founded on 29 July 2009 with the participation of 10 institutions from 6 Balkan countries. Our library collection is enriched by purchases and donations. The books to buy are chosen in accordance with the needs and requests of the students, administrative and academic staff. Under the Department of Library and Documentation, the library has a total of about 7500 printed books.

Digital Databases

EPOKA University has full membership in JSTOR, a shared digital library created in 1995 that includes more than 2,000 academic journals. JSTOR was founded to help libraries and academic publishers transition their activities from print to digital operations, to expand access to scholarly content around the world and to preserve it for future generations. Every member of EPOKA staff can access JSTOR's collections by going to <http://www.jstor.org/> and searching or browsing for content.

Using the Library

Our library works on an open shelf system enabling you to reach the books directly. The books in the open shelves are topically sorted in the book hall according to the LC classification method. To find the book you are looking for, you should follow these steps:

1. Through the catalog search computers in the library; you can search author name, book name, and publisher, topic, or keyword areas.
2. To get the book, you can go to the shelves with the classification and location numbers of the books appearing on the screen as a result of your search.

Regulations

Students of Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree and Master Students and academic and administrative personnel are the members of the library. They can borrow library materials in accordance with the rules. Researchers coming from outside the university are not lent books, they are only allowed to use and copy the materials in the library. Readers in this group are requested to fill up the related form Lending Service.

Circulation Rules

Resource	Patron	Loan period(days)	Maximum number of check-outs(items)

Book	Pre-undergraduate/Undergraduate students	15	3
	Graduate students	15	5
	Staff	20	5
Bound Journal	Graduate students Staff	5	2
Visual/Audio Resources	Pre-undergraduate/Undergraduate students Graduate students Staff	3	3

C. Curriculum, Teaching, Learning & Assessment

1. The Curriculum for Study Program Integrated Second Cycle Study Program in Law

Curriculum for Study Program Integrated second cycle study program in Law																						
Program Integrated second cycle study program in Law Course/ Module		S e m e s t e r	E C T S	W e e k l y h o u r s	Teaching at auditorium and site work												Total			E x a m s		
					Lecture			Seminar			Exercises/ Laboratories			Forms of continuous control and professional practice sessions, conducted in the auditorium			Professiona l practi ce, site practi ce or intern ship	In au di to ri um	In de pe n d e n t w o r k		T o t a l	
					E C T S	In a u d i to ri um	In de pe n d e n t w o r k	E C T S	In au di to ri um	In de pe n d e n t w o r k	E C T S	In au di to ri um	In de pe n d e n t w o r k	E C T S	In au di to ri um	In de pe n d e n t w o r k						
Year I																						
1	LAW 101- Public Law	I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		
2	LAW 103- History of Political-Legal Institutions	I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		
3	LAW 109- Roman Law	I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		
4	PIR 111- Introduction to Political Science	I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2		
5	ECO 101- Introduction to Economics I	I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		
6	ENG 107- Core English ENG 109- Developing Reading and Writing Skills	I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2		
7	LAW 102- Civil Law I	II	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2		
8	LAW 104- Criminal Law I	II	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2		
9	LAW 106- Philosophy of Law	II	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		
10	LAW 108- Fundamentals and Methods of Legal Reasoning and Writing	II	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		
11	LAW 110- Legal English	II	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2		

12	LAW 116- Constitutional Law	II	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
In Total			6 0	40	6 0	6 4 0	86 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	640	86 0	1 5 0 0	2 4
Year II																					
1	LAW 205- Civil Law II	II I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
2	LAW 207- Law of Obligations I	II I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
3	LAW 209- Administrative Law I	II I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
4	LAW 211- Criminal Law II	II I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
5	LAW 213- Labour and Social Security Law	II I	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
6	LAW 215- Academic Research and Writing	II I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
7	LAW 202- Legislative Technique	I V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
8	LAW 204- Criminology- Penology	I V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
9	LAW 206- Family Law	I V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
10	LAW 208- Law of Obligations II	I V	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
11	LAW 210- Administrative Law II	I V	5	4	5	6 4	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	1 2 5	2
12	LAW 212- Human Rights	I V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
In Total			6 0	43	6 0	6 8 8	81 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	688	81 2	1 5 0 0	2 4
Year III																					
1	LAW 301- Civil Procedure Law	V	5	5	5	8 0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	45	1 2 5	2
2	LAW 303- Criminal Procedure Law	V	5	5	5	8 0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	45	1 2 5	2
3	LAW 305- Legal Ethics	V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
4	LAW 307- Commercial Law	V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
5	LAW 309- Sociology of Law	V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
6	LAW 311- Administrative Contracts	V	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2

7	LAW 302- Financial Law	V I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
8	LAW 304- Public International Law	V I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
9	LAW 306- Administrative Justice	V I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
10	LAW 308- Institutions and Policies of the EU	V I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
11	LAW 310- Land Law	V I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
12	LAW 312- Insolvency Law	V I	5	3	5	4 8	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	77	1 2 5	2
In Total			6 0	40	6 0	6 4 0	86 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	640	86 0	1 5 0 0	2 4
Year IV																					
1	LAW 401- EU Law	V II	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
2	LAW 403- International Business Law	V II	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
3	LAW 405- Private International Law	V II	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
4	LAW 407- Alternatives of Conflict Resolution and Arbitration	V II	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
5	LAW 409- International Intellectual Property	V II	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
6	LAW 402- International Competition Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
7	LAW 404- EU Commercial Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
8	LAW 408- European Contract Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
9	LAW 410- Legal Clinic	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
10	LAW XXX- Elective	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
Elective Courses																					
	LAW 412- EU Constitutional Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 414- Gender Equality and Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 416- Law and Technology	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 418- Law and Politics	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 420- Rule of Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2

	LAW 422- Law, Politics and Media	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 424- Environmental Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 426- Consumer Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 428- International Human Rights Law	V II I	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
In Total			6 0	40	6 0	6 4 0	86 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	640	86 0	1 5 0 0	2 0
Year V																					
1	LAW 501- International Criminal Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
2	LAW 503- International Environmental Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
3	LAW 505- Contemporary Issues in Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
4	LAW XXX- Elective	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
5	LAW XXX- Elective	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
Elective Courses																					
	LAW 507- Law of Treaties	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 509- European Human Rights	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 511- Legal Psychology	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 513- Forensics	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 515- Comparative Constitutional Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 517- Social Protection	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 519- Public Procurement Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 521- Banking Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 525- European Administrative Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 527- Cyber Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
	LAW 529- European Competition Law	I X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2
6	LAW 502- Internship	X	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	64	86	1 5 0	-

7	LAW 504- Thesis	X	1 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 0 0	-	
8	LAW XXX- Elective	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
9	LAW XXX- Elective	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
Elective Courses																						
	LAW 506- Tax and Customs Law	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 508- Intellectual Property	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 510- Insurance Law	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 512- Law of Sea	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 514- European Criminal Law	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 516- Law and Social Policies	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 518- International and EU Immigration Law	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 520- The Right to Education and Education Legislation	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 522- Accounting and Audit	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 524- Comparative Legal Systems Law	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 526- Comparative Criminal Law	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
	LAW 528- Criminalistics	X	6	4	6	6 4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	86	1 5 0	2	
In Total				6 0	32	4 4 2	4 4 8	60 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	512	68 8	1 5 0 0	1 4

2. Students' List of Theses

Student: Aleksandër Haliti

Thesis Title: The Impact of the Digitization Process on Increasing the Efficiency of the Judicial System: The Case of Albania

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana Hajdini

Thesis Summary: The efficiency of the judicial system in Albania is one of the most concerning issues today. This comes as a result of shortage of judges as a result of the vetting process. The reform as “emptied” the courts, leading to delays in delivering justice. Under these circumstances,

increasing the efficiency of the judicial system is a necessary step that must be undertaken. With the latest developments in information technology, such as artificial intelligence and traditional computer programs, it is possible to enhance the efficiency of the judicial system in Albania. This article analyzes the two concepts of digitalization and the efficiency of the judicial system, then explaining the situation of Albania in relation to these two concepts before and after the justice reform. Then, it is analyzed what would be the steps that Albania would have to take regarding the implementation of digitalization as a tool to increase the efficiency of the judicial system. Through this research, we will answer the question: “How can the digitalisation process help increase the efficiency of the judicial system in Albania?”. This research argues that the digitalization process of the judicial system in Albania is still in its early stages and that appropriate steps have been taken for the integration and use of artificial intelligence and computer programs. Additionally, the positive and negative aspects of the digitalization of the judiciary concerning efficiency improvements will be analyzed. The conclusion reached by this research is that the digitalization process has significantly increased the efficiency of the judiciary of other countries and that the digitalization of the judicial system should also progress in Albania in order to increase its efficiency and fix the damages that have come as a result of the vetting process.

Student: Bethni Levendi

Thesis Title: Freedom of Religion During the Dictatorship Period in Albania, Its Practice and Recognition After the 90’s

Supervisor: Dr. Heliona Miço

Thesis Summary: This thesis explores the state of religious freedom in Albania during the period of communist dictatorship, its practice under a regime that declared itself the first atheist state in the world, and the subsequent recognition and resurgence of religious rights after the 1990s. The research delves into the policies implemented by the regime to suppress religious institutions and expressions of faith, the strategies employed by religious communities to maintain their practices clandestinely, and the impact of these oppressive measures on the Albanian population. With the fall of communism, Albania underwent significant sociopolitical changes that included the restoration of religious freedom. This thesis examines the legislative and social transformations that facilitated the revival of religious practices and the reintegration of religious communities into the public sphere. By analyzing historical documents, legislative framework, and contemporary reports, the study provides a comprehensive overview of the complex relationship between religion and state in Albania from the era of dictatorship to the post-communist period, highlighting the enduring resilience of faith amidst political oppression and the challenges of rebuilding religious identity in a modern democratic context.

Student: Desada Gjabri

Thesis Title: Marital Wealth Regime in Albania Based on Commercial Activities

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Endri Papajorgji

Thesis Summary: Marriage is one of the most important social and legal institutions. The moment of marriage brings with it a series of rights and obligations for both partners, which are related to

the personal and material aspects of their lives. In this paper, attention is focused on the marital aspect of marital relations and how this aspect is legally regulated, especially in relation to commercial activities undertaken by spouses during marriage. The entire complex of laws that build this legal framework for the treatment of the couple's property in marriage is called the matrimonial property regime of a country.

Spouses' property relations are an aspect closely related to family dynamics, where the influence of other factors, such as love, respect, trust and support, often has a tangible impact on this sphere. This makes them a specific, unique form that differs from other property relations in the non-civil context.

The main purpose of this study is to analyze the legal regime of the commercial activities created by the spouses during marriage, examining the legislation in Albania. Also, it is intended to offer a perspective for improving the legal framework, with the aim of protecting the rights and fulfilling the obligations of the spouses.

The research also aims to address some controversial issues in Albanian judicial practice regarding the right of the husband in commercial activity, trying to provide answers through the analysis of practical cases and principles of family law.

Student: Jozef Sterkaj

Thesis Title: Compliance of the Albanian Legal System with the Eu Acquis: The Case of Judiciary Reform in Albania

Supervisor: Dr. Gentjan Skara

Thesis Summary: This master thesis takes a deep dive into the legal and doctrinal dimensions of Albania's Justice Reform and its implications for the country's EU accession process. It examines the reforms from both a theoretical and practical perspective, assessing how these changes have impacted the judiciary and whether they fulfill the EU's criteria for accession. Special emphasis is placed on European Commission reports, which have consistently evaluated Albania's progress and provided recommendations for further reform. These reports serve as a critical lens through which the success and shortcomings of the Justice Reform can be measured.

Furthermore, this study explores the doctrinal analysis of justice reforms, offering insights into how legal scholars and policymakers view the ongoing changes in Albania's legal framework. By unraveling the intricate relationship between domestic reforms and EU accession requirements, the thesis aims to provide a nuanced understanding of the reform's impact on Albania's progress toward European integration. The broader context of this research reflects on Albania's evolving political landscape, the resilience of its institutions, and the determination of its people to join the European Union.

Student: Sara Agalliu

Thesis Title: Juvenile Justice in Albania. A Reflection on Legal Reforms and Judicial Practice

Supervisor: Dr. Alba Gërdeci

Thesis Summary: Juvenile criminality represents one of the most widespread and rapidly growing issues within Albanian society. This study aims to dissect the multifaceted nature of juvenile crime,

examining its components and dynamics. By analyzing trends in juvenile delinquency in Albania over the years and comparing them to international standards, this research seeks to draw parallels and adapt practices accordingly. Additionally, an examination of actions taken on juveniles, as reflected in judicial decisions, will elucidate the functioning and adaptability of the system in providing youth-friendly services. The study will scrutinize the Juvenile Justice Strategy and the Action Plans for 2018-2021 and 2022-2026 and also highlight both the parallels and challenges encountered in practice. Particular attention will be given to issues such as recidivism among minors, the assurance of due process, and their reintegration into society. The goal of this analysis is to identify and address the shortcomings in current approaches to juvenile justice, ensuring that solutions are robust and equitable, thus upholding the rights of minors in Albania.

Student: Xhesilda Ndoj

Thesis Title: Transfer of Real Estate According to Albanian Legislation into Power. Tax Legislation According to These Forms of Transfer

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj

Thesis Summary: Property and the legal issues related to it are of a very complex nature. This complexity is amplified in the current Albanian situation, where as a result of a long political, economic and ideological transition, there have been and continue to be present, many legal and social problems related to it. The transition through two political systems, to the market economy system, without even having the basic notions of ownership, has brought a misinterpretation and misunderstanding of the legal norms that regulate private property and the forms of its alienation or profit. The purpose of this paper is to modestly re-epologate by analytically systematizing all forms of wealth acquisition, referring to sources such as the Constitution and the Civil Code, but without leaving aside sources analogous to the law, such as forms of ad hoc, which have legitimized the gain of wealth even outside the contours of these sources. The focus is on the transfer of immovable assets, analyzing the forms of profit with original and derivative title, and extending the reasoning to analogous forms of profit. These forms, such as legalism or entrepreneurship, being very present in the economic reality of Albania, have attracted the attention of the legislator, to have the relevant legal regulations, without falling into abuse or violation of the right of property and the owner. In this direction, the forms of wealth gain, in anticipation of the Civil Code and sources of the same level, have been associated in this paper with the relevant tax regime.

The goal has been to provide a comprehensive legal framework for anyone interested who would like to know how real estate is acquired in Albania, and what are the taxes or duties that these forms carry. Inevitably, those aspects of ownership which have become co-travelers in this phase of the consolidation of the market economy, such as expropriations, affecting the interpretation of the fundamental law, which on the one hand sanctions the non-infringement of property, have also been dealt with on the other hand, it considers fair compensation for those cases where the state itself steps in to expropriate the owners. In its entirety, this paper seeks to contribute a little to the completion and systematization of a political framework, where on one side was the socialist family of law which suppressed the legal institution of private property, to the market economy system, without having not even the basic notions of ownership, has brought a misinterpretation

and misunderstanding of the legal norms that regulate private property and the forms of its alienation or profit.

Student: Celjeta Lazaj

Thesis Title: An Overview of the Regulatory Framework of Free Economic Zones as an Investment Instrument. The Case of Albania

Supervisor: Dr. Alba Gërdeci

Thesis Summary: This study analyzes the various legal and practical aspects of Free Economic Zones (ZLEs) in the Western Balkans, with a special focus on Albania. European Union (EU) directives serve as a background influencing the region's access to these economic zones. Adapting and implementing these directives in the Western Balkans illuminates the complexities and variations involved in creating successful FZs.

The research extends to the wider regional context, exploring the laws and data that shape Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in the Western Balkans. Different legal and economic structures in these countries result in different regulatory frameworks and practices.

The study then focuses specifically on the Albanian environment. Through interviews with key actors involved in ZLE operations, it provides detailed perspectives on issues arising from legal and contextual frameworks. The findings provide insight into the effectiveness of Albania's legal measures in promoting investment, trade, and economic growth within the Free Economic Zone.

The study includes an interview with a geologist who aspires to open a free economic zone in Albania. This interview offers a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities faced by entrepreneurs in this sector, further enriching the understanding of the dynamics of FEZs in Albania.

3. List of Incoming & Outgoing Students for 2023-2024

Incoming Students 2023-2024

N/A

Outgoing Students 2023-2024

N/A

4. Research Areas and Research Groups

Name and Surname	Research Areas
Dr. Gentjan Skara	EU Law Competition Law Technology and Law
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana Hajdini	Criminal Law Judicial System Law Drafting
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj	Civil Law Taxation Law Insolvency Law Legal Anthropology Public Authorities Financial Distress International Private Law
Dr. Alba Gërdeci	Human Rights International Law International Criminal Law United Nations Responsibility to Protect Humanitarian Intervention Peace and Security
Dr. Heliona Miço	Human Rights The Right to Education Social Justice
Dr. Kelmend Nezha	Constitutional Law Administrative Law Human Rights
Dr. Eglantina Farruku	Human Rights Ethic Law Criminology
Msc Najada Kilic	Labor Law Tax Law Company Law

5. Course Instructor Evaluation Survey Results

i) Fall Semester

Assessment of results of student evaluation surveys
2023- 2024 academic year, Fall Semester

Introduction

Following the finalization by the deadline, of the grades of the courses taught during the 2023-2024 fall semester, the results of the student surveys were published in EIS system. These are compulsory student surveys for the assessment of courses and academic staff at the end of each semester before the students are issued with the final grades.

The courses subject to this assessment are **35**, out of which:

- **32** courses are offered by the Department of Law to the students of the integrated second cycle study program in Law (PICD Law) under the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences (FLSS);

Out of these courses:

- *18 courses are offered by full-time academic staff members of the Department of Law;*
- *12 courses are offered by adjunct academic staff members of the Department of Law;*
- *1 course is offered by a full-time academic staff member at the Department of Political Science and International Relations.*
- *2 courses are offered by a full-time academic staff member at the Center for European Studies (Ada Cara)*
- **1** course is offered by the Department of Law to the Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations (PIR) study program under the FLSS;
- **1** course is offered by the Department of Law to the Master study programs of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (FEAS);

The response rate to this survey was very high standing at 100% for 30 courses. For the other 5 courses, the response rate was between 93.75% and 97.5%.

The results of the survey show in general a very positive assessment of the LAW courses and of its academic staff members.

The highest scored course was 4.00 out of 4.00 and the lowest one was 3.05 out of 4.00 points.

The distribution of scores for all courses subject to this assessment is as follows:

3.50 – 4.00: 27 courses (77 % of total)

3.00 – 3.49: 7 courses (20% of total)

One course “Master Thesis is not finalised yet.” (3% of the total)

The assessment of the student evaluation surveys has been shared with all academic staff members of the Department as well as with the said full-time academic staff member at the Center for European Studies through one-to-one meetings between the Head of the Department and the

concerned academic staff member with a view to ensure a continuous improvement in teaching performance.

ii) Spring Semester

Assessment of results of student evaluation surveys **2023-24 academic year, Spring Semester**

Introduction

Following the finalization by the deadline, of the grades of the courses taught during the 2023-2024 spring semester, the results of the student surveys were published in EIS system. These are compulsory student surveys for the assessment of courses and of academic staff at the end of each semester before the students are issued with the final grades.

The courses subject to this assessment are **28**, out of which:

- **28** courses are offered by the Department of Law to the students of the integrated second cycle study program in Law (PICD Law) under the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences (FLSS);

Out of these courses:

- *20 courses are offered by full-time academic staff members of the Department of Law;*
- *8 courses are offered by adjunct academic staff members of the Department of Law;*
- *1 course is offered by a full-time academic staff member at the Department of Political Science and International Relations.*
- *1 courses are offered by a full-time academic staff member at the Center for European Studies*
- **1** course is offered by the Department of Law to the Master study programs of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (FEAS);

The response rate to this survey was as follows: 100% for 10 courses; 75-80 % for 2 course; 85-90 for 3 courses; 90 %- 95 % for 4 courses; 95 % - 99.9% for 3 courses.

The results of the survey show in general a very positive assessment of the LAW courses and of its academic staff members.

The highest scored course was 4.00 out of 4.00 and the lowest one was 3.05 out of 4.00 points.

The distribution of scores for all courses subject to this assessment is as follows:

3.50 – 4.00: 24 courses (85 % of total)
3.00 – 3.49: 4 courses (15% of total)

The assessment of the student evaluation surveys has been shared with all academic staff members of the Department as well as with the said full-time academic staff member at the Center for European Studies through one-to-one meetings between the Head of the Department and the concerned academic staff member with a view to ensure a continuous improvement in teaching performance.

Based on the assessment of the results, it can be concluded that:

1. The survey results are found to be **very satisfactory** with regard to the courses offered by the Department of Law.
2. In **a few cases**, there is a **high positive correlation** between the **evaluation score** received by the academic staff member and the **Class CGPA** of the respective course.
3. There is **no major complaint** that would necessitate a specific action.

The assessment of the student evaluation surveys has been shared with all academic staff members of the Department as well as with the said full-time academic staff member at the Center for European Studies through one-to-one meetings between the Head of the Department and the concerned academic staff member with a view to ensure a continuous improvement in teaching performance.

D. Research and Participation in Academic Events

1. List of Publications (Books, Journal and Conference Proceedings)

Dr. Gentjan SKARA

1. Ferdinand Xhaferaj and **Gentjan Skara**. (2023). “Albanian Public Administration in The Light of Opening Accession Negotiations: Challenges and Perspectives” *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs* 9 (3): 356 -70, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.47305/JLIA2393406xh>
2. **Gentjan Skara** and Ferdinand Xhaferaj (2023) “The Impact of Judgments in Spain v Commission (Kosovo) on Kosovo EU Membership” *Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy* 19, 317 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3935/cyelp.19.2023.528>
3. **Gentjan Skara**, Oriona Mucollari and Bojana Hajdini (2024) “Adapting the Competition Policy for the Digital Age: Assessing the EU’s Approach” *Laws* 13(5): 64; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/laws13050064>
4. **Gentjan Skara**, Bojana Hajdini and Najada Kilic, ‘The Role of the EU as a Promoter of Judiciary Reform in candidate countries: the Case of Albania’ paper presented at the 6th International Scientific Conference on EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges ([ECLIC 2024](#)) EU at the Crossroads – Ways to Preserve Democracy and Rule of Law, organised by Faculty of Law, University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia, 13-14 June 2024
5. **Gentjan Skara** and Najada Kilic (2024) ‘Competition Law Enforcement in Albania: Challenges from Online Giants’ in Klodian Dhoska and Evjola Spaho (eds) *Bridging Horizons in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Cybersecurity, Smart Cities, and Digital Economy* [Springer 2025](#).

Prof. Dr. Endri PAPAJORGJI

1. European Private Law (New Edition) (Monograph).
2. International Business Law (New Edition) (Monograph).

Dr. Alba GËRDECI

1. **Gerdeci, A.**, & Jusufi, I. (2024). An Analysis of Albania’s Encounter with International Criminal Justice. *International Criminal Law Review* (published online ahead of print 2024). <https://doi.org/10.1163/15718123-bja10209>
2. **Gerdeci, A.** and Jusufi, I. (2023) States and International Criminal Justice: COST CA18228 Scoping Survey (version 2): Albania, available online at: <https://justice-360.com/scoping-survey> and <https://doi.org/10.7488/ds/7536>

Prof. Asoc. Dr. Bojana Hajdini

1. Gentjan Skara, Oriona Mucollari and **Bojana Hajdini** (2024) “Adapting the Competition Policy for the Digital Age: Assessing the EU’s Approach” *Laws* 13(5): 64; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/laws13050064>
2. Gentjan Skara, **Bojana Hajdini** and Najada Kilic, ‘The Role of the EU as a Promoter of Judiciary Reform in Candidate Countries: the Case of Albania’ paper presented at the 6th International Scientific Conference on EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges ([ECLIC 2024](#)) EU at the Crossroads – Ways to Preserve Democracy and Rule of Law, organised by Faculty of Law, University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia, 13-14 June 2024

Dr. Heliona MIÇO

1. **Miço Heliona**, and Gea Alibeaj. (2024). “Afati i arsyeshem si garanci e procesit te rregullt ligjor. Ndikimi i Gjykates Evropiane te Drejtave te Njeriut ne praktiken shqiptare.” *Revista Studime Juridike* Nr. 3, 2023. Tirane.
2. **Miço Heliona**. “Legal issues of Roma inclusion in education in Western Balkan countries.” *Proceeding of the International Conference "Teacher Education on the Move" organized by the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE), and ELTE University in Budapest, Hungary*, 2024. <http://dx.doi.org/10.21862/atee.2023>
3. Pajuste Tiina, **Heliona Miço (Bellani)**, and Sejla Maslo Cerbic, (eds.). *Legal Perspectives in the Modern Era of Technological Transformations*, ADJURIS – International Academic Publisher, Bucharest, Paris, Calgary, 2024. https://adjuris.ro/fintech/index_en.html
4. Popa Tache, Cristina Elena and **Heliona Miço (Bellani)**. “Some Reflections on Two of the Most Visible Developments: The Right to Refuse Internet Use and the 'Chilling Effect'”, in Pajuste Tiina, Heliona Miço (Bellani), and Sejla Maslo Cerbic, (eds.). *Legal Perspectives in the Modern Era of Technological Transformations*, ADJURIS – International Academic Publisher, Bucharest, Paris, Calgary, 2024, p. 13-23.
5. **Miço Heliona** and Federica Cristani. “Human Rights Council Report A/Hrc/51/17. The Right To Privacy In The Digital Age”. *Report about the comparative content analysis of instruments adopted by international and European organizations/countries regarding human rights protection online* (Deliverable No. 11). (2023). Global Digital Human Rights Network <https://gdhrnet.eu/publications/scientific-publications/>
6. **Miço Heliona** and Eralda (Methasani) Çani. “The Right to Information as a Means of Participation in Governance and Administration. Albanian Legislation Alignment with the Council of Europe Standards”. *Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference "Social Changes in the Global World"; 1*(10), 269-284. (2023). ISBN 978-608-244-998-2 (T. 1). Retrieved from <https://js.ugd.edu.mk/index.php/scgw/article/view/6139/5012>

Dr. Kelmend NEZHA

1. Oriona Mucollari, Besnik Çerekja and **Kelmend Nezha** “Unveiling the Enigma: Empowering Citizen Engagement in Decision-Making Deciphering Albania’s Case”. 2024. Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies 13 (4): 282. <https://doi.org/10.36941/ajis-2024-0116>

Msc. Najada Kilic

1. Gentjan Skara, Bojana Hajdini and **Najada Kilic**, ‘The Role of the EU as a Promoter of Judiciary Reform in candidate countries: the Case of Albania' paper presented at the 6th International Scientific Conference on EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges ([ECLIC 2024](#)) EU at the Crossroads – Ways to Preserve Democracy and Rule of Law, organised by Faculty of Law, University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia, 13-14 June 2024
2. Gentjan Skara and **Najada Kilic** (2024) ‘Competition Law Enforcement in Albania: Challenges from Online Giants' in Klodian Dhoska and Evjola Spaho (eds) *Bridging Horizons in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Cybersecurity, Smart Cities, and Digital Economy* [Springer 2025](#).

2. Participation of Academic Staff in Academic Events**Dr. Gentjan SKARA**

1. Jasminka Pecotić Kaufman, **Gentjan Skara**, Alexandr Svetlicinii, ‘Competition law systems in the Western Balkans: Comprehensive analysis’ paper presented at International Conference "Possibilities and Limits of Competition Law: Global Trends, Regional Perspectives" organised by [Jean Monnet South and East European Competition Law Center of Excellence and Croatian Association for Competition Law and Policy](#), Osijek, Croatia 3-5 October 2024
2. **Gentjan Skara**, 'Transformation of the Legal Services in the Era of Digitalisation' paper presented at [3rd IE Lawtomatic Days Computing the law, regulating the algorithm: the transformative power of digital ecosystems](#), IE University, Madrid, 26-27 September 2024
3. **Gentjan Skara**, Bojana Hajdini and Najada Kilic, ‘The Role of the EU as a Promoter of Judiciary Reform in Candidate Countries: the Case of Albania' paper presented at the Virtual Panel 302: EU External Relations and Third Country at the [UACES 2024 Conference](#), 9 September 2024
4. Jasminka Pecotić Kaufman, **Gentjan Skara**, Alexandr Svetlicinii, ‘Competition law systems in the Western Balkans: Comprehensive analysis’ paper presented at [19th ASCOLA Annual Conference](#) organized by the Law Faculty of Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany 4-7 July 2024
5. Jasminka Pecotić Kaufman, **Gentjan Skara**, Alexandr Svetlicinii, ‘Competition law

systems in the Western Balkans: Comprehensive analysis’ paper presented at [Joint Sessions of Workshops European Union’s Eastern enlargement\(s\) Lessons, challenges, prospects](#) organized by Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 17-21 June 2024

6. **Gentjan Skara** and Najada Kilic, ‘Competition Law Enforcement in Albania: Challenges from Online Giants’ paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Way of new Life: Bridging Horizons in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Cybersecurity, Smart Cities and Digital Economies ([4th ICITBT 2024 Conference](#)), organized by Canadian Institute of Technology, Tirana, Albania, 30-31 May 2024
7. **Gentjan Skara** and Najada Kilic, ‘Competition Law Enforcement in Western Balkan Countries: Challenges from Online Giants’ paper presented at the 16th International Conference on Economies of the Balkan and Eastern European Countries (EBEEC 2024) Resilience, Sustainability, and Social Progress, organised by International Hellenic University, Department of Finance and Accounting (Greece) and Mykolas Romeris University, Faculty of Public Governance and Business, Vilnius, Lithuania, 17-19 May 2024

Prof. Dr. Endri PAPAJORGJI

1. **Endri Papajorgji** (Nov 2024). Participation in the International Conference on Social and Natural Sciences organized by Bielefeld University, Keiser University, IIPCCL. Madrid, with the paper “Union Citizenship as a Pillar of EU Integration”.
2. **Endri Papajorgji** (June 2024). Presentation at the International Conference on Social and Natural Sciences organized by Bielefeld University, Keiser University, IIPCCL. Paris.
3. **Endri Papajorgji** (Feb 2024). Presentation at the International Conference on Social and Natural Sciences organized by Bielefeld University, Keiser University, IIPCCL. Berlin.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana HAJDINI

1. **Hajdini Bojana**, Miço Heliona (May 2024). Participation in the final Conference Promoting Public Awareness on the Fight Against Transnational Crimes, the Role of Police and Judicial Cooperation and Respect for Fundamental Rights in the Prospect of the EU Enlargement (2nd edition), organized by the Department of Legal Sciences, University of Salerno (Italy), the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research of Belgrade, the Institute of Comparative Law of Belgrade, and the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, with the paper “Combating Corruption in the Albanian Judiciary: Promoting Due Process”.
2. Skara Gentjan Skara, **Hajdini Bojana**, Kilic Najada (June 2024) Participation in the International Scientific Conference “EU at the Crossroads – Ways to Preserve Democracy

and Rule of Law, organized by University of Osijek, Faculty of Law, Paper: The role of the EU as a promoter of judiciary reform in candidate countries: the case of vetting process in Albania, <https://hrcak.srce.hr/ojs/index.php/eclic/issue/view/1327/405>

3. Presentation of the report titled "On the Activity of the Supreme Judicial Council as Perceived by Law Students," summarizing Justitia Law Club Students findings and perspectives on KLGJ's operations.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gelanda SHKURTAJ

1. Fulbright Visiting Scholar at "Temple" University, August 14, 2023- February 14, 2024
2. Lecturing at Harvard School of Albanian Language. "Blood Feud between chaotic society and the Rule of Law", February 08, 2024.
3. Different Conferences online and in person regarding the Fulbright Visiting Programme.

Dr. Alba GËRDECI

1. **Gerdeci, Alba**, (2024) "Mass atrocities and the responsibility to protect (R2P) principle", in Mass atrocities and protection of victims: Current conflicts and political and legal responses - Conference and Training School - EU substantive criminal law and the protection of victims IUC Dubrovnik, Croatia, March 11-15, 2024, Faculty of Law University of Zagreb; Cost Action CA18228 Global Atrocity Justice Constellations
2. **Gerdeci, Alba** (2024) "Albania and International Criminal Justice", presentation at international workshop - 19 to 20 February 2024, on International Criminal Law Review, Special Issue: States and International Criminal Justice: Global Atrocity Justice Constellations Location: University of Oslo, Faculty of Law
3. **Gerdeci, Alba**, (2023) "An evaluation of the current risk assessment models for atrocity crimes", presentation in the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, in Florence, Italy, from 6 to 9 September 2023.
4. **Gerdeci, Alba**, (2023) "Vlerësimi i rrezikut të shkeljeve masive të të drejtave të njeriut dhe ndryshimet teknologjike" paraqitur në KONFERENCËN E SHKENCAVE TË DREJTËSISË, TË EKONOMISË DHE TË SHKENCAVE SHOQËRORE E POLITIKE në temën bosht "Inteligjenca Artificiale në arsim dhe në kërkimin shkencor" në bashkëpunim me Universitetin e Prishtinës "Hasan Prishtina" e me përkrahje të Ministrisë së Jashtme dhe të Diasporës, e të Ministrisë së Arsimit, të Shkencës, të Teknologjisë e të Inovacionit, dhe të GIZ.

Dr. Heliona MICO

1. Aydin Halisoglu, T., Mico, H., Erdogan, Z., Selcuk, O., Karpava, S., Sulaj, A. (2024).

- Participation in the 16th ESA Conference, “Tension, Trust, and Transformation”, Porto-Portugal, with the paper *“Emerging Challenges in Turbulent Times: A Scoping Review on Discrimination, Social Protection, and Coping Mechanisms of Transnational Families in Europe”*, 27-30 August 2024
2. Heliona Miço, Jonida Cungu, (2024). Participation in the 25th Annual CiCea International Conference “Education Citizenship and Social Change: Building Bridges” organized by the Faculty of Education, Malmö University, Malmö, Suedi, with the paper *“Human Rights Education in the Albanian Educational System: The Role of the teacher in human rights climate in school”*, 13-15 June 2024
 3. Bojana Hajdini, Heliona Miço. (2024). Participation in the final Conference Promoting Public Awareness on the Fight Against Transnational Crimes, the Role of Police and Judicial Cooperation and Respect for Fundamental Rights in the Prospect of the EU Enlargement (2nd edition), organized by the Department of Legal Sciences, University of Salerno (Italy), the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research of Belgrade, the Institute of Comparative Law of Belgrade, and the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, with the paper *“Combating Corruption in the Albanian Judiciary: Promoting Due Process”*, 30 May 2024
 4. Dr. Heliona Miço participated in the TraFaDy COST Action Core Group Meeting for WG3 members on May 10, 2024. The meeting was held at Eötvös Lorand University in Budapest, Hungary, and had in focus Social Rights and Social Protection of Transnational Families in the framework of COST Action CA21143 Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe (TraFaDy) WG3. The meeting aimed to advance ongoing projects, publications, and webinars while strengthening cooperation among WG3 members
 5. Study visit at Odisee University of Applied Sciences in Brussels, Belgium
On May 27-28, 2024, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Öztaş, Rector, Dr. Heliona Miço (Bellani), lecturer of Public and Constitutional Law at the Department of Law, and Dr. Alba Gerdeci, Head of International Relations Office and lecturer at the Department of Law at EPOKA University visited Odisee University of Applied Sciences in Brussels, Belgium.
This visit was an important follow-up to the joint European University Alliance application on Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Migration DIEM and an Erasmus+ mobility project application submitted in February 2024.
This visit was marked by a series of presentations on the education system in Flanders and Albania, on internationalization policies, research and project development, student and staff exchanges, study program offerings, and the research and education portfolio of Social Work and Services. Dr. Heliona Miço presented 1) “An overview of the education system in Albania and EPOKA University”, and 2) “Social Work: The need for this profession in a diversified society. Interconnection with the Law study program”.
 6. Dr. Heliona Miço participated in the training school “Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence”, organized by Global Digital Human Rights Network (GDHRNet), in the framework of the EU COST Action no CA19143. The training school was organized in Athens between 3-45 July 2024 and hosted by the Laboratory of Law and Informatics (L.L.I.), Athens Law School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The training school opened to the participants theoretical aspects and practical challenges related to the

fast development of AI and automated decision-making systems from a human rights perspective. Beyond-state-of-the-art views scholars discussed the development of research mainly focused on digital human rights. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance from the GDHRNet.

7. Preparation of the detailed application on the thematic fields that EPOKA University requested support to be accepted in the peer-counseling mission of the Bologna Hub Peer Support II Erasmus +, Coordinator of the Project German Academic Exchange Service, Germany (DAAD), September 2023- April 2024
8. Organization and Moderation of the Workshop on Curriculum Development Through Learning Outcomes and Quality Assurance Through Curriculum Review held on September 25, 2023 at EPOKA premises.
9. Presentation of the lessons learned from the first peer-counseling mission experience of the BHPS II, and kick-off a discussion with the participants in the EUA online seminar under the DAAD-led [Bologna Hub Peer Support II](#) – BHPS II (2022-2024) project on 15 April 2024. Preparation of the Draft Guidelines on “Formulating Learning Outcomes and Validating their Achievement Through Assessment” and Action Plan on Guidelines implementation, in response to the peer-counseling mission and based on the feedback of the European Bologna Experts.
10. Organisation and Moderation of the Online Follow-up Workshop on Learning Outcomes and Curricula Development on April 16, 2024.
11. Engagement with the "Justitia" law students club involves monitoring the work of the Supreme Judicial Council (KLGJ) by law students. The goal is to provide hands-on experience in observing the administration of the judicial system and contributing to legal analysis. This initiative culminated in a report titled "On the Activity of the Supreme Judicial Council as Perceived by Law Students," summarizing their findings and perspectives on KLGJ's operations. This provides both practical insights for students and critical feedback on the judiciary from a new generation of legal professionals, September 2023 – June 2024.
12. Presentation of “Albania: From Communism to Democracy”, in Hotel Rogner, Tirana in a group of Italian and Albanian lawyers, accountants, judges, law professors, and EPOKA law students, organized by EFLIT Association, Italy, highlighting the main events of Albania regarding political system and implementation of human rights, 15 November 2023.

3. Projects

Dr. Gentian SKARA

1. Smarten Up for the Future: BALKATHON 5.0, Contracted by Regional Cooperation Council to provide mentorship to applicants, 18 September - 19 September 2024
<https://www.rcc.int/balkathon/>

2. Jean Monnet Module ‘EU Competition Law and Digital Market’
3. Read Fellowship Arbitration in Competition Law: Comparative experience in EU and China: The possibilities of application in Albania 2023-2024
4. SwitchIn Virtual Project, ERASMUS-EDU-2023-VIRT-EXCH, coordinator for University College Beder, 2023-2026
5. “No to Corruption, Yes to Democracy” Project, implemented by Albanian Helsinki Committee, with the financial support of the Swedish Government, February-June 2024, mentoring 10 students in a drafting a research paper and a petition to the Assembly of Albania

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bojana HAJDINI

1. READ Fellowship Program from the Albanian American Development Foundation (AADF) for the "Legal Protection of minorities: Compliance of Albanian Domestic Legislation with international instruments/human rights treaties" project as a resident scholar, as part of the working group composed of Prof Ass. Damigela Hoxha (diaspora scholar), Dr. Heliona Miço, Prof. Ass Dr. Bojana Hajdini and Dr. Niuton Mulleti, December 2023 - April 2024
2. Legal expert in drafting a study report on the improvement of the legal framework of audiovisual media. – A project financed by National Democratic Institute Beneficiary: Parliamentary Institute/Albanian Parliamentm May 2024 - June 2024
3. Legal Expert on monitoring the institutional integrity of High Prosecutorial Council - A project founded by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and implemented by Institute for Democracy and Mediation, April 2024 - September 2024

Dr. Heliona MIÇO

International research projects

1. Engagement in the writing of the DIEM Project in the framework of a new European Alliance University between Odisee University Belgium, Leiden University Netherland, Diakonia University of Applied Science Finland, University of Western Macedonia Greece, and University of East Sarajevo as a team leader for EPOKA University for Working Package 6 Impact: Become a role model, January-February 2024
2. Engagement in the preparation phase of the research project KA171 Mobility between EPOKA University and Leiden University, Netherlands in the role of academic coordinator. The project has been successful and EPOKA University was granted 8 quotas for staff mobility, January - February 2024
3. Engagement in the preparation phase of the research project KA171 Mobility between EPOKA University and Odisee University in the role of academic coordinator. The project has been successful and EPOKA University was granted 2 quotas for staff mobility,

January - February 2024

4. Winning the READ Fellowship Program from the Albanian American Development Foundation (AADF) for the "Legal Protection of minorities: Compliance of Albanian Domestic Legislation with international instruments/human rights treaties" project as a resident scholar. The working group is composed of Prof Ass. Damigela Hoxha (diaspora scholar), Prof. Ass Dr. Bojana Hajdini and Dr. Niuton Mulleti, December 2023 - April 2024

Engagement in other projects and community activities

1. Participation in the Workshop: “Political Leadership and Campaign Training” organized and offered by UN Women Albania. In order to strengthen the leadership and participation of women in decision-making processes, UN Women works to promote gender equality in legislatures at all levels, electoral processes, and political institutions. The workshop aims to promote women’s political participation, by creating a network of qualified trainers on political leadership and candidate training in Albania, and by expanding the pool of qualified women willing to run a campaign, win, and serve in elective office in Albania, September 2024
2. Legal expert in the project “Increasing Efficiency of the State Budget Through Public Consultation in the Justice System”, founded by the European Union in collaboration with the Institute for Democracy and Mediation and the European Centre Foundation, May 2024 - March 2025
3. Member of the Internal Audit Committee at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Order of the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs No. 62, dated 09.02.2024 “On establishing the Internal Audit Committee in the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs”, February 2024- on
4. Member of the Founding Table of the Partnership Platform for Chapter 5 - Public procurement, within the project "Building Partnership on Fundamental Issues: Empowerment of CSOs for the EU membership process", with the financial support of the European Union - IPA Civil Society Facility 2021, which is implemented by the European Movement in Albania and in cooperation with the Academy of European Integration and Negotiations (AIEN), Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA) and the Center for Transparency and Free Information (CTFI), January 2024
5. Member of Working Group WG2 Vulnerable Children and Young People and Working Group WG3 Social Rights and Social Protection of Cost Action CA 21143 Transnational Families Dynamic in Europe (TraFaDy). Participation in research on human rights and social inclusion of migrants in European countries. <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21143/>
6. Senior expert in the project "Enhancing Supervisory Roles and Citizen Demands through the Support of CSOs, Media, and Academia" under the Albanian Helsinki Committee, funded by the British Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office, November 2023 – July 2024
7. The compiler of the analytical study report on the decision-making processes of the Judicial Electoral College. <https://ahc.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Raport->

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8. Legal Expert at the European Centre Foundation for the implementation of the project “Pro bono legal aid as access to justice for vulnerable groups” deliver training for lawyers in public administration with a focus on the concept of legal clinics/pro bono legal aid services, strategic litigation, and the special needs of target groups, November 2023

4. Staff Participation in Academic Events (News published on the Department of LAW Webpage)

i. Event participation "Garantimi i ndihmës juridike parësore nga klinikat e ligjit dhe studentët"

Përgjegjësi i Departamentit të Drejtësisë Dr. Gentjan Skara dhe lektorja Prof. Asoc. Bojana Hajdini morën pjesë në aktivitetin "Garantimi i ndihmës juridike parësore nga klinikat e ligjit dhe studentët" e organizuar nga Drejtoria e Ndhmës Juridike Falas pranë Ministrisë së Drejtësisë.

Në fjalën e tij Ministri i Drejtësisë z. Ulsi Manja nënvizoi rëndësinë e konsolidimit të klinikave ligjore pranë universiteteve si një mundësi për studentet që të njihen me profesionin e juristit.

Gjithashtu, u certifikuan studentët që kryen praktikën 2-mujore pranë Klinikave të Ligjit të Drejtorisë së Ndhmës Juridike Falas dhe Qendrave të Shërbimit të Ndhmës Juridike Parësore.

Ky aktivitet është një bashkëpunim i frytshëm që ndihmon në edukimin ligjor të studenteve dhe qytetarëve me qëllim rritjen e cilësisë në ofrimin e shërbimeve ligjore falas për shtresat më të prekshme të shoqërisë tonë.

ii. Participating in the activity "Zbatimi i Indeksit të Integritetit të Institucioneve Publike"

Me datë 7 shkurt Prof Asoc Bojana Hajdini mori pjesë në një aktivitet lidhur me zbatimin e **Indeksit të Integritetit të Institucioneve Publike**. Ekspertë nga akademia, media dhe organizata të shoqërisë civile diskutuan dhe ndanë përvojën e tyre lidhur me monitorimin e planeve të integritetit në institucionet e administratës publike.

Ky aktivitet u organizua në kuadër të projektit **Forcimi i integritetit për përmirësimin e shërbimeve publike**, i cili zbatohet nga IDM Albania - Instituti për Demokraci dhe Ndërmjetësim dhe financohet nga Agjencia Suedeze për Bashkëveprim dhe Zhvillim Ndërkombëtar (SIDA)

iii. Pjesmarrje në Tryezën themeluese të Platformës së Partneritetit për

Integrimin European për Kapitullin 5 të acquis të BE-së – Prokurimi Publik

Më datë 16 Janar 2024, Dr. Heliona Miço, lektore e të drejtës publike dhe administrative e Department of Law pranë Epoka University, mori pjesë në Tryezën themeluese të Platformës së Partneritetit për Integrimin European për Kapitullin 5 të acquis të BE-së – Prokurimi Publik.

Ky aktivitet, i organizuar nga Agjencia e Prokurimit Publik dhe Lëvizja Europiane në Shqipëri, kishte si qëllimi kryesor të shqyrtojë dhe të ndërmarrë nisma apo sugjerime në kuadër të procesit e integritetit european për çështjet përkatëse të prokurimeve publike.

Gjithashtu gjatë takimit u prezantua Draft Strategjia Kombëtare për Prokurimin Publik 2024-2030 dhe plani i saj i veprimit për konsultim publik, si dokumenti që identifikon vizionin dhe objektivat thelbësorë strategjike për të garantuar më tej një sistem prokurimi efektiv dhe në bazë të parimeve të transparencës, konkurrencës së lirë, mosdiskriminimit dhe trajtimit të barabartë.

iv. Open Days at Turgut Ozal College

Lektorët e Departamentit të Drejtësisë, Gledis Nano dhe Gentjan Skara, zhvilluan një bashkëbisedim me nxënësit e shkollës së mesme të Kolegjit Turgut Ozal. Takimi u zhvillua në kuadër të javës së karrierës.

Gjatë bashkëbisedimit, prof. Gledisi diskutoi me studentët sfidat e Shqipërisë në reformimin sistemin të drejtësisë dhe nënvizoi rendësinë e kësaj reforme. Më pas, prof. Genti shpjegoi programin e drejtësisë në Universitetin Epoka duke u fokusuar në kurrikulën europiane dhe mundësinë e intershipeve.

Falenderojme shkollën e mesme të Kolegjit Turgut Ozal për ftesën.

v. Staff Participation at Advanced Seminar and Training Course at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik

On 11th-15th March 2024, Dr. Alba Gerdeci, lecturer at the Department of Law from Epoka University participated in an Advanced Seminar and Training Course at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Croatia, organised in cooperation with the University of Zagreb and the COST Action CA18228 Global Atrocity Justice Constellations.

The lecture of Dr. Alba Gerdeci titled “Mass Atrocities and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) Principle” dealt with the emergence and development of the principle, focusing on the historical background, the adoption and development at the UN, the legal context for understanding it and

R2P in practice with options for implementation by pillar and response to country crises around the world.

The Department of Law wishes Dr. Gerdeci all the best of luck in her academic career.

vi. Participation at the Bologna Hub Peer Support II project (BHPS II) Final Conference in Athens

EPOKA University participated in the Bologna Hub Peer Support II project (BHPS II) Final Conference in Athens, Greece, with our representative, Dr. Heliona Miço from the Department of Law

The BHPS II final conference highlighted the project's results and explored key topics in higher education, including quality assurance, internationalization, curriculum design, and change management.

The event gathered experts and stakeholders from European Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to foster collaboration and alignment with Bologna Process objectives. Six workshops addressed critical issues like joint programs, student mobility, and European University Alliances.

This engagement reinforces EPOKA University's commitment to aligning its educational strategies with European standards, promoting academic recognition and mobility.

E. Students

1. List of Students' Internships

No.	Student Name	Institutions/ companies/ entities	Period
1.	Aleksandër Haliti	Frost & Fire Consulting sh.p.k.	06.03.2024- 25.05.2024
2.	Algersa Meço	Legal Department, Tirana Municipality	04.03.2024- 10.05.2024
3.	Bethni Levendi	Tonucci & Partners, Law Firm	05.02.2024- 30.05.2024
4.	Desada Gjabri	Court of First Instance, Tirana District	26.02.2024- 03.05.2024
5.	Jozef Sterkaj	DL Attorney Office	06.03.2024- 25.05.2024
6.	Sara Agalliu	Court of First Instance, Tirana District	26.02.2024- 03.05.2024
7.	Xhesilda Ndoj	"Jonela Hajdari" Notary Public	01.02.2024- 31.05.2024
8.	Çeljeta Lazaj	DL Attorney Office	06.03.2024- 25.05.2024
9.	Redi Manjani	"Violeta Sulkaj" Notary Public	06.05.2024- 27.05.2024

2. Student Best Success Stories

i. Student Participation at LAITECH2024 _ Artela Roshi

Artela Roshi, a fourth-year law student at the Department of Law attended the LAITECH2024, a two-day international conference organised by the TalTech Faculty of Law, and ILSA. The conference topic was "The Law, Ethics and Policies of AI and Future Technologies".

Artela presented her paper titled "The Use of Artificial Intelligence as a Tool of Truth-seeking in Transitional Justice in Post-communist Europe: The Case of Albania". In her paper, Artela discussed from an interdisciplinary approach the transitional justice's overlap with AI by taking as a case study Albania.

We congratulate Artela on her presentation and wish further success.

ii. Student Participation at LAITECH2024 _ Vesa Muka

Vesa Muka, a first-year law student at the Department of Law attended the LAITECH2024, a two-day international conference organised by the TalTech Faculty of Law, and ILSA. The conference topic was "The Law, Ethics and Policies of AI and Future Technologies".

Vesa presented her paper titled “Blockchain Technology and Its Impact on Global Supply Chain Management”. In her paper, Vesa discussed the impediments and roadblocks of blockchain adoptions in the international economy.

We congratulate Vesa on her presentation and wish further success.

iii. Pjesmarrje në iniciativën e Qendrës së Shërbimit të Ndihmës Juridike Parësore Shkodër “8 Prillit, Dita Ndërkombëtare e Romëve”

Në kuadër të “8 Prillit, Dita Ndërkombëtare e Romëve”, studenti Arlind Culaj iu bashkuar iniciativës së Qendrës së Shërbimit të Ndihmës Juridike Parësore Shkodër, në aktivitetin informues pranë Kampit, te Ura e Bahçallëkut.

Shërbimet e ndihmës ligjore janë thelbësore për të nxitur më shumë besimin në sistemin e drejtësisë. Qytetarët që përfitojnë nga Qendrat e Ndihmës Juridike Parësore janë: viktimat të dhunës në familje, viktimat të trafikimit, të miturit, personat me aftësi të kufizuara, komuniteti rom dhe egjiptian, si edhe personat në pamundësi financiare për të marrë një avokat.

Falenderojmë Drejtorinë e Ndihmës Juridike Falas për mundësinë e ofruar për studentet e departamentit të drejtësisë.

iv. Winner of the ELSA Negotiation Competition

Studentët e Drejtësisë në Universitetin “EPOKA”, Megi Musabelliu dhe Artemis Senja fitojnë vendin e parë në finalen e ELSA Negotiation Competition.

Me datë 25 maj 2024 u zhvillua faza finale e ELSA Negotiation Competition, organizuar nga Frost&Fire Consulting dhe ELSA Albania.

Studentët e departamentit të Drejtësisë në Universitetin “EPOKA”, përfaqësuar nga Megi Musabelliu dhe Artemis Senja, u shpallën fitues të kompeticionit duke mundur në finale ekipin negociues nga Universiteti Luarasi.

Gjithashtu, Megi Musabelliu fitoi vendin e dytë si negociuesja me e mirë në kompeticion. Në këtë kompeticion, Departamenti i Drejtësisë mori pjesë edhe me një ekip tjetër të përfaqësuar nga Katerina Cela dhe Lea Kryeziu. Ekipi 2 u rendit në vendin e katërt. Juria vlerësoi të dy ekipet për performancën e treguar dhe angazhimin serioz në kompeticion.

Universiteti “EPOKA” uron studentët e Departamentit të Drejtësisë për këtë fitore dhe i inkurajon për të qënë aktiv në të tilla kompeticione.

v. Participation at the South-Eastern Europe Youth Dialogue Program "Keeping up with the Balkans!!"

Vesa Muka, Ines Decolli from the Department of Law, Ivana Gjelošhaj and Ekuinola Tola from Political Science and International Relations Department participated at the South-Eastern Europe Youth Dialogue Program.

The South-Eastern Europe Youth Dialogue Program, organised by the OSCE, offered a profound exploration into the pressing issues of organized crime and corruption. Engaging participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and North Macedonia, the program, held from May 21-24 in Durrës, Albania, provided a platform for youths to delve into critical themes, develop essential skills, and present innovative solutions to combat these pervasive challenges.

The South-Eastern Europe Youth Dialogue Program proved to be a transformative experience, equipping participants with the knowledge, skills, and networks necessary to combat organized crime and corruption effectively. By empowering youth to become proactive agents of change, the program contributes to fostering a culture of integrity, accountability, and transparency in the region.

F. Open Forums and other scientific activities

i. Open Lecture with Mr. Eugen Beçi

On October 24, 2023, the Department of Law was honored to have Mr. Eugen Beçi, a well-known criminal lawyer and a former prosecutor of serious crime, as an invited lecturer at the course "Contemporary issues in Law" taught by Prof. Gentjan Skara and Prof. Gledis Nano.

In his lecture, Mr. Beçi was focused briefly on the history of criminal justice in Albania and the impact of judiciary reform on the criminal justice. The discussion was enriched with different examples related to the functioning of SPAK and GjKKO. Students have the opportunity to discuss with a well-known expert the expectation of judiciary reform on criminal justice and whether the impact of this reform on the perception of the "New Justice".

Students and the Department of Law thank Mr. Beçi for his time and dedication.

ii. Leksion i Hapur me Drejtorinë e Ndhmës Juridike Falas

Në datën 30 tetor 2023, Departamenti i Drejtësisë pranë Universitetit EPOKA në bashkëpunim me Drejtorinë e Ndhmës Juridike Falas, organizuan një leksion të hapur me studentët e vitit të katërt dhe të pestë, me qëllim informimin dhe ndërgjegjësimin e studentëve për ndihmën juridike të garantuar nga shteti.

Gjatë leksionit, i cili u zhvillua nga znj. Greta Nurçelli, studentët u njohën rreth ndihmës juridike parësore, dytësore dhe ofruesit e shërbimit. Më pas, znj. Nurçelli u fokusua në rolin e klinikave të ligjit në ofrimin e këtyre shërbimeve dhe rëndësinë që studentët duhet t'i japin praktikës pranë klinikës së ligjit për avancimin profesional të tyre.

Falenderojmë znj. Greta Nurçelli dhe Drejtorinë e Ndhmës Juridike Falas pranë Ministrisë së Drejtësisë për leksionin e hapur.

iii. Open Lecture with Judge Adelajda Gjuzi

The Department of Law had the privilege of welcoming Judge Adelajda Gjuzi, a distinguished judge sitting in the Civil Court of First Instance in Tirana, as our esteemed guest lecturer. This open lecture was organized in the course "Contemporary Issues in Law," which is co-taught by Professors Gentjan Skara and Gledis Nano.

During her lecture, Judge Gjuzi was focused on the changes made to the Code of Civil Procedure in Albania in 2017. With her profound legal expertise, she enabled our students to gain a comprehensive understanding of the advantages and disadvantages associated with these legal changes.

Judge Gjuzi enriched this lecture with real-world examples from her daily work, bringing the subject matter to life.

Students and the Department of Law extend their heartfelt gratitude to Judge Adelajda Gjuzi for her valuable time and unwavering dedication.

iv. Book Launch "Të bëhesh një jurist i mirë" authored by Mr. Eduard Halimi

The Department of Law, and Student Club “Iustitia” organized an engaging session at EPOKA University, to introduce the book "Të bëhesh një jurist i mirë" authored by founder, Mr. Eduard Halimi, a former Minister of Justice.

The discussion centered on the challenges and opportunities encountered by young lawyers in Albania.

The book, a valuable guide for aspiring legal professionals, delves into the intricacies of the legal profession, providing a wealth of knowledge for students pursuing a career in law.

At the end of the session the student clubs announced the launch of the second edition of the University Law Competition. This initiative aims to unite students from Albanian-speaking regions and elevate the competition to international standards.

The department of Law and Student Club “Iustitia” thank Mr.Halimi for his initiative and valuable time spent at EPOKA University.

v. Open Forum “Përmirësimi i përformancës së Inspektorit të Lartë të Drejtësisë si një institucion kyç për një gjyqësor profesional në Shqipëri”

Qendra Europiane organizoi një forum të hapur me studentët e Departamentit të Drejtësisë me temë “Përmirësimi i përformancës së Inspektorit të Lartë të Drejtësisë si një institucion kyç për një gjyqësor profesional në Shqipëri”.

Diskutimi u ndal dhe në rolin që kanë qytetarët, organizatat e shoqërisë civile dhe institucioneve publike në kuadër të reformës në drejtësi. Ky aktivitet u zhvillua në kuadër të

projektit “Përmirësimi i performancës së ILD, si institucion kyç për një sistem gjyqësor profesional në Shqipëri” mbështetur nga Komiteti Shqiptar i Helsinkit me fonde të Qeverisë Suedeze.

vi. Open Forum with advocate Isuf Shehu

Departamenti i Drejtësisë dhe Klubi Studentor Iustitia organizuan një forum të hapur me Avokat Isuf Shehun. Në këtë forum me tematikë “Të luftosh korrupsionin pa çuar vendin në faliment”, Av. Isuf Shehu ofroi një panoramë të përgjithshme mbi konceptin e korrupsionit dhe drejtimit kryesor të luftës kundër korrupsionit dhe të përpjekjeve për parandalimin e tij.

Gjithashtu, Av. Isuf Shehu theksoi rolin e pazëvendësueshëm të etikës profesionale në formimin e studentëve për tu aftësuar të marrin vendimet e duhura në luftën kundër korrupsionit dhe të bëjnë të gjithë përpjekjet e domosdoshme për parandalimin e tij.

Falenderojmë Avokat Isuf Shehu për leksionin e hapur.

vii. Open Forum with Judge Edit Shkreli “Judicial Integrity: Upholding Trust and Justice in the Albanian Legal System”

EPOKA University proudly welcomed Ms. Edit Shkreli, the first Albanian female judge in the USA.

The esteemed judge engaged students and the Department of Law in a captivating discussion about her remarkable journey and the challenges she overcame to achieve this historic milestone.

Judge Shkreli was warmly welcomed by the Rector of EPOKA University, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Öztaş, the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, the Head of the Department of Law, Dr. Gentian Skara, and other representatives of the university, who valued her visit and dedication to justice.

One of the highlights of the event was Judge Shkreli’s discussion on the topic of “Judicial Integrity: Upholding Trust and Justice in the Albanian Legal System.” Her profound understanding of the subject matter and her commitment to upholding the principles of fairness and transparency sparked thought-provoking dialogue among attendees, making everyone realize how crucial the judiciary is in maintaining a fair society.

Among the participants were esteemed senior advisor of the Embassy of the Netherlands, Ms. Edlira Osmani and Professor Gledis Nano. Professor Gledis Nano shed light on the importance of integrity as a judge and emphasized the journey, the effort every student must undertake to achieve

success. Shkreli's visit stimulated inspiration and meaningful conversations about justice and integrity within both Albanian and American legal systems.

The event served as a testament to the university's commitment to promoting justice and fostering intellectual exchange within the academic environment.

EPOKA University extends its gratitude to Judge Shkreli for sharing her insights and experience with the EPOKA students and staff. We wish her further success on her professional journey.

viii. Study Visit at ASA Arms School Academy

Studentet e vitit të 5 të programit të drejtësisë pranë Universitetit Epoka kryen një vizitë studimore dhe praktike në ambientet e ASA Arms School Academy. Kjo vizitë u zhvillua në kuadër të lëndës së Kriminalistikës e cila përveç pjesës teorike ka të parashikuar dhe njohjen praktike të në fushën e balistikës.

Gjatë vizitës studentët patën mundësinë që të njihen me llojet e armëve dhe municionin që përdorin forcat ligjzbatuese, modelet dhe kalibrin.

Gjithashtu, specialistët pranë ASA Arms School Academy kryen demonstrimin e armëve dhe municionit duke shpjeguar teknikisht mënyrën e funksionin dhe përbërjen e tyre.

Falenderojmë z. Vesel Demiraj CEO i Arms School Academy (ASA) për mundësinë e ofruar dhe profesorin Gledis Nano, i cili po e bën lëndën shumë praktike.

ix. Study Visit at High Court of Albania

Gjykata e Lartë, në kuadër të iniciativës “Dita e hapur në Gjykatë”, hapi dyert të mërkurën, për një grup studentësh të Departamentit të Drejtësisë pranë Universitetit “Epoka”.

Studentët vizituan nga afër ambjentet e Gjykata e Lartë e Republikës së Shqipërisë dhe ndoqën një "Orë të Hapur" diskutimi me gjyqtarin i cili ushtron detyrën e ndihmës magjistratit në këtë gjykatë Z. Elton Frashëri dhe specialistin e Qendrës së Dokumentacionit Z. Oltion Musaj.

Diskutimi u fokusua në tema me interes mbi historinë e sistemit të drejtësisë dhe gjyqësorit në Shqipëri, ndarjen e pushteteve, ndryshimet ligjore dhe veçanërisht në organizimin dhe funksionimin e Gjykatës së Lartë.

x. Study Visit at Institutit të Policisë Shkencore

Studentët e vitit të 4 dhe 5 të programit të drejtësisë pranë Universitetit Epoka kryen një vizitë studimore me datë 20 mars 2024 në ambientet e Institutit të Policisë Shkencore. Kjo vizitë u zhvillua në kuadër të lëndës së Kriminalistikës.

Gjatë vizitës studentët patën mundësinë të njihen nga afër me llojet e ndryshme të ekspertimeve, ku ndër të tjera përfshihen ai balistik, daktiloskopik si dhe kimik.

xi. Reflecting on an exhilarating day at the inter-university debate competition on 20 March 2024

Department of Law students participated at the mock trial competition debate organised by the Albanian Helsinki Committee in collaboration with the Sweden Embassy in Albania on topics of human rights, technology, and corruption.

Epoka team, composed of 10 students, defended a case on the need to regulate online social platforms, especially those social media that display misinformation and harmful content, by a specific law. To support this argument, students relied on the EU acquis or other countries, including Kosovo.

Department of Law is very proud of the team, which received positive feedback from the jury.

xii. Visitë Studimore në Akademinë e Policisë

Studentët e programit të drejtësisë pranë Universitetit Epoka kryen një orë mësimore në Akademinë e Sigurisë në kuadër të lëndës së Kriminalistikës me prof. Gledis Nano.

Rektori i Akademisë së Policisë Prof. Dr. Ilirjan Mandro mirëpriti studentët dhe shpjegoi procedurën e marrjes së provave në një skenë të inskenuar vrasjeje. Me pas, studentët patën mundësinë të shohin nga afër ambientet e Shtëpisë Taktike, ku studentët e Akademisë së Sigurisë vënë në praktikë teknikat e marrjes së provës në skenën e krimit.

Falenderojmë profesor Gledisin për mundësimin e vizitës dhe Rektorin e Akademisë së Sigurisë, profesor Ilirjan Mandro, për pritjen e mirëorganizuar dhe dinjitoze.

Vizita të tilla ndihmojnë në krijimin e një perceptimi të qartë të procesit të marrjes së provës.

xiii. Vizitë Studimore në Gjykatën Administrative të Apelit, Tiranë

Studentet e programit të drejtësisë, viti i tretë pranë Universitetit Epoka kryen orën mësimore të lëndës Drejtësi Administrative me Prof. Dr. Eralda Çani, në Gjykatën Administrative të Apelit.

Me anë të gjyqtares znj. Enerjeta Shehaj, ata thelluan njohurit e tyre mbi historikun, organizimin dhe funksionimin e Gjykatës Administrative të Apelit. Gjithashtu znj. Enerjeta Shehaj, beri të mundur që studentët të ndiqnin dhe një gjyq.

Falenderojmë prof. Eralda Çani për mundësinë e vizitës dhe gjyqtaren, znj. Enerjeta Shehaj, për mikëpritjen në ambientet e Gjykatës Administrative të Apelit.

xiv. Book Launch ‘Serbia Dilematic - Balkan Geopolitical Tectonics’.

On April 24, 2024, EPOKA University proudly hosted a book promotion event for the distinguished dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, presenting his latest book, ‘Serbia Dilematic - Balkan Geopolitical Tectonics’.

Co-hosted by the Department of Law, the Department of Political Science & International Relations, and the Center for European Studies, this event marked a significant milestone in scholarly discourse.

Prof. Bashkurti’s book is one of the most important scientific monographs by Prof. Bashkurti, focusing on Serbia, its comprehensive dilemmas, and the geopolitical tectonic impacts they cause in the Balkans. It stands as one of his most notable academic contributions.

During the event, EPOKA University’s Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Öztaş, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti for his commitment to academia and his mentorship of countless students. His dedication to the fields of diplomacy and regional policies, along with his mentorship of generations of students at EPOKA University, is truly impressive.

EPOKA University extends its sincerest wishes to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti for continued success in his academic and scientific pursuits.

xv. Open lecture with Denisa Cekrezi

In the framework of the Course "Law and Technology", student had an open lecture with Ms Denisa Cekrezi titled "Legal 360 Analytics: Contract Automation".

The open lecture was focused on using technology in the legal process. During the presentation, Denisa took an example of e-contract by explaining several aspects such as : i) Automation of the

entire Contract lifecycle; ii) Usage of data based on contract clauses; iii) Connection of Legals tools (DocuSign CLM) accros other company tools (Salesforce, EMS Celonis, Workday, Zuora); iv) Digital Signature; and Using AI in Legal Tech.

Denisa is the Head of CRM Systems at Celonis, a German company in Process Mining, shaping global strategies and leading digital transformations.

Her role involves crafting comprehensive Go to Market strategies, utilizing data analytics, and driving automation to enhance decision-making and operational efficiency.

Denisa was born in Elbasan, Albania, and has been thriving in Madrid, Spain, for the past 7 years!

In 2023, Denisa was recognised for her outstanding contributions, as the 2023 Value Champion in the USA.

xvi. Open Lecture with His Excellency Albin Otruba

On 7 May 2024, the Department of Law and Center for European Studies at EPOKA University organised an OPEN LECTURE with His Excellency Albin Otruba, the esteemed Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Albania.

The open lecture topic was “20 Years of Slovakia’s EU Membership and its Role in the Integration of the Western Balkan Countries.”

Ambassador H E Otruba provided promises valuable insights into Slovakia’s journey within the European Union, emphasising the challenges encountered during the European Integration process. Moreover, Ambassador Otruba highlighted the significant contributions of Slovakia to fostering integration within the Western Balkan region.

This activity was organised in the framework of EUROPEAN WEEK.

xvii. Konferenca e Parë Studentore “Konkurrenca, Tregu dhe Teknologjia”

Departamenti i Drejtësisë dhe Klubi Studentor ‘Iustitia ‘pranë Universitetit “EPOKA” në bashkëpunim me Autoritetin e Konkurrencës organizuan Konferencën e parë Studentore me temë “Konkurrenca, Tregu dhe Teknologjia”.

Qëllimi i konferencës studentore ishte diskutimi i çështjeve të ndryshme lidhur me të drejtën e konkurrencës, ekonominë e tregut dhe zhvillimin teknologjik.

Nën moderimin e studentës Megi Musabelliu, në panelin hapës, Kryetarja e Klubit studentor Iustitia, Artela Roshî, shprehu rëndësinë e këtij organizimi studentor që shërben si një forum ku shkëmbehen idetë akademike në lidhje me konkurrencën, si fenomen natyral i tregut të lirë dhe teknologjinë, si motor i inovacionit.

Më tej konferencën e përshëndeti, Dekani i Fakultetit të Drejtësisë, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, i cili u fokusua në rëndësinë e së drejtës së konkurrencës si një element i rëndësishëm në ekonominë e tregut.

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xviii. Graduate Workshop

The Center for European Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science and International Relations and Department of Law at EPOKA University, organized the First WB-EUPath Graduate Workshop.

The workshop was organized within the framework of the Jean Monnet Module Project “EU Integration of Western Balkans: Patterns and Issues” (WB-EUPath Module) led by EPOKA University and co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the EU.

The first part of the workshop consisted of a Graduate Seminar delivered by Dr. Ognen Vangelov from the School of Political Science at the University American College in Skopje, North Macedonia and External Expert to the WB-EUPath Jean Monnet Module. Dr. Vangelov offered a comparative approach and engaged in an interactive discussion with the workshop participants on

the EU integration process of North Macedonia and Albania, highlighting the similarities, differences, and challenge that the countries are encountering.

In the second part of the workshop one-to-one mentorship sessions were offered to workshop participants by the academic staff of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Department of Law, and Center for European Studies at EPOKA University and WB-EUPath external expert Dr. Ognen Vangelov. Participants with a graduate degree and graduate students presented their research ideas on different topics related to the EU integration process of the Western Balkans, welcomed the feedback offered by the academic staff, and engaged in discussions among each other.

We would like to thank workshop participants, Dr. Vangelov and the academic staff for their contribution to the event.

xix. Open Lecture with Adi Brovina, Senior Associate; Sirius Tartari, Associate; and Andrea Kokomeci, Junior Associate, from CR Partner, in cooperation with Karonovic Partner

In the final week, Adi Brovina, Senior Associate; Sirius Tartari, Associate; and Andrea Kokomeci, Junior Associate, from CR Partner, in cooperation with Karonovic Partner, were special guest lecturers in the course of “International Competition Law.”

The topic of the presentation was “Practical Aspects of Merger Filings in Albania”.

The session explored the practical elements of the merger filing process in the Albanian legal system.

Adi Brovina and Sirius Tartari, distinguished legal experts in competition issues, provided in-depth analysis and practical advice on managing merger transactions, including those with foreign elements.

At the end of the presentation, students raised different questions on several notorious merger cases in Albania.

We thank our Alumni, Andrea Kokomeci, for organising this event.

xx. Open Lecture "Arbitrazhi Tregtar dhe Arbitrazhi i Investimeve"

Departamenti i Drejtësisë në bashkëpunim me International Chamber of Commerce in Albania organizuan një leksion të hapur me temë "Arbitrazhi Tregtar dhe Arbitrazhi i Investimeve".

Të ftuar në leksionin e hapur ishin Ardita Seknaj, sekretare e përgjithshme pranë ICC Albania, Dr Ledina Mandia, lektore në Universitetin Epoka dhe Dr. Dini Sejko, lektor në Universitetin e Teknologjisë dhe Shkencave të Hong Kongut dhe arbitër në ICSID.

Gjatë leksionit, studentët patën mundësinë që të njihen me veçoritë e arbitrazhit tregtar dhe të investimeve.

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xxi. Study Initiative

Studentët e Klubit Studentor “Iustitia” prezantuan gjetjet e tyre rreth iniciatives së ndërmarrë, nën drejtimin e pedagoges Dr. Heliona Miço, për monitorimin e mbledhjeve online te Këshillit të Lartë Gjyqësor.

Monitorimi u krye përgjatë periudhës Qershor 2022-Mars 2023. Ndër gjetjet kryesore mund të përmendim:

- i) respektimi në mënyrë rigoroze i akteve procedurale;
- ii) funksionimi i Këshillit si organ kolegjal konform me Ligjin nr. 115/2016 “Për organet e qeverisjes së sistemit të drejtësisë”, i ndryshuar
- iii) vonesa të herëpashershme në fillimin e mbledhjeve;
- iv) mungesa e burimeve njerëzore, duke ulur rrjedhimisht efikasitetin e sistemit gjyqësor.

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xxii. Participation at open forum "Të rinjtë diskutojnë për korrupsionin dhe integritetin"

Studentët e Departamentit të Drejtësisë morrën pjesë në forumin me temë “Fuqizimi i të rinjve në luftën kundër korrupsionit dhe rifitimi i besimit në integritet”.

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xxiii. Participation at the project “No to Corruption, Yes to Democracy”

From February to June, 10 students from the Department of Law at Epoka University, took part in one of the activities of the project “No to Corruption, Yes to Democracy”, implemented by Albanian Helsinki Committee, with the financial support of the Swedish Government.

During this timeframe, Epoka University’s team participated in the Student Debate Competition organised on 20th of March 2024, where they presented their cause on the necessity to regulate online social platforms used in Albania.

Later on to further elaborate their cause the team was engaged on drafting a research paper, providing a brief legal analyses of EU’s regulatory legislation on online social platforms, compared to our national laws, with the aim of presenting concrete recommendations for the alignment of Albanian legislation with European standards.

Pursuant to this comparison, the paper recommended a legislative initiative on having a new Law regulating the content of Online Social Platforms in Albania and a specific provision in the Criminal Code for the publication and distribution of photos or videos with sexually explicit content.

Following those findings, the students initiated a petition to the Assembly of Albania to recommend said recommendations.

The impact of this initiative, in addition to the inclusion of the youth voice in a modern and current issue, also includes the increase in the responsibility and accountability of public institutions against legal citizen initiatives. It also aims to make the online space a safer place for young people and all age groups who actively use it.

The Department of Law thanks the Albanian Helsinki Committee for involving the students in this project.

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xxiv. Summer School on International Arbitration

From 8-12 July, 25 law students attended the Summer School on International Arbitration held at Epoka University Albania.

The Summer School on International Arbitration main objective was to equip students with the necessary knowledge of international commercial arbitration.

It combined lecturers from well-known Albanian academics and lawyers dealing with international arbitration. Thank you very much Dr Dini Sejko, Ledina Mandija, Xhilda Vocaj, Merlin Papadhopulli and Fatos Lazimi for your availability and dedication to discuss arbitrations issues with the students in this summer period:).

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