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**Legal Studies**

**The First Seventeen Years of the Doctoral Program**  
**(S.J.D. - *Scientiae Juridicae Doctor*)**

**2013**

No particular reason ...

but the fact that seventeen years has passed since the accreditation of the  
Program with the Board of Regents of the State of New York, U.S.A. –  
seventeen years rich not just with challenges but also with achievements we all  
should be proud of.

This most importantly includes the success stories of our alumni. This  
collection is devoted to them ...

Prof. Tibor Tajti (Thaythy)  
Director of the Doctoral Program

**Year of Defense: 1998**

**Stream: International Business Law**



Dragan Golubović earned his S.J.D. degree at the Central European University - Legal Studies Department in 1998, to become a leading European expert on issues pertinent to an enabling legal, institutional and financial framework for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and citizen participation.

For 15 years he served as a Senior Legal Adviser with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) and its European affiliate, the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL), which is based in Budapest.

Dragan has worked with government officials, parliamentarians, judges, private lawyers, academics and NGO representatives to develop a sound legal, institutional and financial framework for NGOs, citizen participation and social entrepreneurship in the Central European, the Balkan and the Caucus countries, in particular.

He has provided technical assistance in drafting and implementation of more than 40 laws and policy documents impacting on NGOs in those countries, and was a member of the Advisory Board of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in drafting a Model Act on International Disaster Assistance. Since 2008 he is a permanent member of the Conference of INGOs Expert Council on the NGO Law, which operates under the auspices of the Council of Europe (CoE).

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**Year of Defense: 2000**

**Stream: Comparative Constitutional Law**

**Tamás Korhecz** was born and still lives in the township of Subotica (Vojvodina-Serbia), he studied Law in Novi Sad University where he graduated in 1992. He continued his studies in 1994 at the Central European University - Legal Studies Department in Budapest. In 1996 he received LL.M diploma, while in 2000 he accomplished his doctoral studies and received SJD from comparative constitutional law.

From late 2000 Mr. Korhecz became elected member of the government (Executive Council) of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, leading administrative department responsible for legislation, administration and minority rights. He was two more times elected to this function and stay in that office till June 2010.

In this period he actively shaped the legal system of his Country. As government member and academic he had opportunity to participate in various law drafting working groups, to

incorporate his knowledge and social values acquired in the CEU primarily in the area of minority protection, human rights and constitutional law.

He actively took part in the preparation of almost all draft-laws regulating minority rights, protection of human rights, powers, competencies and electoral rules of Vojvodina. His vision



on decentralization, minority rights, human rights protection were incorporated in several laws, among others in the Yugoslav Law on the Protection of the Rights and Freedoms of National Minorities (2002), Serbian Law on the Determination of some Competencies of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (2002), Vojvodina Decree on the Provincial Ombudsman (2002), Vojvodina Decree on the Detailed Regulation of the Official Language Use of National Minorities (2003) Constitution of the Republic of Serbia (2006), Serbian Law on the Determination of the Competencies of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (2009), Statute of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (2009), Serbian Law on the National Councils of National Minorities (2009). All the above mentioned legislative acts consist important contribution to the European integration of Serbia, and overall reform of the human rights protection in Serbia.

From July 2010 he is acting president of the democratically elected Hungarian National Council (self-government) in Serbia.

From academic 2002/2003 Tamas Korhecz teaches constitutional and administrative law. Presently he is full time professor at Novi Sad seated Faculty for Legal and Business studies „Lazar Vrkatic” and also teaching at the University Educons in Sremska Kamenica. From 2009 he is visiting professor at the Central European University – Legal Studies Department in Budapest and Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law in Győr, Hungary. He published two books and more than 50 articles in various journals in Hungarian, Serb and English languages. In the focus of his academic research are issues like the protection of minority rights, official language legislation, organization of administration, decentralization of the state.

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**Year of Defense: 2000**

**Stream: International Business Law**



**Tibor Tajti**, is a CEU faculty since 2002. First, between 2002 and 2008, he was on a dual appointment with CEU Business School and CEU Legal Studies Departments, after what he joined the latter with full teaching load.

At the CEU Business School, besides the regular MBA, he taught also students of executive MBA (Budapest and Bucharest) as well as undergraduate programs (i.e., the Bocconi-CEU Dual Degree Program).

Since the same year, he is also the Director of the CEU Doctoral Program, after having assisted the previous Program Director for seven years.

He is teaching subjects that could be brought under the common heading of financial law – i.e., bankruptcy and secured transactions law, the legal aspects of corporate finance and capital market and securities regulation, as well as two novel courses entitled public law for business lawyers and the law of small and mid-scale enterprises.

His publications include:

- Comparative Secured Transactions Law (Akadémiai könyvkiadó, Budapest, 2002);
- Investing in South-Eastern Europe (co-edited with Prof. Stefan Messmann, Eur. University Press, Bochum-Germany, 2005) – *awarded with the Swiss Dr. Elemér Hantos Prize* for promoting cooperation in the Stability Pact countries;
- The Case Law of Central and Eastern Europe – Leasing, Piercing the Corporate Veil and the Liability of Managers & Controlling Shareholders, Privatization ... (co-edited with Prof. Stefan Messmann, Eur. Univ. Press, Bochum-Germany, 2007);
- The Case Law of Central and Eastern Europe – Enforcement of Contracts (co-edited with Prof. Stefan Messmann, Eur. Univ. Press, Bochum-Germany, 2009);
- A.C. Ciacchi & S. Weatherill (eds.), Regulating unfair Banking Practices in Europe: the Case of Personal Suretyships, chapter on Hungary (Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 303-339;
- Testing the Equivalence of the New Comprehensive Australian Personal Property Securities Act, its Segmented European Equivalents and the Draft Common Frame of Reference, Bond Law Review, vol. 24, No. 1 (June 2012), pp. 85 – 148.

He published also as part of the Common Core of European Private Law movement.

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**Year of Defense: 2005**

**Stream: International Business Law**

**Vlatka Butorac Malnar** is an alumni of both the LEGS IBL LLM program (generation 2000/2001), and LEGS SJD program, from which she graduated in 2005 by successfully defending her SJD dissertation in EC competition law, supervised by prof. Stefan Messmann.



The knowledge acquired at the CEU, and the degrees obtained there from enabled her to pursue an academic career at the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka, Croatia, where she has been employed since 2006.

Her valuable degrees in competition law led to the introduction of the Competition law course in the regular curriculum of both undergraduate and postgraduate programs of the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka.

Besides competition law, she is co-lecturing a course in Private International Law, European Union Private Law, and as of the next academic year, a course in Commercial Arbitration as well. Besides her lecturing activities, she has been

intensively devoted to academic research, publishing a number of peer reviewed articles in the area of competition law, establishing herself as an expert in the field. This is evidenced by her participation in the EU project devoted to competition law training of Croatian judges and her involvement in the revisions of the Croatian Competition Act that is currently underway. Throughout the years she has been continuously participating in domestic and international conferences. Currently she is engaged in coauthoring the first textbook in Competition law in Croatia, and a monograph on Croatian competition law for the International Encyclopedia in Laws published by Kluwer Law International.

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**Year of Defense: 2007**

**Stream: Joint Program (IRES & LEGS)**



**Galina Nelaeva** was part of the Joint Program between Political Science (IRES) Department and Legal Studies Human Rights Program (2002-2007). She graduated in November 2007 obtaining a PhD degree in Political Science. She has been employed as an Associate Professor (docent) at Modern History and International Relations Department, Tyumen State University.

In spring 2010 she participated in Andrew Gagarin Program at St-Petersburg State University where she took part in designing a course on human rights for a distance learning MA Program. Her manual "Human Rights in Contemporary International Relations" for IR students was approved by the Russian Ministry of Education and came out in 2012 at

Tyumen State University. Her book based on her research interests "Prosecution of Sexual Assaults at UN ad hoc Tribunals: 1993-2008" is due to come out in 2013.

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**Year of Defense: 2006**

**Stream: Comparative Constitutional Law**



**Violeta Beširević** holds an L.L.M. and an S.J.D. in Comparative Constitutional Law from the Central European University, Legal Studies Department.

Currently, she is a Professor of Law at Union University Law School Belgrade and also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the European Public Law Organization and a Research Associate at the CEU Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine.

Previously, she was a Vice Dean and Head of the Postgraduate Studies at the Union University Law School Belgrade, Senior Diplomat at the Embassy of Serbia in Hungary, Staff Attorney at the Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute in Budapest and Senior Legal

Adviser at the Ministry of Justice of the former Yugoslavia.

In 2012, she was awarded Fulbright stipend and spent the fall semester at the NYU School of Law as a Global Research Fellow.

Professor Beširević works in the field of human rights law, comparative constitutional law, bioethics and international criminal law. She authored the book *Euthanasia: Legal Principles and Policy Choices* (European Press Academic Publishing, 2006) and the paper *End-of-Life Care in XXI Century: Advance Directives in Universal Rights Discourse*, (2010), 24 *Bioethics* 3 (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.), pp. 105-112, which is among the top five most read articles on *Bioethics* website since 2010.

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**Year of Defense: 2008**

**Stream: Comparative Constitutional Law**

**Petra Bárd** (LEGS IBL alumna of the generation 2000/2001, and LEGS CCL SJD alumna of the generation 2003) is senior researcher and head of the Criminal Law Division at the National Institute of Criminology<sup>1</sup> exploring the constitutional and human rights dimensions of European Union criminal justice. She is active in the Hungarian civil society supporting and operating networks adhering to, conceptualizing and shaping European values: she used to be the vice-chairperson of the Hungarian Europe Society<sup>2</sup> for almost a decade, and is founding member and vice-chairperson of Alpbach<sup>3</sup> Hungary.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://en.okri.hu/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://europatarsasag.hu/en>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.alpbach.org/>



Petra did not lose her ties with the academia, nor with CEU after having completed her studies. She is external member of CEU's Ethical Research Committee and recurring visiting lecturer at the Central European University teaching various subjects, like EU constitutional law, EU Criminal Justice, EU Fundamental Rights and Forensic Sciences. She also teaches at ELTE School of Law in the Criminology MA Program<sup>4</sup>, and at the *Ecole supérieure des sciences commerciales d'Angers* (ESSCA<sup>5</sup>). She is invited to offering courses as guest lecturer by various universities across Europe from Belgrade to Vienna.

In the past decade she used to work on a project basis for the EU Network of Experts of Fundamental Rights co-authoring the annual Hungarian human rights reports<sup>6</sup> on the basis of the Charter of Fundamental Rights; she participated in the EU funded research projects GeneBanC and Tiss.EU exploring the regulatory framework of biobanks as researcher at CEU Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine (CELAB<sup>7</sup>) co-authoring the biobank-related issues of the CELAB Paper Series<sup>8</sup> and more recently joined the network of experts coordinated by the Justice and Home Affairs Section of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS<sup>9</sup>) contributing among others to the deliberations during the codification of the recently adopted victims' rights directive<sup>10</sup>.

Petra is happily married and is the proud mother of her 2-year-old son, Patrik.

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### **Year of Defense: 2009**

#### **Stream: International Business Law**

**Yuliya Guseva**, S.J.D. 2009, is another CEU alumna who has joined international academia. She has written and presented on issues related to securities law, banking law, financial transactions, contract law, international trade and cross-border transplantation of business law. As part of her Doctoral Program at CEU she performed traineeships at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg and the World Law Institute of Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, GA.

From 2009 to 2011, Yuliya Guseva was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Program on the Law and Economics of Capital Markets and the Kauffman Legal Research Fellow at Columbia Law School. She is currently completing a two-year Visiting Assistant Professor Program at Fordham University School of Law in New York, NY, and will soon join the faculty of Rutgers School of Law in Newark, NJ. Professor Guseva received her LL.B. from a Russian university (with highest honors), LL.M. from Columbia Law School (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar) and S.J.D. from Central European University (summa cum laude).

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.kriminologiaitdk.hu/mesterkepzes.html>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.essca.fr/FR/etudiant\\_international/practical\\_information/practical\\_information\\_budapest/Pages/accueil.aspx](http://www.essca.fr/FR/etudiant_international/practical_information/practical_information_budapest/Pages/accueil.aspx)

<sup>6</sup> <http://crldho.uclouvain.be/documents/Download.Rep/Reports2005/NationalReport/CFRHungary2005.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://celab.ceu.hu/people>

<sup>8</sup> <http://web.ceu.hu/celab/publications.html>

<sup>9</sup> <http://ceps.be/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32012L0029:en:NOT>

**Year of Defense: 2009**

**Stream: Joint Program (IRES & LEGS)**

**Maria Eva Földes** (LEGS HR alumni) defended her PhD at CEU in 2009 at the joint interdisciplinary doctoral program organized by the Legal Studies and Political Science departments. Supervised by Prof. Dr Judit Sándor and Prof. Dr Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky, her dissertation discussed the emerging mandate of EU law in health care by examining the influence of internal market implementation on access to health care in Hungary and Slovenia.

In February 2010, Maria Eva started to work at the University of Tilburg (the Netherlands, <http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/nl/>) as senior member of the Tilburg Law and Economics Center - TILEC. TILEC supports and stimulates joint research activities carried out by legal and economic scholars with regard to the economic regulation of markets (<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/tilec/>). Affiliated also with the Department of European and International Public Law of the Tilburg Law School, Maria Eva has been member of an interdisciplinary research project on regulation and competition in health care carried out in cooperation with the Dutch Healthcare Authority, the supervisory body for the healthcare markets in the Netherlands. Bringing together legal and economic scholars, this co-operation focused on conducting research that links the law and economics of health, teaching courses on health care economics, organizing health policy workshops and academic conferences on actual topics in health care regulation. (<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/tilec/research/projects-networks/nza/>).

Maria Eva is also a research associate at the CEU Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine (CELAB). CELAB focuses on enhancing research, analyzing current ethical dilemmas and working out policy papers in the fields of bioethics, biomedical law and biotechnology (<http://web.ceu.hu/celab/index.html>).

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**Year of Defense: 2010**

**Stream: International Business Law**



**Lina Aleknaite - van der Molen** is a graduate of SJD program at LEGS IBL. After defense of her thesis she joined an international law firm Eversheds in Vilnius, Lithuania. In 2012 she was admitted to the Lithuanian Bar Association as an attorney-at-law. She specializes in the field of Banking and Finance and has represented and advised clients in several of the most notorious cases in the country.

Lina also continues with her academic career. She has been teaching legal subjects to students at several universities. In 2012, she took the position of associate professor at Kazimieras Simonavicius University in Vilnius.

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**Year of Defense: 2010**

**Stream: International Business Law**

Csongor István Nagy acquired his LL.M. (LEGS IBL) in 2004 and his S.J.D. (again LEGS IBL) in 2010, and also earned a Ph.D. in 2009 (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest). During his S.J.D. studies he received the CEU's 'Award for Advanced Doctoral Students'.



As an academic he has become an authority in Hungary and gained a solid international reputation in competition law and private international law.

One of his monographs was relied on by the Budapest Court of Appeals in a case of first impression in the field of competition law's private enforcement.

At the age of 31, he was appointed the head of the Private International Law Department at the University of Szeged (Hungary). Csongor is also tenured, as associate professor of law, at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics.

He has more than 100 publications in Hungarian, English, German, Romanian and (in translation) in Spanish language and has lectured, in various languages, on docents of international conferences. He has had long-term visiting appointments (visiting fellowships) with Cornell University, New York, the Hague (Asser Institute), Munich (MPI, Eötvös Scholarship and later on DAAD Scholarship), Hamburg (MPI, DAAD Scholarship), Edinburgh (MacCormick Fellowship) and London (BIICL).

Csongor is admitted to the Budapest Bar and as a specialist in competition law he has regularly represented clients before the Hungarian Competition Office and the courts and has worked as an 'of counsel' for various international law firms.

His five most important volumes are:

1. *The Rule on Restrictive Agreements and Vertical Intra-brand Restraints* (Ashgate Publishing, 2012);
2. *Nemzetközi magánjog* [Private International Law] (HVG-Orac, 2<sup>nd</sup> extended ed., 2012);
3. *Private International Law in Hungary* (Kluwer Law International, 2010);
4. *Kartelljogi kézikönyv* [Handbook on the Law of Restrictive Agreements] (HVG-Orac, 2008);
5. *Az Európai Unió nemzetközi magánjoga* [the Private International Law of the European Union] (HVG-Orac, 2006).

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**Year of Defense: 2010**

**Stream: International Business Law**



**Oleksiy Kononov** (IBL SJD alumnus 2010) is currently an Assistant Professor with the College of Business, University of Buraimi, Sultanate of Oman.

In fall 2012, he was a Visiting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School Of Law where he worked under the auspices of the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) and taught International Investment Law and Introduction to Russian and Ukrainian Contract Law to JD and LL.M students.

In 2011-2012, Oleksiy worked as an Assistant Professor of Law at the

American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Oleksiy's fields of academic interest: international investment law, foreign direct investment and public policy, economic transition and legal reforms, investment dispute resolution, international commercial arbitration, comparative company law, comparative contract law, business law.

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**Year of Defense: 2011**

**Stream: International Business Law**

**Arnisa Gorezi SJD** is a lecturer of Corporate Law and Corporate Governance and Head of the Doctoral Program for the Faculty of Law at European University of Tirana in Tirana, Albania. She received her doctoral degree *Summa Cum Laude* from Central European University in 2011 in the field of legal aspects of corporate governance.



She also holds an LLM degree in International Business Law from the same university. Arnisa has been awarded a Golden Medal by the president of the Republic of Albania in 2006 for excellent academic achievement.

In 2009, she attended a semester as a visiting scholar at Berkeley School of Law. In 2008-2009, she was also a researcher at the Center for Business and Society at Central European University Business School, a think-tank group

conducting research in the field of corporate social responsibility.

Arnisa is the recipient of the Excellency Fund awarded by the Albanian government as a brain-gain initiative for academic achievement during her doctoral research. Her research interests include corporate law and governance, protection of corporate stakeholder groups and human rights in corporations.

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### **Year of Defense: 2011**

#### **Stream: International Business Law**



**Dalma Demeter** (LEGS IBL LLM alumni 2004, SJD alumni 2011) is a law academic at the University of Canberra's (UC) Faculty of Business, Government & Law in Australia, since June 2010.

She has been recruited to contribute to the internationalization of the UC law curriculum, now teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate level in her main fields of expertise, International Commercial Arbitration and International Sales Law. In only two years, her academic work and contribution to the curriculum development have been recognized by several university and one national teaching award and an appointment as an elected academic representative to the Faculty Education Committee.

In maintaining her passion for mooting - developed at CEU - Dalma also introduced international mooting in the UC law program, bringing international recognition to the university with her student competitors. As an additional manifestation of her belief in practice-oriented education, she also coordinates the yearly Australian Capital Region Mock Trial Competition organized for secondary school students to provide them with an introduction to legal education and the legal profession. (More about the competition here: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/faculties/busgovlaw/community/mock-trial>).

Finally, Dalma has been appointed as the manager of the university's famous e-Court, the first truly technology-orientated courtrooms in the entire Southern Hemisphere, currently used mainly for teaching, mooting and professional training activities. (More about the e-Court here: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/faculties/busgovlaw/e-Court>).

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**Year of Defense: 2011**

**Stream: International Business Law**



**Dragan Gajin**, holds the LL.B. degree of Law School of the University of Novi Sad (2006), the LL.M. degree of the Duke University (2008) and the doctoral degree of CEU (thesis title; "Antitrust aspects of exclusive distribution agreements").

He is at the moment a Senior Associate at the BDK Law Firm Belgrade, focusing on competition law. He is a member of the Serbian Bar Association, New York Bar Association as well as of the International Bar Association (IBA).

His publications include:

- Dragan Gajin and Tijana Kojović, "Vertical Restraints under Serbian Competition Law: A Comparison with EU Law", *European Competition Law Review*, Issue 8, 2012, pp. 357-366;

• Dragan Gajin, "The ICJ on the Legality of Kosovo's

Declaration of Independence", *Democracy and Security in Southeastern Europe*, Published by Atlantic Initiative, Sarajevo, Volume 2. Issue 6/7, May 2011, pp.119-125.