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A. Organization & Management

Introduction

Dr. Niuton Mulleti
Acting Head of Department

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, and it has a strong emphasis on 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 be participate in numerous mobility programs in the framework of 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 be an active unit which aims to resolve legal, social, economic, domestic and international political problems that are of a particular interest to society.

Study programs offered by the Department

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.

The integrated second cycle study program in Law offered by our department is in full compliance with the requirements of the Albanian Higher Education Law and after the completion of this 5-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, after they have completed the state exam in law.

B. Resources

Department Staff

Full time Academic Staff



Dr. Niuton Mulleti

Acting Head of the Department Lecturer

Niuton Mulleti was born in Shkodër, Albania, in 1981. With a Bachelor and Master's degree in International Relations awarded respectively by Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey, and Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, from 2004 to 2008, he worked at the (Central) Bank of Albania, firstly as a Specialist and then as Head of Division covering issues related to Bank of Albania's foreign relations as well as European Integration, with a particular focus on the approximation of Bank of Albania's legislation and procedures with the *acquis communautaire*.

Since November 2008, Mr. Mulleti has been working at Epoka University initially as Head of the Rector's Cabinet and since 2017, as Head of the Institutional and Legal Affairs Office and Acting Head of the Department of Law. Mr. Mulleti is also a Lecturer at the Department of Political Science and International Relations of Epoka University. In 2016 he completed his PhD degree in International Relations and Diplomacy at the HEIP-Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Strategiques (CEDS) in Paris, France. His research interest areas are Theories of International Relations, EU Foreign and Defence Policy and EU Law.



Dr. Geland Shkurtaj

Lecturer

Geland Shkurtaj is an academic lawyer and public notary, living in Tirana (Albania). She completed the first full studies (MSc) at the University of Tirana at the Faculty of Natural Sciences in "Biology". Starting from 1994, she divided her life between Tirana and Italy, where she continued her studies by completing the second full studies (MSc) at the University of Genoa, graduating in Law. She worked as Legal Advisor and Expert of the General Directorate of Anti-Mafia at the General Prosecutor's Office of Genoa. She completed her postgraduate studies at LLM in "International Tax Law" in Genoa and become member at Genoa's Bar Association, practitioner' lawyer. During the years 2011-2014 she worked as a consultant of EU funds for Archidata (Milan) and Senior Project Manager for Albania at the Managing Authority Region Abruzzo, in the program "IPA Cross Border". Since her returning to Albania, she has worked at "Iustiniani" and "University of New York in Tirana", where she held the position of adjunct

lecturer in “Taxation Law”. She is member of Tirana Bar Association and member of Tirana Chamber of Notary. She received the “Phylosophical degree” in "Legal Anthropology" at the Academy of Albanological Studies. Since academic year 2016-2017, for two years as part-time, and after as a full-time, she keeps the position of Lecturer at “Epoka” University, Department of Law. She is the scientific correspondent for Albania of the "International Tax Law Review" Journal published by the University "La Sapienza" Rome. She also continues to be called as an External Lecturer at this University, at the Faculty of Political Science where she gives lectures at the Master level regarding "Fiscalism in the Balkans and Albania". She has a consolidated expertise in comparative legal systems gained from continuing experiences with Temple University (Philadelphia) and Worcester College in Oxford (UK). She is a board member of the “Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution” in Flensburg, Germany. She is the author of many scientific articles published in international journals as well as of many articles in the daily "Panorama" newspaper in Albania.



Dr. Alba Gerdeci

Lecturer

Dr. Alba Gerdeci has been working at Epoka University, in Tirana, Albania, as of 12 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, particularly those located in Europe, US and Canada. As of 2017, she has been assigned at the same time as the Head of Rector`s Cabinet, responsible for contributing to the proper conduct of both internal and external communication, as well as ensuring the compliance of all acts, documents, and operations of the University with the national legislation on higher education as well as with the legal acts of the University.

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 these courses was English. During the 2020-2021 academic year, she was responsible to deliver the Public International Law course to the students of Law and Political Sciences and International Relations Departments of Epoka University. She is a member of International Law Association Albanian Branch.

Her research areas include human rights, international law, humanitarian intervention, the responsibility to protect and the United Nations system.



Dr. Heliona Miço

Lecturer

Dr. Heliona Miço is a lecturer of Public Law, in the Law department at “Epoka University” and a researcher of human rights, the right to education, child's rights and social justice.

Dr. Miço was educated at Faculty of Law in University of Tirana, Albania and graduated with bachelor degree. She has completed the Master study program in Civil Sciences at the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana and the Master 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 was engaged 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 has defended her PhD at the Institute of European Studies, in University of Tirana with the theses “A general overview of the right to education in Albania. Development of this right in accordance with international standard and European legislation.”

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 as a lecturer at the University of Salerno (UNISA), Italy for Teaching Mobility in the framework of the Erasmus+ Program. She is the editor of 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, Durrës, Albania, ISBN 978-9928-174-65-9.

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)”. She is a member of Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE). Dr. Miço is as well engaged as a member of the Editorial Board of Beder Journal of Humanities.



Dr. Bojana Hajdini

Lecturer

Bojana Hajdini holds a LLM and PhD in Law from Faculty of Law, University of Tirana. 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, 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 institution. Bojana has published in various national and international journals and her research interest relates to Public and Criminal Law.



Dr. Desara Dushi
Lecturer
(Administrative Leave)



Dr. Eglantina Farruku
Lecturer

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, Law related issues: Human Security and Child Security related matters and concerns. She has participated in many international conferences and published various international articles. She is a Member of Bar Association since 2011.

Full time Academic Staff from other department at Epoka University



Dr. Avdi Smajljaj
INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE EU



Dr. Sadullah YILMAZ
TURKISH I



PhD. Dea Haxhiu (Bashkurti)
INTRODUCTION TO LAW
LEGAL ENGLISH
HUMAN RIGHTS



MSc. Ada Cara
CORE ENGLISH
DEVELOPING READING AND WRITING SKILLS



MSc. Erjon Saliasi
ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND WRITING



MSc. Jonida Balliu
INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS I

Part time Academic Staff



Prof. Dr. Mariana Semini (Tutulani)
LAW OF OBLIGATIONS I
LAW OF OBLIGATIONS II



Dr. Ada Güven
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW
CIVIL PROCEDURE LAW
Assistant Lecturer- **LAW OF OBLIGATIONS I, LAW OF OBLIGATIONS II**
LEGAL CLINIC



Dr. Hasan Bello
HISTORY OF POLITICAL-LEGAL INSTITUTIONS



MSc. Najada Kiliç
LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW
FINANCIAL LAW



MSc. Ornela Rrumbullaku
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE



MSc. Albana Karapanço
INSOLVENCY LAW
INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



Prof. Dr. Eralda Çani
ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE



Dr. Gentjan Skara
EU LAW
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION LAW



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Endri Papajorgji
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW
EU COMMERCIAL LAW
EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW

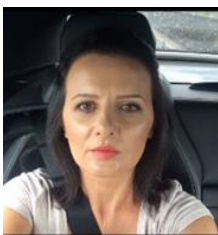


Dr. Ledina Mandija
ALTERNATIVES OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION

Part time Academic Staff from other department at Epoka University



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ardjana Braja
Italian I



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eglantina Gishti
French I

MSc. Ardit Lena
German I

Teaching Assistant (2021-2022)

Egla Leci
Gea Alibeaj
Reni Maci
Megi Xheli

Academic Visitors (2021-2022)

Name Surname (Title)	Title	Sending University	Host Department at Epoka University	Cycle	Mobility Period
Ralf Wustenberg	PhD	Europa Universitat Flensburg	FLSS	Erasmus+	06.09.2022 - 16.09.2022
Zaineh Barakat	PhD	Europa Universitat Flensburg	FLSS	Erasmus+	06.09.2022 - 16.09.2022

Administrative Staff



Alma Pupli
Department Coordinator

Finance

Income and Expenditure Summary

-Income and various financing for **Integrated Second Cycle Study Program in Law** during the 2021-2022 academic year:

Income (in Euro)	2021-2022
Tuition fees for and during studies	143,000
TOTAL	143,000

-Expenditures for **Integrated Second Cycle Study Program in Law** during the 2021-2022 academic year:

	2021-2022		
Expenditures (in EURO)	Salaries	Expenditures	Investements
Tuition and other student fees	72,534	43,075	9,830
Total	72,534	43,075	9,830

IT Resources, Physical Infrastructure and Library Resources

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

The classrooms are equipped with video projectors and smart boards that enable the normal conduct of the learning process. Through the year, students and lecturers have used different classes in D- Building.

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

Students and staff also benefit from IT resources as well as from Library that is very rich in terms of resources for the needs of the students and staff of LAW Department. According to the information received from the library, students can access 75 different kinds of books. They are also able to use JSTOR and SCIENCEDIRECT in the premises of the university to receive more information regarding the Scientific Research they will need during their courses.

C. The Curriculum

Undergraduate Teaching

FACULTY OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Integrated Second Cycle in Law

First YEAR															
First Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory / Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epo ka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Practical	Lab	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab	Sit. W.	Other	Total	
LA W 101	E drejtë publike/ Public Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 103	Histori e institucioneve politiko-juridike/ History of Political-Legal Institutions	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 109	E drejtë romake/ Roman Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
PI R 111	Hyrje në shkencat politike/ Introduction to Political Science	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
EC O 101	Hyrje në ekonomi I/ Introduction to Economics I	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
*E NG 107 *E NG 109	Core English Developing Reading and Writing Skills	D	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5

Semestral Total				19	0	0	19	30	0	0	450	0	750	30	
* According to English language proficiency level.															
Second Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory/Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epo ka Credits	Semestral Course studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Practical	Laboratory	Total		Lecture	Practical	Laboratory	Sitting	Other		Total
LA W 102	E drejtë civile I/ Civil Law I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 104	E drejtë penale I/ Criminal Law I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 106	Filozofi e së drejtës/ Philosophy of Law	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 108	Bazat dhe metodat e arsyetimit dhe shkrimit ligjor/ Fundamentals and Methods of Legal Reasoning and Writing	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 110	Anglishte ligjore/ Legal English	D	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 116	E drejtë kushtetuese/ Constitutional Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	300	0	0	450	0	750	30
Third Semester															

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory/Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epo ka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Practical	Laboratory	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Laboratory	Seminar	Other	Total	
LA W 205	E drejtë civile II/Civil Law II	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 207	E drejtë e detyrimeve I/ Law of Obligations I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 209	E drejtë administrative I/ Administrative Law I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 211	E drejtë penale II/ Criminal Law II	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 213	E drejtë e punës dhe e sigurimeve shoqërore/ Labour and Social Security Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LA W 215	Kërkim dhe shkrim akademik/ Academic Research and Writing	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
Semestral Total				23	0	0	23	23	300	0	0	450	0	750	30
Fourth Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory/Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epo ka Credits	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Practical	Laboratory	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Laboratory	Seminar	Other	Total	
LA W 202	Teknikë legjislativë/ Legislative Technique	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5

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LA W 204	Kriminalogji- Penologji/ Criminology- Penology	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 206	E drejtë familjare/Family Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 208	E drejtë e detyrimeve II/ Law of Obligations II	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 210	E drejtë administrative II/ Administrative Law II	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 212	Të drejtat e njeriut/ Human Rights	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
Semestral Total				20	0	0	0	20	3 0 0	0	0	45 0	0	7 5 0	30

Third YEAR

Fifth Semester

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory / Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epo ka Credits	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Practical	Laboratory	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Laboratory	Site Work	Other	Total	
LA W 301	E drejtë procedurale civile/ Civil Procedure Law	B	Compulsory	5	0	0	5	5	60	0	0	65	0	125	5
LA W 303	E drejtë procedurale penale/ Criminal Procedure Law	B	Compulsory	5	0	0	5	5	60	0	0	65	0	125	5
LA W 305	Etikë ligjore / Legal Ethics	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	45	0	0	80	0	125	5

LA W 307	E drejta tregtare / Commercial Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 309	Sociologji e ligjit/ Sociology of Law	A	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	4 5	0	0	80	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 311	Kontratet administrative/ Administrative Contracts	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
Semestral Total				22	0	0	2 2	22	3 1 0	0	0	44 0	0	7 5 0	30
Sixth Semester															
COURSES		C ou rs e T yp e	Co mpu lsor y /Ele ctiv e	Weekly Course Distribution				E po ka Cr ed its	Semestral Course studying hours and						E C T S
Co de	Course Name			T he or y	P ra ct .	L a b .	T ot al		L e ct .	P ra ct .	L a b .	Sit e W .	O th er	T ot al	
LA W 302	E drejtë financiare/ Financial Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 304	E drejtë ndërkombëtare publike/ Public International Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 306	Drejtësi administrative/ Administrative Justice	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 308	Institucionet dhe politikat e BE-së/ Institutions and Policies of the EU	B	Co mpu lsor y	3			3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 310	E drejtë e tokës/ Land Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5
LA W 312	E drejtë e falimentimit/ Insolvency Law	B	Co mpu	3	0	0	3	3	5 0	0	0	75	0	1 2 5	5

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Semesteral Total				18	0	0	18	30	0	0	45	0	75	0	30	
Fourth YEAR																
Seventh Semester																
COURSES		C ou rs e T yp e	Co mpu lsor y /Ele ctiv e	Weekly Course Distribution				E po ka	Semestral studying hours				Lecture and	ECT S		
Co de	Course Name			The ory	Pr act .	L a b .	T ot al	Cr ed its	L e ct .	Pr act .	L a b .	Sit e W .	Other	T ot al		
LA W 401	E drejtë e BE-së / EU Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6	
LA W 403	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e biznesit/ International Business Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6	
LA W 405	E drejtë ndërkombëtare private/ Private International Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6	
LA W 407	Alternativat e zgjidhjes së konflikteve dhe arbitrazh/ Alternatives of Conflict Resolution and Arbitration	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6	
LA W 409	Pronësi intelektuale ndërkombëtare/ International Intellectual Property	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6	
Semesteral Total				20	0	0	20	30	0	0	45	0	75	0	30	
Eighth Semester																
COURSES		C ou rs e	Co mpu lsor y	Weekly Course Distribution				E po ka	Semestral Course studying hours				ECT S			

Co de	Course Name	T yp e	/Ele ctiv e	T he or y	P ra ct .	L a b .	T ot al	Cr ed its	L e ct .	P ra ct .	L a b .	Sit e W .	O th er	T ot al	
LA W 402	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e konkurrencës/ International Competition Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 404	E drejtë tregtare e BE-së/ EU Commercial Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 408	E drejtë kontraktore evropiane/ European Contract Law	B	Co mpu lsor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 410	Klinikë ligjore/ Legal Clinic	D	Co mpu lsor y	0	4	0	4	4	0	6 0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
XX X	Me zgjedhje/ Elective	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
Semesteral Total				16	4	0	2 0	20	2 4 0	6 0	0	45 0	0	7 5 0	30
Elective Courses															
LA W 412	E drejtë kushtetuese e BE-së/ EU Constitutional Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 414	Barazia gjinore dhe ligji/ Gender Equality and Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 416	Ligji dhe teknologjia/ Law and Technology	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 418	Ligji dhe politika/ Law and Politics	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 420	Shteti i së drejtës/ Rule of Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 422	Ligji, politika dhe media/ Law, Politics and Media	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

LA W 424	E drejtë e mjedisit/ Environmental Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 426	E drejtë e konsumatorit/ Consumer Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 428	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e të drejtave të njeriut/ International Human Rights Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

Fifth YEAR															
Ninth Semester															
COURSES		C ou rs e T yp e	Co mpu sor y /Elec tive	Weekly Course Distribution				E po ka Cr ed its	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						E C T S
Co de	Course Name			T he or y	P ra ct .	L a b .	T ot al		L e ct .	P ra ct .	L a b .	Sit e W .	O th er	T ot al	
LA W 501	E drejtë penale ndërkombëtare/ International Criminal Law	B	Co mpu sor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 503	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e mjedisit/ International Environmental Law	B	Co mpu sor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 505	Çështje bashkëkohore të së drejtës/ Contemporary Issues in Law	B	Co mpu sor y	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
XX X	Me zgjedhje/ Elective	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
XX X	Me zgjedhje/ Elective	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	3 0 0	0	0	45 0	0	7 5 0	30

Elective Courses															
LA W 507	E drejtë e traktateve/ Law of Treaties	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

LA W 509	Të drejtat evropiane të njeriut/ European Human Rights	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 511	Psikologji juridike/ Legal Psychology	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 513	Mjekësi ligjore/ Forensics	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 515	E drejtë kushtetuese e krahasuar/ Comparative Constitutional Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 517	Mbrojtja sociale/ Social Protection	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 519	E drejtë e prokurimit publik/ Public Procurement Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 521	E drejtë bankare/Banking Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 525	E drejtë administrative evropiane/ European Administrative Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 527	E drejtë kibernetike/ Cyber Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 529	E drejtë evropiane e konkurrencës/ European Competition Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

Tenth Semester															
COURSES		C ou rs e T yp e	Co mpu lsor y /Elec tiv e	Weekly Course Distribution				E po ka Cr ed its	Semestral Course studying hours and						E C T S
Co de	Course Name			T he or y	P ra ct .	L a b .	T ot al		L e ct .	P ra ct .	L a b .	Sit e W .	O th er	T ot al	
LA W 502	Praktikë mësimore/ Internship	D	Co mpu lsor y	0	4	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

LA W 504	Teza/ Thesis	E	Co mpu lsor y	0	0	0	0	0	1 1 0	0	0	19 0	0	3 0 0	12
XX X	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
XX X	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
Semesteral Total				8	4	0	1 2	12	2 9 0	0	0	46 0	0	7 5 0	30
Elective Courses															
LA W 506	E drejtë tatimore- doganore/ Tax and Customs Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 508	Pronësi intelektuale/ Intellectual Property	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 510	E drejtë e sigurimeve/ Insurance Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 512	E drejtë e detit/ Law of Sea	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 514	E drejtë penale evropiane/ European Criminal Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 516	E drejta dhe politikat Sociale / Law and Social Policies	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 518	E drejtë ndërkombëtare dhe e BE-së mbi emigrimin/ International and EU Immigration Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 520	E drejta për edukim dhe legjislacioni arsimor/ The Right to Education and Education Legislation	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 522	Kontabilitet dhe auditim/ Accounting and Audit	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

LA W 524	E drejtë e krahasuar e sistemeve ligjore/ Comparative Legal Systems Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 526	E drejtë penale e krahasuar/ Comparative Criminal Law	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6
LA W 528	Kriminalistikë/ Criminalistics	C	Elec tive	4	0	0	4	4	6 0	0	0	90	0	1 5 0	6

Graduate Teaching

N/A

D. Teaching, Learning, Assessment & Research

Undergraduate Students' List of Theses

N/A

Graduate Students' List of Theses

N/A

List of Incoming & Outgoing Students

N/A

Research Areas and Research Groups

N/A

List of Publications

Dr. Heliona Miço:

1. Miço H., Zaçellari, M. (2021). Barriers to implementation of the child's rights to inclusive education: the case of Albania. A child in history- between dignity and enslavement. Vol 1. The child as a foundation of human rights. Publishing House of the University of Bialystok. Scientific Editor Elwira J. Kryńska, Łukasz Kalisz, Agnieszka Suplicka, Bialystok 2021, pp 365-378
2. Zaçellari, M. Miço, H. (2021). "Online learning for students with disabilities in pre-university schools in Albania" Актуальные проблемы специального и инклюзивного образования детей и молодежи: материалы V-й Международной научнопрактической конференции (25–26 февраля 2021 г.) – Ростов-на-Дону; Таганрог: Издательство Южного федерального университета, 2021. – 456 с. (Current problems of special and inclusive education for children and youth: papers of the V-th International Scientific and Practical Conference (February 25–26, 2021) - Rostov-on-Don; Taganrog: Publishing House of the Southern Federal University, 2021. -456 p.) p. 334-343. ISBN 978-5-9275-4040-2
3. Zaçellari, M., Miço H. (2021). The importance of cultivating peace in education by teaching human rights to pre-university students. A child in history- between dignity and enslavement. Vol 1. The child as a foundation of human rights. Publishing House of the University of Bialystok. Scientific Editor Elwira J. Kryńska, Łukasz Kalisz, Agnieszka Suplicka, Bialystok 2021, pp 353-363.
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5. Miço, H., Cungu, J. (2022). The Need for Digital Education in the Teaching Profession: A Path Toward Using the European Digital Competence Framework in Albania. IAFOR Journal of Education: Technology in Education. Volume 10 – Issue 2. pp 29-50. DOI: 10.22492/ije.10.2.02
6. Miço, H. (2022). Transformation of Albanian Higher Education Through the Accreditation Process: Progress, Obstacles and Future. New Perspectives on Using Accreditation to Improve Higher Education. Publisher: IGI-Global. pp. 162-178. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-6684-5195-3.ch009

Dr. Bojana Hajdini:

E drejta për punë e të dënuarve në Shqipëri: Kudrit Ligjor dhe Zbatimi i tij në praktikë, nën Këndvështrim të Standardeve Ndërkombëtare, published in Balkan Journal of Interdisciplinary Research, International Institute for Private, Commercial and Competition Law, Graz, Austria ISSN 2410-759X (print) ISSN 2411-9725 (online) Vol 8, No. 2 - September 2022
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Dr. Gelande Shkurtaj:

Publications of the Monograph "Customs and Traditions. A short story of Blood-feud among Albanian Kanuns",
Shtëpia Botuese Toena
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Publications in daily newspaper "Panorama" Albania:
«Si u pajtuan dy Gjermanitë»
<http://www.panorama.com.al/si-u-pajtuan-dy-gjermanite/>
«Banaliteti i gënjeshtres në politikën shqiptare»

<http://www.panorama.com.al/banaliteti-i-genjeshtres-ne-politiken-shqiptare/>
«Të vërtetat që demokratët duhet të dijnë»
<http://www.panorama.com.al/te-vertetat-qe-demokratet-duhet-te-dijne/>
«Cosa Nostra» dhe «Çështja jonë»
<http://www.panorama.com.al/cosa-nostra-dhe-ceshtja-jone/>
« Mendja e mbrapshtë mallkim i vetvetes »
<http://www.panorama.com.al/mendja-e-mbrapshte-mallkim-i-vetvetes/>
« Rrethi vicioz i fajit nga Gërdeci në Himarë »
<http://www.panorama.com.al/rrethi-vicioz-i-fajit-nga-gerdeci-ne-himare/>

Participation of Academic Staff in Academic Events

Dr. Bojana Hajdini:

‘Transposition of the ECN+ Directive in Albania as an EU candidate country: the impact and challenges in the Albanian digital environment’ Gentjan Skara and Bojana Hajdini, paper presented at International Conference ‘Competition & IP in the Digital Markets: A comparative & inter-disciplinary perspective’ organized by University of Maastricht, 23-24 June 2022

‘The Role of Information and Communication Technology in Prevention of Corruption in Albanian Judiciary System’ Bojana Hajdini and Gentjan Skara, paper presented at international conference on ‘The Role of Technology in Preventing and Combating Organized Crime, Financial Crimes and Corruption’ organized by OSCE Presence in Albania, Faculty of Law (University of Tirana) and Centro di Ricerca e Cooperazione con l’Eurasia, il Mediterraneo e l’Africa Sub-sahariana (Sapienza University di Roma) 21 June 2022 Tirana, Albania

‘The Right to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly during the Covid-19 Pandemic in the Light of ECHR Standards’, Bojana Hajdini and Gentjan Skara, paper presented at 6th International Scientific Conference on EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges ‘The Recovery of the EU and Strengthening the Ability to Respond to New Challenges – Legal and Economic Aspects’ organized by Faculty of Law, University of Osijek, 9-10 June 2022

“Digitalization of Judicial System as a tool to increase Judicial Integrity: The Case of 2016 Judicial Reform in Albania” Bojana Hajdini, Gentian Skara, paper presented in The IE Lawtation Days Conference, organized by The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for Law And Automation, IE University Law School, Madrid, Spain, 29-30 September

Legal Expert – “All Eyes on Justice - Monitoring the Justice Reform in Albania” - (Matra Program 2020), implemented by Institute for Policy & Legal Studies and Embassy of Nederland in Albania.

Legal Expert - “The Vetting Process in the context of obligations for integration into the European Union”- Project C1 – EU – NPA, “Improving Debate on Policies and Accountability to Fulfill Basic Rights, through the creation of the Cluster 1 Albania Platform of Negotiations,” implemented by four Albanian organizations, the Center for the Study of Democracy and Governance, the Albanian Helsinki Committee, the Institute for Political Studies, and the Albanian Institute of Science, supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tirana.

Dr. Heliona Miço:

28 March – 01 April 2022

1. During March 28-April 01, 2022, Dr. Heliona Miço participated at the Teaching Mobility program in the framework of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Agreement signed between EPOKA University and the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy.

Dr. Heliona Miço delivered lectures on Public Law and EU Law, to the students of the integrated 5-year program in Law offered by the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of UNISA, with a particular focus on the right to education as a fundamental human right seen from the international standards, European legislation and Albanian legal framework.

Dr. Heliona Miço also participated at the Conference “EU ‘Boundaries’ and Challenges in the Field of Asylum and Migration Management” of the Third Edition of the Jean Monnet Module titled “EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs” (EUWEB) held on March 31-April 01, 2022. On April 01, 2022, she presented the lecture titled “The right to education of Asylum Seekers and Refugees. The reflection of International Instruments and Standards in domestic legislation”. <https://www.euweb.org/category/events/>

20 May 2022

Dr. Heliona Miço participated in the 8th International Conference on Educational & Social Sciences “New Perspectives in Education and Social Sciences” ICESS 2022, organized by “Beder” University College, in partnership with the International Organization “Educators Without Borders” Geneva, Switzerland, “Aleksander Xhuvani” University of Elbasan, and ELTA – English Language Teachers Association, Tirana, Albania, on 20 May 2022, as a speaker with the presentation: “Development of the Teaching Profession in Albania Towards Standardization as a Regulated Profession”.

The International Conference on Education and Social Sciences is an Interdisciplinary Conference organized by the Department of Education and English Language of “Beder” University College, which aims to bring together scholars, researchers, professors, lecturers and graduate students to exchange and share their experiences and research work and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted in the field of Education and Social Sciences.

May 2022- on

Dr. Heliona Miço is engaged as a member of working groups WG1 Fundamental and vertical dimension of human rights online, of Cost action “CA19143 Global Digital Human Rights Network (GDHRNet)”, with duration 14.09.2020-13.09.2024. She is engaged in the meetings of working group, by sharing opinions and ideas on the issues raised for discussion. She is also a reviewer of one of the chapters “Right to education in regional or minority languages in the pandemic” of the book planned for publication.

The GDHRNet COST Action will systematically explore the theoretical and practical challenges posed by the online context to the protection of human rights. The network will address whether international human rights law is sufficiently detailed to enable governments and private online companies to understand their respective obligations vis-à-vis human rights protection online. It will evaluate how national governments have responded to the task of providing a regulatory framework for online companies and how these companies have transposed the obligation to protect human rights and combat hate speech online into their community standards. The matters of transparency and accountability will be explored, through the lens of corporate social responsibility. The information is published in the official website <https://www.cost.eu/cost-action/global-digital-human-rights-network/>.

15 June 2022

Participation in the Roundtable debate on Key Elements for the Future of the EUWEB Observatory’s Research, on June 15, 2022 held at EPOKA University. This event was organized by the Department of Law in the framework of the conclusion of the Third Edition of the Jean Monnet Module titled “EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs” (EUWEB), managed by the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy where EPOKA University also participates as a partner institution. Participants shared their views on the main challenges faced in the area of the rule of law also with a view to the EU accession perspective of the Western Balkan countries.

Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj:

1. Gelanda Shkurtaj ICES'22 titled “Developments and Challenges in the European Integration Process: The Role of Identity and Intercultural Communication in a Transnational Perspective”. Date: 21-23 September 2022, Tirana, Albania.
2. Gelanda Shkurtaj ICES'22 titled “Truth, Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in Albania”. Date: 12 September 2022, Tirana, Albania.

3. Participant as legal adviser and organizer of the third Social Business Day, organized by Epoka “YUNUS Center”, May 31-st 2022.

MSc. Eglantina Farruku:

Conference Participation: International Scientific Conference "Security in Western Balkan" organized by the Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Political Sciences and Law, "Aleksander Moisiu" University, Durres and Faculty of Law and Political Science, Côte D'Azur University, Nice, France, May 20th, 2022, Durres,

Albania. Paper presented entitled "Globalization, social economic, interdependence and opportunities" Dr. Albana Demi, Dr. Eglantina Farruku, PhD. Irina Canco

Projects

Dr. Heliona Miço-
September- October 2021

Dr. Heliona Miço participated as a national legal expert on “Contributing in the Amelioration of Human Rights in and out the Penitentiary System in Albania” project, in drafting the modules particularly in the field of Vocational rehabilitation and/or legal education.

The module aims to shed light on the importance of the right to education, especially for persons detained or sentenced by a final court decision, and to provide a general overview of the legal framework and international standards regarding the right to education, for children and adults, as a preventive and educational tool for the individual and society.

10-11 December 2021

Dr. Heliona Miço participated on December 10-11, 2021, at “Aleksander Xhuvani”, University of Elbasan and “Fan S. Noli” University of Korça, in an open lecture with the topic “Property rights from the perspective of the European Court of Human Rights”, organized by European Center and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation.

The open discussion was related to the right to property as one of the most controversial rights in the internationally protected human rights group, the extent of property rights in the international sphere, the place of this right in the European Convention on Human Rights, the scope of the right of property, positive and negative obligations of the state, as well as the content of the law together with the permissible restrictions, accompanied by specific cases treated by the European Court of Human Rights.

E. Support, Resources & Representation

List of Students' Internships

N/A

Participation in Academic Events

Study visit at Europa University Flensburg by the academic staff members of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences at EPOKA University

With the honourable presence of the Rector of EPOKA University, Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZTAŞ, the presence of the Vice Rector for International Relations, Assoc. Prof. Dr. David FELSEN, the academic staff members of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences (FLSS) at EPOKA University: Dr. Reina SHEHI, Dr. Niuton MULLETI, Dr. Jubjana VILA, Dr. Gelanda SHKURTAJ and MSc Ada CARA, had the opportunity to participate in a study visit at Europa University Flensburg (EUF) under the Erasmus+ Mobility Programme funded by the European Commission, held during November 04-10, 2021.

Under this mobility the university staff was part of the grand opening of the newest PhD programme under 'The European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution' (for short: Wasatia Graduate School). During the one-week stay, the focus was on having structured seminars with the PhD students and fellow colleagues from EUF on topics related to conflict-affected countries and possible reconciliation strategies. The group also visited sites, including a concentration camp and the Berlin Wall memorial, in keeping with the themes of conflict and reconciliation.

As FLSS has been continuously engaged with conflict resolution and peace issues, our staff tried to give their expertise from an inter-disciplinary perspective regarding conflicts in the Balkans, peace education etc. The prestigious event held by Europa University Flensburg served as a milestone to further advance the cooperation between both institutions in the future.

Dr. Niuton Mulleti dhe Dr. Bojana Hajdini moren pjese ne takimin e zhvilluar nga Drejtoria e Ndhimes Juridike, ne kuader te fuqizimit te klinikave te ligjit



Drejtoria e Ndhmës Juridike Falas me mbështetjen e Prezencës së OSBE-së në Shqipëri zhvilloi në Ditën Ndërkombëtare për të Drejtat e Njeriut tryezën me fokus fuqizimin e Klinikave të Ligjit pranë IAL-ve si ofrues të ndihmës juridike parësore.

Në këtë takim vlen të evidentojmë pjesëmarrjen e z. Maclean, Shefi në detyrë i Departamentit të Shtetit të së Drejtës dhe të Drejtave të Njeriut, Zj. Vorpsi, Zj. Bano dhe Z. Kosta, të cilët ndanë me pjesëmarrësit eksperiencat e tyre në fushën e së drejtës dhe sidomos në fushën e ndihmës juridike.

Disktuam mbi rolin e Klinikave të Ligjit me përfaqësuesit e Klinikave në kuadër të forcimit të bashkëpunimit, shtrirjen më tej të urave të bashkëpunimit dhe në evidentimin e problematikave dhe mënyrën sesi mund ti zgjidhim ato.

Studentët e pranishëm ndanë eksperiencat e tyre konkrete nga angazhimi i tyre në Klinikat e Ligjit pranë Fakulteteve të Drejtësisë duke treguar raste nga praktika, arritjet e tyre dhe falenderimet për njohuritë e marra.

Kemi bindjen e plotë që përmes këtij takimi të rrisim kapacitetin e Klinikave të Ligjit, pjesë në mekanizmin e ndihmës juridike të garantuar nga shteti, si një mundësi koordinimi midis tyre, me Drejtorinë e Ndhmës Juridike Falas apo me aktorë të tretë;

Dhe më e rëndësishmja, të nxitim studentët e Fakulteteve të Drejtësisë për të qenë pjesë e mekanizmit të ndihmës juridike.

Drejtoria e Ndhmës Juridike Falas vlerëson maksimalisht angazhimin dhe seriozitetin e Klinikave të Ligjit dhe shpresojmë që gjatë këtij viti të vijojmë me forcimin e bashkëpunimit.

The Cooperation Agreement was signed between the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences and the Directorate of Free Legal Aid on the provision of the primary legal aid



On February 04, 2022, the Cooperation Agreement on the provision of the primary legal aid was signed between Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences (FLSS), and Mr. Ergys Qirici, General Director of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Albania.

The said Agreement outlines the main cooperation activities focusing on the functioning of the Legal Clinic established as a constituent unit of the FLSS. Through the Legal Clinic, free legal aid services will be provided to persons in need with a particular focus on the local community and vulnerable groups per the meaning of “primary legal aid” as stipulated in the Law No. 111/2017 “On the Legal Aid guaranteed by the State” which includes:

- i) providing information regarding the legal system in the Republic of Albania, the normative acts in force, the rights and obligations of the subjects of law as well as the methods for exercising these rights in judicial and extrajudicial proceedings.
- ii) providing counseling.
- iii) providing advice on mediation and alternative dispute resolution procedures.
- iv) providing assistance in drafting and compiling the necessary documents to set in motion the state administration or to seek secondary legal aid (i.e., the legal service provided for the drafting of the necessary acts to set the court in motion as well as providing counseling, representation and protection before the court in administrative, civil and criminal cases, to which compulsory protection does not apply according to the provisions of criminal procedure legislation).
- v) ensuring representation in front of administrative bodies; and
- vi) providing all the other forms of necessary legal support that do not constitute secondary legal aid.

Students enrolled in the integrated second cycle study program in Law will be engaged in the provision of primary legal aid under the supervision of the respective academic staff members of the Department of Law. EPOKA University is also one of the first higher education institutions in the country to have included the Legal Clinic as a compulsory course in the curriculum of the integrated second cycle study program in Law.

Besides the provision of the primary legal aid, the Legal Clinic under the FLSS will also cooperate with the Directorate of Free Legal Aid to carry out campaigns on awareness raising and the legal education of the general public with a special focus on informing students on the criteria and conditions for receiving primary legal aid. Based on the said Cooperation Agreement, the Directorate of Free Legal Aid will also offer professional practice opportunities to law students in the premises of the Directorate as well as in the centers managed by this Directorate.

Dr. Niuton Mulleti participated at the Teaching Mobility program at UNISA



During March 07-11, 2022, Dr. Niuton Mulleti participated at the Teaching Mobility program in the framework of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Agreement signed between EPOKA University and the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy.

In this context, Dr. Mulleti delivered lectures on EU Law, Institutions and Policies to the students of the integrated 5-year program in Law offered by the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of UNISA, with a particular focus on the birth and evolution of the principle of the supremacy of EU Law.

On the occasion of the visit to UNISA, Dr. Niuton Mulleti also participated at the Inaugural Conference of the Third Edition of the Jean Monnet Module titled “EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs” (EUWEB) held on March 10-11, 2022. In this framework, on March 11, 2022, Dr. Mulleti delivered the lecture titled “Enlargement fatigue and the stagnation of democratic consolidation in the Western Balkans: Reflections on its impact on the migration flows towards the EU”.

The EUWEB Jean Monnet Module is managed by the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of UNISA with Dr. Teresa Russo as a Module Leader as well as Dr. Anna Oriolo and Dr.

Gaspare Dalia acting as Teaching Staff Members. EPOKA University is a partner institution at the EUWEB Jean Monnet Module.

During his visit to UNISA, Dr. Niuton Mulleti also held meetings with the faculty members from the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of UNISA with a view to the consolidation and further expansion of the existing bilateral cooperation between the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of UNISA and the Department of Law (Faculty of Law and Social Sciences) of EPOKA University.

More information on the said activities is available at <https://www.euweb.org/category/news/>

The Training on “Access to Justice and the novelties of the Law No. 111/2017 “On Legal Aid guaranteed by the State” was held with the participation of fourth-year students



On March 24, 2022, the Training on “Access to Justice and the novelties of the Law No. 111/2017 “On the Legal Aid guaranteed by the State” was held at the premises of EPOKA University with the participation of the fourth-year students from the integrated second cycle study program in Law who will be engaged in the activities of the Legal Clinic established under the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences.

On this occasion, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe and Ms. Klejda Poçi from the Directorate on the Free Legal Aid delivered a presentation by particularly focusing on the primary legal aid, secondary legal aid, as well as the specific categories which can benefit from the provision of free legal aid.

This training was held in the framework of the Cooperation Agreement signed on February 04, 2022, between the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences and the Directorate of Free Legal Aid on the provision of the primary legal aid. Furthermore, EPOKA University is among the first higher education institutions in Albania to have included the “Legal Clinic” as a compulsory course in the curriculum of the integrated second cycle study program in Law.

Dr. Heliona Miço participated at a teaching mobility in the framework of Erasmus+ Programme at University of Salerno, Italy



During March 28-April 01, 2022, Dr. Heliona Miço participated at the Teaching Mobility program in the framework of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Agreement signed between EPOKA University and the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy.

Dr. Heliona Miço delivered lectures on Public Law and EU Law, to the students of the integrated 5-year program in Law offered by the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of UNISA, with a particular focus on the right to education as a fundamental human right seen from the international standards, European legislation and Albanian legal framework.

Dr. Heliona Miço also participated at the Conference “EU ‘Boundaries’ and Challenges in the Field of Asylum and Migration Management” of the Third Edition of the Jean Monnet Module titled “EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs” (EUWEB) held on March 31-April 01, 2022. On April 01, 2022, she presented the lecture titled “The right to education of Asylum Seekers and Refugees. The reflection of International Instruments and Standards in domestic legislation”. <https://www.euweb.org/category/events/>

Pronësia intelektuale dhe rinia – inovacion për një të ardhme më të mire



Në kuadër të marrëveshjes të bashkëpunimit që Universitetin “EPOKA” ka nënshkruar me Drejtorinë e Përgjithshme të Pronësisë Industriale (DPPI), si dhe në kuadër të Ditës Botërore të Pronësisë Intelektuale, 26 Prillit, DPPI në bashkëpunim me Inspektoriatin Shtetëror të Mbikëqyrjes së Tregut (ISHMT), Drejtorinë për të Drejtën e Autorit (DDA), si dhe me mbështetjen e projektit shqiptaro-zviceran ALSIP, zhvilloi më datë 05 Prill 2022, një leksion të hapur mbi pronësinë intelektuale.

Slogani i ditës botërore propozuar këtë vit nga Organizata Botërore e Pronësisë Intelektuale (WIPO) është ”Pronësia intelektuale dhe rinia – inovacion për një të ardhme më të mire”.

Nisur nga rëndësia që studentët kanë në përmirësimin e të ardhmes, si qeliza bazë nga ku fillon ndryshimi, DPPI propozoi para tyre rolin kryesor që kanë institucionet e tyre në rritjen e standartizimit të së ardhmes që ata ëndërrojnë.

Studentët e Programit të Integruar të Drejtësisë së Universitetit “EPOKA” u njohën nga afër me rolin dhe funksionin e DPPI, objektet e pronësisë industriale, si dhe njohuritë bazë mbi aplikimin për regjistrimin e tyre, të drejtën e autorit, rolin e ISHMT, si dhe promovimin e librit të z. Enea Sheqi me titull “E drejta e Autorit”.

Në përfundim të trajnimit u shkëmbyen kontaktet e institucioneve pjesëmarrëse me studentët, të cilët shfaqën interes për thellimin e njohurive mbi fushën.

Falenderojmë përfaqësuesit e DPPI Eneda Shiroka, Malvin Dafa, Suela Qatipi, përfaqësuesin e DDA Emiliano Alla, përfaqësuesin e ISHMT Enea Sheqi dhe përfaqësuesen e projektit shqiptaro-zviceran ALSIP Borana Kalemi për kohën e tyre dhe shpresojmë në bashkëpunim të mëtejshëm.

Study Visit at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs



On May 26, 2022, our students of the Department of Law and Department of Political Science and International Relations visited the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

The said visit was organized in the context of the course “Public International Law”, delivered during the third year of their studies. The course aims to introduce students to the basic concepts and instruments of international law and the international legal system, such as the sources and subjects of international law, sovereignty and jurisdiction of states, the use of force, and the relationship between international law and the domestic law of states.

The students were welcomed by Mr. Valter Ibrahim, former ambassador, and Ms. Shpresa Shahaj of the Directorate of International Law at the Ministry. They shared with the students their extensive experience in the foreign service and focused on some of the most recent activities and policies of the Ministry. Ms. Shahaj delivered a very interesting lecture on “Treaty Law” sharing with the students not only the relevant legal framework and technical aspects of treaty making but also information on Albanian work and experience in this area. Mr. Ibrahim shared with the students his vast experience in negotiation of treaties and highlighted among other the important role that Albania has and is supposed to play in developing further regional relations in the Western Balkans.

Such visits are considered as important for linking theoretical knowledge obtained during course hours with practical knowledge from experts working in the area. The said visit was organized by the course instructor Dr. Alba Gerdec.

At the end the students received a tour of the Ministry.

Study Visit of the students of the Department of Law at the Administrative Court of First Instance in Tirana



On May 27, 2022, our students of the Department of Law visited the Administrative Court of First Instance in Tirana.

The said visit was organized in the context of the LAW 306 “Administrative Justice” course, delivered during the third year of their studies. The course aims to introduce students with the study of the administrative trial, its procedural aspects, the administrative process and court decisions. During the visit, students had the opportunity to receive first-hand information on all steps and procedures concerning the conduct of administrative trials.

Such visits are considered as important, linking theoretical knowledge obtained during course hours with practical knowledge from judges and practitioners in the area. The said visit was organized by the course instructor Prof. Dr. Eralda Çani (Met’hasani).

Open Forum on Key Elements for the Future of the EUWEB Observatory’s Research held at EPOKA



On June 15, 2022, the Open Forum on Key Elements for the Future of the EUWEB Observatory's Research was held at EPOKA University. This event was organized by the Department of Law in the framework of the conclusion of the Third Edition of the Jean Monnet Module titled "EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs" (EUWEB), managed by the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy where EPOKA University also participates as a partner institution.

After the introductory remarks by Dr. Niuton Mulleti, Acting Dean of the Department of Law, the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, delivered the welcome speech focusing on the importance of the EU accession perspective for the Western Balkan countries.

The intervention by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana Nikodinovska Krstevska from the Goce Delcev University of Stip (North Macedonia) dealt with issues pertaining to the EU-Western Balkans cooperation on cross-border security with a particular focus on migration and asylum management as a matter of extreme political relevance for the EU.

Dr. Heliona Miço from EPOKA University delivered a presentation concerning the state of play on the respecting of the right to education of asylum seekers and people who have been placed under temporary protection in Albania, whereas the intervention by Dr. Roland Dodani from the Luigj Gurakuqi University of Shkodër focused on the situation with regard to the protection of fundamental rights in Albania in the light of the Progress Reports adopted by the European Commission.

At the end, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Teresa Russo, EUWEB Module Leader and professor at the Department of Legal Sciences of UNISA delivered the concluding remarks with an emphasis on the importance of conducting joint research in the area of EU-Western Balkans cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs with a particular focus on contributing to the work of the Legal Observatory established in the framework of the EUWEB Module.

The Open Forum concluded with a Q&A session.

Roundtable debate on Key Elements for the Future of the EUWEB Observatory's Research held at EPOKA



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The Roundtable debate brought together prof. Teresa Russo and prof. Gaspare Dalia from the Department of Legal Sciences of UNISA, academic staff members from the Department of Law and the Center for European Studies of EPOKA University, as well as faculty members from the Ismail Qemali University of Vlorë, Luigj Gurakuqi University of Shkodër, Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës, Goce Delcev University of Stip (North Macedonia) alongside other distinguished practitioners and stakeholders.

Participants shared their views on the main challenges faced in the area of the rule of law also with a view to the EU accession perspective of the Western Balkan countries. Discussions also focused on the importance of conducting joint research in the area of EU-Western Balkans cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs with a particular emphasis on contributing to the work of the Legal Observatory established in the framework of the EUWEB Module.

Dr. Vincenzo Carbone from UNINT carried out a Teaching Mobility at the Department of Law



Dr. Vincenzo Carbone from UNINT carried out a Teaching Mobility at the Department of Law

In the framework of the Erasmus+ staff mobility agreement signed between EPOKA University and the University of International Studies in Rome (UNINT) in Italy, Dr. Vincenzo Carbone visited EPOKA during July 11-15, 2022.

On this occasion, Dr. Carbone participated in the defense sessions of the Master theses submitted by the students enrolled in the Master of Science study program in Political Science and International Relations (PIR).

Besides the abovementioned academic activities, the visit consisted of work meetings of Dr. Carbone with the University management, Dr. Niuton Mulleti, Acting Head of the Department of Law as well as with academic staff members from the Department of Law where the areas on the further intensification of bilateral cooperation were agreed upon.

ATEE 2022 Annual Conference “To be or not to be a great educator”



Dr. Heliona Miço, lecturer of public law at Epoka University participated on 30.08.2022 at the International Scientific Conference, ATEE 2022 Annual Conference “To be or not to be a great educator” 29.8.2022 – 31.08.2022, organized by ATEE (Association for Teacher Education in Europe) and University of Latvia, with the paper “The dimensions of social inclusion in the right to education”.

The discussion addresses the social inclusion in education as a means to achieve and enjoy the right to education on equal bases. The research identifies different marginalized groups and the gaps that exist between their right to education and its realization. The dimension of social inclusion is oriented based on the analyses of the key documents, legal framework, international and European policies and strategies implemented by Albania. The discussion highlights the steps needed to be taken by the state to implement inclusion in education, with the aim of enjoying the universal and unlimited right to education.

Further information regarding the conference is published on:

<http://www.atee2022annual.com/conferenceschedule/august-30/>

Research Projects

Jean Monnet Module EU Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (EUWEB) 2nd edition
February 22nd, 2021



The EUWEB Module, hosted by the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy in the framework of the Jean Monnet programme of the EU, offers a three-year specialization course on EU Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) with the Western Balkans in view of their accession to the Union. The EUWEB Jean Monnet Module is managed by UNISA with EPOKA University participating as a partner institution. The EUWEB Module introduces an innovative and multidisciplinary approach in EU legal studies and promotes excellence in teaching in the fields of immigration, the fight against transnational crime, judicial and police cooperation, as well as the protection of fundamental rights, by bringing the Western Balkans closer to the Union.

The EUWEB Module aims to provide an in-depth and technical analysis of the JHA field that is one of the main areas of the EU-Western Balkans cooperation and concerns a matter of extreme political relevance for the EU. In fact, in line with the EU's 'new approach' to the accession process, opening the negotiation chapters on judicial reform and fundamental rights (Chapter 23) and on justice, freedom and security (Chapter 24) has been a top priority in the accession negotiations with the Western Balkans.

The second edition of the EUWEB Module consists of 58 hours of training courses that will take place usually each Thursday/Friday (2.30 PM – 7 PM) from March to June 2021 on the "Microsoft Teams" online platform, which is already available to all students of EPOKA University.

The course is free of charge and participants need only to register on the website (www.euweb.org).

Participants in at least 70% of the activities of the Module will be entitled to an attendance certificate.

You can find more information on the programme of EUWEB at www.euweb.org

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N/A

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