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A. Organization & Management

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-organisation 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 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

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. Gelanda Shkurtaj

Lecturer

Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj is an academic lawyer and public notary, living in Tirana (Albania). She accomplished the full Masters' Degree diploma in Biology at Tirana University in 1997. During 2002-2011 she worked as a Court Expert and Technical Adviser at the General Prosecutor's Office in Liguria Region (Italy) and simultaneously she obtained the second full Master's Degree diploma in Law, in 2009. In 2011 she obtained an LLM in international and national Taxation Law, at Genoa University. In 2012 she moved to Abruzzo Region (acting as a managing authority) in Italy, where she kept the position of Senior Project Manager of E.U.Funds (Instrument of Pre-accession), Cross Border 2007-2013 Program. She won the public competition and established her notary office in Tirana in 2013. During the years 2013-2017 she held the position of Adjunct Lecturer of Fiscal and Taxation Law at New York University in Tirana. In 2018 she obtained the PHD in Legal Anthropology at the Academy of Albanological Studies. Since October 2016, she kept the position of Introduction and Business Law adjunct lecturer, and since October 2018 she is a full time lecturer at "Epoka" University, in Roman, Civil and Taxation Law.



Dr. Alba Gërdeci

Lecturer

Dr. Alba Gerdeci has been working at Epoka University, in Tirana, Albania, as of 11 years, holding various administrative positions. As of 2013, she has directed the International

Relations Office, drawing, negotiating and ensuring implementation of international agreements with partner institutions in different parts of the world, particularly those located in Europe, US and Canada. During the time in office, she has managed communication with more than a hundred partner institutions, processed around 150 student exchange programs and 150 staff exchange programs. 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 both the national legislation on higher education as well as with the legal acts of the University.

Dr. Alba Gerdec 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 2018-2019, she was responsible to deliver the Criminal Law course at the newly established Law Department of Epoka University.

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



Dr. Heliona Miço
Lecturer

Dr. Heliona Mico joined the department of Law as full-time academic staff at March 2020, after working previously as a part time lecturer. She completed her master`s degree in 2003 in the University of Tirana and later two specialization in Civil Law and Public Administration from the

same university in 2006 and 2007 respectively. Her Doctoral thesis was focused on Human Right and the Right to Education in 2019.

Her field of interest is connected to human rights, the right to education, rule of law, international standards in the right to education, educational policy and legislation, social inclusion in education, educational management. I have a special interest in aligning Albanian education law to European standards by analyzing the legislation and case studies.



MSc Eglantina Farruku
Assistant lecturer

MSc. Eglantina Farruku is a full time academic staff member of the Department of Law. She is currently a PhD candidate in the program of Political Science and International Relations at Epoka University. Her area of interest and study are a combination of Political Science and Law. Issues: Human Security Issues, Child Security. She has been an assistant lecturer of Human Rights Law and Family Law among others.

Full time Academic Staff from other department at Epoka University



Assoc.Prof.Dr. Salih Özcan
Introduction to Political Science



Dr. Timothy Hagen
Academic Research and Writing



MSc. Erjon Gjoçi
Introduction to Economics



MSc. Ada Cara
Developing Reading And Writing Skills

Part time Academic Staff



Prof. Dr. Mariana Semini (Tutulani)
Law of Obligations



Prof. Dr. Eralda Çani
Administrative Law



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ervin Karamuço
Introduction to Law



Dr. Erjon Hitaj
Introduction to Law



Dr. Bojana Hajdini
Criminal Law



Dr. Desara Dushi
Criminology - Penology



Dr. Hasan Bello
History of Political- Legal Institutions



MSc. Enkelejd Alibeaj
Public Law



MSc. Najada Kiliç
Labor and Social Security Law

Academic Visitors (2019-2020)



Prof. Teresa Ruso
University of Salerno, Italy

Administrative Staff



Nertila Duraj
Department Coordinator

Finance

Income and Expenditure Summary

NA

IT Resources, Physical Infrastructure and Library Resources

Department of Law is entitled to use all the resources and infrastructure of Epoka University. Through the year, students and lecturers have used different classes in both E and A- Buildings. According to the information received from the Library, students can access 76 different kind of books. They are also able to use JSTOR and SCIENCEDIRECT in the premises of the university in order to receive more information regarding the Scientific Research they will need during their courses.

C. The Curriculum

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				Epoka	Semestral Lecture and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total	Credits	Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 101	E drejtë publike/Public Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 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
LAW 109	E drejtë romake/Roman Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
PIR 111	Hyrje në shkencat politike/Introduction to Political Science	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
ECO 101	Hyrje në ekonomi I/Introduction to Economics I	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
*ENG 107 *ENG 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	19	300	0	0	450	0	750	30
* According to English language proficiency level.															
Second Semester															
COURSES				Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Course and studying hours					ECTS	

Code	Course Name	Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total	Credits	Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 102	E drejtë civile I/Civil Law I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 104	E drejtë penale I/Criminal Law I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 106	Filozofi e së drejtës/Philosophy of Law	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 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
LAW 110	Anglishte ligjore/Legal English	D	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 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				Epoka	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total	Credits	Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 205	E drejtë civile II/Civil Law II	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 207	E drejtë e detyrimeve I/ Law of Obligations I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 209	E drejtë administrative I /Administrative Law I	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 211	E drejtë penale II/Criminal Law II	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 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
LAW 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				Epoka	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 202	Teknikë legjislative / Legislative Technique	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 204	Kriminalogji-Penologji / Criminology-Penology	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 206	E drejtë familjare/Family Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 208	E drejtë e detyrimeve II/ Law of Obligations II	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 210	E drejtë administrative II/ Administrative Law II	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 212	Të drejtat e njeriut/ Human Rights	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 YEAR															
Fifth Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 301	E drejtë procedurale civile / Civil Procedure Law	B	Compulsory	5	0	0	5	5	60	0	0	65	0	125	5
LAW 303	E drejtë procedurale penale / Criminal Procedure Law	B	Compulsory	5	0	0	5	5	60	0	0	65	0	125	5
LAW 305	Etikë ligjore / Legal Ethics	A	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	45	0	0	80	0	125	5
LAW 307	E drejta tregtare / Commercial Law	B	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5

LAW 309	Sociologji e ligjit / Sociology of Law	A	Elective	3	0	0	3	3	45	0	0	80	0	125	5
LAW 311	Kontratat administrative / Administrative Contracts	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
Semestral Total				22	0	0	22	22	310	0	0	440	0	750	30

Sixth Semester

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total	Credits	Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 302	E drejtë financiare/Financial Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 304	E drejtë ndërkombëtare publike /Public International Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 306	Drejtësi administrative/Administrative Justice	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 308	Institucionet dhe politikat e BE-së/ Institutions and Policies of the EU	B	Compulsory	3			3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 310	E drejtë e tokës/Land Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
LAW 312	E drejtë e falimentimit/Insolvency Law	B	Compulsory	3	0	0	3	3	50	0	0	75	0	125	5
Semestral Total				18	0	0	18	18	300	0	0	450	0	750	30

Fourth YEAR
Seventh Semester

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Lecture and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total	Credits	Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 401	E drejtë e BE-së /EU Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 403	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e biznesit / International Business Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6

LAW 405	E drejtë ndërkombëtare private/Private International Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 407	Alternativat e zgjidhjes së konflikteve dhe arbitrazh/Alternatives of Conflict Resolution and Arbitration	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 409	Pronësi intelektuale ndërkombëtare/International Intellectual Property	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	300	0	0	450	0	750	30

Eighth Semester

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Course and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 402	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e konkurrencës/International Competition Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 404	E drejtë tregtare e BE-së/EU Commercial Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 408	E drejtë kontraktore evropiane/European Contract Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 410	Klinikë ligjore/Legal Clinic	D	Compulsory	0	4	0	4	4	0	60	0	90	0	150	6
XXX	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
Semestral Total				16	4	0	20	20	240	60	0	450	0	750	30

Elective Courses

LAW 412	E drejtë kushtetuese e BE-së/EU Constitutional Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 414	Barazia gjinore dhe ligji/Gender Equality and Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 416	Ligji dhe teknologjia/Law and Technology	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6

LAW 418	Ligji dhe politika / Law and Politics	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 420	Shteti i së drejtës/Rule of Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 422	Ligji, politika dhe media/Law, Politics and Media	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 424	E drejtë e mjedisit/Environmental Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 426	E drejtë e konsumatorit/Consumer Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 428	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e të drejtave të njeriut/International Human Rights Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6

Fifth YEAR
Ninth Semester

COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Lecture and studying hours						ECTS
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total		Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 501	E drejtë penale ndërkombëtare/International Criminal Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 503	E drejtë ndërkombëtare e mjedisit/International Environmental Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 505	Çështje bashkëkohore të së drejtës/Contemporary Issues in Law	B	Compulsory	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
XXX	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
XXX	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
Semestral Total				20	0	0	20	20	300	0	0	450	0	750	30

Elective Courses

LAW 507	E drejtë e traktateve / Law of Treaties	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
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LAW 509	Të drejtat evropiane të njeriut/European Human Rights	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 511	Psikologji juridike/Legal Psychology	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 513	Mjekësi ligjore/Forensics	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 515	E drejtë kushtetuese e krahasuar/Comparative Constitutional Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 517	Mbrojtja sociale/Social Protection	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 519	E drejtë e prokurimit publik/Public Procurement Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 521	E drejtë bankare/Banking Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 525	E drejtë administrative evropiane/European Administrative Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 527	E drejtë kibernetike/Cyber Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 529	E drejtë evropiane e konkurrencës / European Competition Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6

Tenth Semester															
COURSES		Course Type	Compulsory /Elective	Weekly Course Distribution				Epoka	Semestral Course and studying hours					ECTS	
Code	Course Name			Theory	Pract.	Lab.	Total	Credits	Lect.	Pract.	Lab.	Site W.	Other	Total	
LAW 502	Praktikë mësimore/Internship	D	Compulsory	0	4	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 504	Teza/Thesis	E	Compulsory	0	0	0	0	0	110	0	0	190	0	300	12
XXX	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
XXX	Me zgjedhje/Elective	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
Semestral Total				8	4	0	12	12	290	0	0	460	0	750	30

Elective Courses															
LAW 506	E drejtë tatimore-doganore/Tax and Customs Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 508	Pronësi intelektuale/Intellectual Property	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 510	E drejtë e sigurimeve/Insurance Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 512	E drejtë e detit/Law of Sea	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 514	E drejtë penale evropiane/European Criminal Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 516	E drejta dhe politikat Sociale / Law and Social Policies	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 518	E drejtë ndërkombëtare dhe e BE-së mbi emigrimin /International and EU Immigration Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 520	E drejta për edukim dhe legjislacioni arsimor/The Right to Education and Education Legislation	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 522	Kontabilitet dhe auditim/Accounting and Audit	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 524	E drejtë e krahasuar e sistemeve ligjore/Comparative Legal Systems Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 526	E drejtë penale e krahasuar/Comparative Criminal Law	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6
LAW 528	Kriminalistikë/Criminalistics	C	Elective	4	0	0	4	4	60	0	0	90	0	150	6

D. Teaching, Learning, Assessment & Research

Students' List of Theses

NA

List of Publications

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Participation of Academic Staff in Academic Events

Dr. Alba Gërdeci - Kick off meeting of the COST Action "Constitution-making and deliberative democracy", January 30- February 1, 2019

Dr. Niuton Mulleti - CEU Erasmus+ International Staff Training Week, May 6-10, 2019

Dr. Heliona Miço - February 2020. Training on Project Management organised by Epoka University and UNIMED (Mediterranean Universities Union)

Dr. Heliona Mico - February 2020. Participation in the discussion “Breakfast for Integrity” a World-Cafe format, with the presence of the ambassadors attached to Albania with the topic “The role of higher education in promoting human rights and integrity” as a representative of Institute of European Studies of University of Tirana, in the project “Anti-corruption and integrity reform in Albania”.

Projects

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E. Support, Resources & Representation

List of Students’ Internships

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1. Participation in Academic Events

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



During March 02-06, 2020, 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.

On the occasion of the visit to UNISA, Dr. Niuton Mulleti also participated at the Inaugural Conference of the Jean Monnet Module titled “EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs” (EUWEB) held on March 02, 2020, where he delivered a presentation on the EU

Enlargement Process and the Protection of Fundamental Rights. 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 Key Staff Members. EPOKA University is a partner institution at the EUWEB Jean Monnet Module.

On March 06, 2020, in the framework of the first lecture series under the EUWEB Jean Monnet Module, Dr. Mulleti delivered a lecture titled “Linkages between the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy & Justice and Home Affairs: the case of the EULEX mission in Kosovo”.

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 where the detailed work plan already agreed upon in November 2019 was further elaborated with a view to the expansion of 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/>

1.2 Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj gives an Open Lecture to the Master Student Of University of La Sapienza, Rome

The professor of the department of Law, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences at “Epoka” University”, Dr. Gelanda SHKURTAJ for the second year, was invited by the University “La Sapienza” -Rome (Italy), to give an open lecture on the: “Taxation in the East Europe and in Balkans”. The interested group, were the students of the program “Master in Tax Law”, at the Faculty of Political Science of the same University, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Pietro SELICATO, as well as the attorney at law, Dr. Vincenzo CARBONE. The lecture given by professor SHKURTAJ, was focused on the Constitutional guiding principles in the field of taxation in Albania, the content of the Tax Code in Albania (the law on “Tax Procedures n.9920/2008”), the main taxes and procedures for their collection. The whole lecture was described through a comparative methodology, between Italian and Albanian tax systems, giving students the opportunity to know concretely the Albanian tax system. The lesson had a very enthusiastic support and a very positive impact regarding the recognition of a relatively new system, as well as the recognition of tax practices in Albania, as a part of East Europe. Also the lesson was considered as satisfying to their curiosity about low taxation in Albania and the possibility of conducting investments in the future. They recently thanked for the opportunity given.

1.3 Roundtable debate on Planning and Enhancing EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs held at EPOKA



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On November 15, 2019 the Roundtable debate on Planning and Enhancing EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) was held at EPOKA University in the framework 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 also participates as a partner institution.

Prof. Teresa Russo, prof. Anna Oriolo and prof. Gaspare Dalia from the Department of Legal Sciences of UNISA as well as academic staff members from the Department of Law, the Department of Political Science and International Relations as well as the Center for European Studies of EPOKA University participated in this Roundtable debate.

Participants shared their views on the main challenges faced in the area of the rule of law in Albania also with a view to the EU accession perspective of the Western Balkan countries. Discussions also focused on the possibility of conducting joint studies in the area of EU-Western Balkans cooperation on JHA. The Roundtable ended with the adoption of a joint Work Plan determining the activities to be carried out by both institutions in the framework of the implementation of the EUWEB Jean Monnet Module.

1.4 Heliona Miço as researcher for the “Law and right modules in Teacher training programmes”

July 2017-November 2019 Researcher for the project “Law and rights modules in Teacher Training programmes” co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union 2016-2019 Coauthor of the book “Introductory textbook On Law and Rights for Students in Teacher Training and Educational Sciences (Tekst Udhëzues për Legjislacionin dhe të Drejtat për Studentët e Mësuesisë dhe Shkencave të Edukimit)”, Lauwers, G. Lumani (Zaçellari), M. Miço, H. (Eds.)

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1.5 Dr. Miço participated at the “Breakfast for Integrity” Event

Mico, H. (February 2020). Participation in the discussion “Breakfast for Integrity” a World-Cafe format, with the presence of the ambassadors attached to Albania with the topic “The role of higher education in promoting human rights and integrity” as a representative of Institute of European Studies of University of Tirana, in the project “Anti-corruption and integrity reform in Albania”.

1.6 Dr. Miço participated at the “Anti-corruption, human rights and integrity.”

Participation at the National Conference organized by Institute of European Studies, University of Tirana, International Chamber of Commerce, Albania and Kingdom of Netherlands “Anti-corruption, human rights and integrity”. Strengthening of transparency and accountability for a better governance and cooperation between the public and private sectors” with the article “Corruption in the pre-university education system and the violation of the right to education in Albania” (publication in process).

1.7 Dr. Miço participated at the Final International EduLaw conference

October 2019 Final International EduLaw conference held in Vilnius Lithuania, with the presentation “The impact of EduLaw project at “Aleksander Moisiu” University of Durres”

1.8 Ms. Eglantina Farruku participant at Jean Monnet International Conference in Oradea

Jean Monnet International Conference, Oradea, Romania, November, 5-7, 2019 presenting the paper entitled "Factors contributing to child trafficking in Albania: Push Factors"

1.9 Dr. Alba Gerdeci participant at Online Summer Course

Dr. Alba Gerdeci, full time academic staff member at the department of Law attended the online summer course on Migration and Human Rights organized by the UNICRI at the John Cabot University on 15-19 July 2020.

1.10 Dr. Alba Gerdeci participant at International Staff week training

Dr. Alba Gerdeci, full time academic staff member at the department of Law attended the International staff training week on virtual exchange for innovation in education on 15-17 June 2020 . The event was held Online and was organized by the University of Padua, Italy.

1.11 Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj participants at 5th International Scientific Conference on Economics & Management

Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj, full time academic staff member at the department of Law participated at 4th International Scientific Conference on Economics & Management, 2020. Abstract of the paper was published on the Events Proceedings.

2. Events organized for the students of Law

2.1 Ms. Valbona Myteberi from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law held a seminar with EPOKA Law students



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On October 25, 2019, Ms. Valbona Myteberi, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs at the prestigious Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University in New York City visited EPOKA University where she met with Assoc. Prof. Dr. David Felsen, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Dr. Niuton Mulleti, Acting Head of the Department of Law.

On this occasion, Ms. Myteberi held a seminar with EPOKA Law students where she shared her experience and insights concerning the academic and professional aspects of the Law discipline. Ms. Myteberi also provided a detailed information about the numerous opportunities that the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law offers concerning graduate studies and other activities addressed to Law students and graduates.

2.2 Representatives of ELSA Albania held a meeting with EPOKA Law students



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On October 28, 2019, representatives from the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) Albania chapter met with EPOKA Law students and on this occasion, they delivered a presentation providing a detailed information about the activities organized by ELSA Albania as part of the wider ELSA with the aim of ensuring the involvement of EPOKA Law students in these activities and establishing ELSA EPOKA University.

ELSA is the largest association at the global level gathering students and recent graduates in the law discipline and it offers numerous opportunities for its members to attend moot court competitions, ELSA Law Schools, Student Trainee Exchange Opportunities and other related activities.

2.3 Prof. Teresa Russo from UNISA holds lectures at the Departments of Law and PIR



Prof. Teresa Russo

In the framework of the Erasmus+ staff mobility agreement signed between EPOKA University and the University of Salerno (UNISA) in Italy, prof. Teresa Russo from the Department of Legal Sciences visited EPOKA during November 11-15, 2019.

On this occasion, prof. Russo held lectures for the students of the Departments of Law as well as Political Science and International Relations (PIR), namely at the PIR 419 “Political Integration and the EU” course for PIR Master students, at the PIR 203 “Politics and Institutions in the EU” course for PIR Bachelor students and at the LAW 103 “History of Political-Legal Institutions” course for first-year students enrolled in the integrated 5-year program in Law.

Besides teaching, the academic visit consisted of intensive work meetings of prof. Russo with the University management as well as academic staff members from the Department of Law and PIR.

2.4 Open Lecture: Vetting of Judges and Prosecutors in Albania, Legal Framework and Opinions on Vetting Practice so far



Ms. Erinda Skendaj

On January 15, the Center for European Studies and the Department of Law welcomed Ms. Erinda Skendaj, the executive director of the Albanian Helsinki Committee. The open forum's main theme focused on the vetting of judges and prosecutors in Albania. More specifically, the forum shed light into the legal perspective and the evaluation of progress by Ms. Skendaj.

In autumn 2014 the European Commission's Progress Report highlighted several times in a row the need for concrete interventions in the judiciary, as a measure to fight the high level of corruption in the system. Thus, the Albanian Assembly established the Special Parliamentary Commission on the Judicial Reform, which prepared the main analytical document underlining numerous problems in the judiciary, and emphasizing the necessity of legal amendments with the functioning and consolidation of the rule of law as its final aim. The high level of corruption in the judiciary impedes its functioning and has affected the public trust toward it. At the same time, this situation has prevented further progress in terms of the European integration of the country. Three out of five priorities set by the European Commission were related to the judiciary. Namely, these priorities were the reformation of the judiciary, the fight against corruption and the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The forum started by a brief introduction by Ms. Skendaj of the Reform on Justice. Later on, she passed into a more in-depth explanation of the vetting process and the steps taken by the Albanian Helsinki Committee and the Albanian government. In addition, Ms. Skendaj carefully explained how certain processes did not fully accomplish themselves but as she later on said, the overall goal has accomplished much more important than certain technicalities. As the forum approached its end, students of Political Science and International Relations and students of Law started a fruitful and unfortunately unfinalized with Ms. Skendaj. The questions and comments from the audience upheld and maintained a good quality discussion. As she writes in her LinkedIn profile, "It was a pleasure to be part of the open lecture with the students of Epoka University and to discuss with them the vetting process of judges and prosecutors in Albania. Vetting is a very valuable and also

complex process that in my perception has achieved some very good results, despite some challenges that need to address better. I was surprised about the interest and very technical questions addressed by students on this topic, indicating their high level of knowledge on legal issues. I hope that the new generation of lawyers in Albania will be a very good example of integrity, in our society and especially in the Justice System. On the other hand, we have to acknowledge the professional and moral integrity of several judges and prosecutors who are in the existing system and should be promoted with meritocracy”.

We are highly thankful of Ms. Skendaj for joining us on that day and we wish for more fruitful forums like this to come!

Student Best Success Stories

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