



COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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Faculty of Law

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Programme Law

Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/ summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
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JFΦ 706	Individual Employment Law	English		Winter	3	30			Atliana Mileva, PhD, Chief Assistant Professor	atliana.mileva @gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The purpose of the course "Individual Employment Law" is to give the students in the Faculty of Law the necessary knowledge of the basic principles and concepts of individual employment law and its institutes. The subject of the course is the employment law of the Republic of Bulgaria in force. Its significance is determined by the place occupied by dependent labor in modern society and the vital importance of the legal regulation of the relations that arise from participation of the individual in employment relations.

The course gives in depth knowledge on the basic institutes of Bulgarian individual employment law.

The course covers the questions of legal regulation of individual employment contract – its parties; content (main rights and obligations of parties); conclusion (grounds, moment); changes in the content and/or of the parties; rights to rest, leave, health and safety at work; working time; labour remuneration; termination (legal grounds and procedure); legal mechanisms for protection in cases of violation of the obligations of the parties – disciplinary liability, pecuniary liability and administrative liability; individual legal disputes.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 707	Collective Employment Law	English		Summer	3	30			Atliana Mileva, PhD, Chief Assistant Professor	atliana.mileva@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The purpose of the course "Collective Employment Law" is to give the students in the Faculty of Law the necessary knowledge of the basic principles and concepts of the collective employment law. The subject of the course is the collective employment law of the Republic of Bulgaria in force. Its significance is determined by the place occupied by collective bargaining in modern society and the crucial importance of the non-state legal regulation of employment relations that aims to find the optimal balance between employers' and employees' interest.

The course gives in depth knowledge on the basic institutes of Bulgarian collective employment law - right to create and participate in syndicates; trade union recognition, right to information and consultation; collective bargaining and collective labour agreement; collective labour conflicts; peaceful methods of resolution of collective labour conflicts; the right to strike, legal consequences for participation in strike, legal regulation of lock-out.

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JFΦ 482	Comparative International Commercial Arbitration	English	all	Winter	3	30			Dr. Dafina Sarbinova	dafina.sarbinova@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course on Comparative International Commercial Arbitration is intended to give students theoretical knowledge and to assist them in developing practical experience during the process of work with the legal framework of international commercial arbitration from comparative law perspective.

This approach in examining the subject matter is suitable to the extent international arbitration is essentially a private, comparative and international mechanism for settlement of commercial disputes.

The course clarifies the notion and the dis/advantages of international commercial arbitration as an alternative dispute resolution method compared to state courts. Students are given general information on the stages of the arbitration proceedings, the role of the parties, the formation of the arbitral tribunal, the language and place of the arbitration, the conduct of proceedings, the process of taking of evidence and granting of interim measures. Further, the topic on rendering of arbitral award is discussed in addition to the control on the award and the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in conformity with the New York Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. The course considers systematically the following topics:

- i. General issues – characteristics of international arbitration, advantages and disadvantages of arbitration; institutional v *ad hoc* arbitration; arbitral institutions; arbitrations involving states;
- ii. Arbitration agreement - function and purpose; validity; arbitrability; drafting of the arbitration agreement (essential and additional requirements);
- iii. Applicable law and rules - law governing arbitrability; law governing the merits of the dispute; rules governing the arbitral proceedings; law governing the arbitration agreement;
- iv. Judicial assistance for arbitration - enforcement of arbitration agreement; interim measures
- v. Arbitral Tribunal - appointment of arbitrators; obligations of arbitrators; challenges to arbitrators; independence and impartiality
- vi. Arbitral proceedings – commencement of proceedings; taking evidence; position of third parties; granting interim and conservative measures
- vii. Arbitral award – types of award; validity of the award; *res judicata* effect of the award
- viii. Attempts to set aside the award – grounds of challenge
- ix. Enforcement of the award – application of international conventions; requirements of enforcement; grounds for non-enforcement under the international conventions.

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JFΦ 315	Comparative Constitutional Law	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter	3	30			Associate Prof. Dr. Martin Belov	martinbelov@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

Comparative Constitutional Law is a must for every student interested in public law. Comparative Constitutional Law will allow you to understand the pillars of constitutionalism, the logic behind the organization and functioning of the state, the main choices we can make when adopting or amending

constitutions and the arsenal of weapons the politicians and constitutional lawyers have in order to master the complexity of the socio-political relations in a modern, constitutional manner. Hence, the course is very appropriate for law students, but also for students interested in politics, social and political history and international relations. Comparative Constitutional Law is the laboratory that social scientists and lawyers have in order to develop, choose and propose solutions related to constitutional design (human rights, state institutions, relationship between national, international and supranational law and beyond).

The course offers an insightful panorama of the most important topics related to the comparative and comparative historical development of the constitutional law. It starts with an outline of the main theories of comparative constitutional law and comparative constitutionalism. Furthermore, the system of constitutional principles and values is presented. The course offers unique opportunity to engage and get acquainted with comparative constitutional semiotics – an original theory of the signs, codes, symbols and ideologies provided in comparative constitutionalism and encoded in the constitutions worldwide. The course contains concise presentation of the human status and human dignity in comparative perspective.

Most of the lectures will be devoted to comparative institutional design. The predominant institutional part of the course commences with comparative typology of the forms of governance and the forms of territorial distribution of power. The course will provide the students with comparative typology of democracy, technocracy, oligarchy, authoritarianism and totalitarianism. Special attention will be devoted to the historical evolution of the monarchy and republic, the establishment of comparative typology of the monarchies and republics, the unitary states, federations, confederations and the regimes on the borderline between state and international organization. Thus, comparative federalism is also part of the course. Furthermore, the course will provide the students with information and knowledge about the head of state, the parliament, the government, the judiciary and the institutions for constitutional control in comparative perspective. The course finishes with exploring the comparative models for crisis management in the context of the global risk society.

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JFΦ 317	Citizenship – National and European dimension	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter	3	30			Orlin Kolev, PhD	kolev_o@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The discipline will provide theoretic-practical knowledge of the students concerning acquisition, loss and restoration of Bulgarian citizenship. Students will be acquainted with the procedure of acquisition of Bulgarian citizenship as well as the hypothesis of preservation of existing citizenship will be presented. The statute of the persons without citizenship, refugees and persons who have acquired humanitarian statute or asylum in the Republic of Bulgaria are tackled with in the course.

The citizenship will be presented in the context of the constitutional democracy, rule of law State and civil society. The questions revealing the character of citizenship and what kind of rights and possibilities it suggests.

The lecture course will provide important theoretic and extremely useful practical knowledge to the students, Ph D students and practicing lawyers on the questions of citizenship in national as well as in the closely connected to it European context.

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JFΦ 318	Protection against discrimination	English	BA/MA/PhD	Summer	3	30			Orlin Kolev, PhD	kolev_o@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The discipline will provide students with profound insight of the protection of their fundamental rights and legal interests in case of discrimination or harassment.

Discrimination is presented in the context of constitutional democracy, rule of law State and civil society. The questions concerning forms of discriminations and spheres of its display are to be tackled. The contents and dimensions of the protected indications as well as when and how they affect will be shown. Besides on race, ethnic or faith foundation other cases of discrimination such as discrimination in labor relations, education, in the sphere of health protection and social services will be tackled as well as the possibilities of equal in rights realization of economic activity.

The lecture course will provide profound theoretic and practical understanding concerning protection against discrimination. Students will be acquainted with the practice of the national anti-discrimination organ, of the European court of human rights and the Court of the European union. The course will provide students with knowledge concerning the court practice of compensation for damages of victims of discrimination.

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JFΦ 622	Issues of Modern Jurisprudence	English	BA/MA	Winter/ Summer	3	30			Chief Assist. Prof. Dilyan Nachev	dilyan.nachev@yahoo.fr
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Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction)

The “Issues of Modern Jurisprudence” course is library-based and tends to introduce students to several major writers in legal theory, such as Gustav Radbruch, Hans Kelsen, H.L.A. Hart, Ronald Dworkin, John Finnis, Lon Fuller, Alf Ross and some of their best-known ideas and theories. Its main purpose is to help law students develop the ability to analyze and to think critically about Law as a social and normative phenomenon. The course tries to provide different possible answers to some of the central questions of modern jurisprudence, e.g. “What is Law?”, “What is the purpose of Law?”, “How do judges solve legal cases?”, “What different sorts of legal standards exist and what are the main criteria of distinction?” etc.

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JFΦ 116	Refugee Law	English	BA/MA	Winter	3	30			Kapka Georgieva	kapka.s.georgieva@abv.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction)

In our time, the free movement of people and the protection of their rights are at the heart of every democratic society. At the same time, we are increasingly confronted with situations that require certain restrictions – epidemics, large migratory flows and more. Where is the legitimate boundary between the rights of the individual and the protection of society? Are there any differences between the legal regime in Bulgaria and the European and international standards?

This discipline aims to introduce students to the migration regime of foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria. Attention is drawn to the various possibilities for admission to and residence in the country. Emphasis is placed on the different types of protection, the procedures for granting them, the competent authorities, and the possibility of exercising judicial review. An analogy is made between national, European and international regulations of matter.

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JFΦ 319	Comparative constitutional transitions	English	all	Winter	3	30			Aleksandar Tsekov	atsekov@gmail.com
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

In recent decades, radical changes in the constitutional systems of various countries have been observed. Constitutional transitions represent a challenge for basic concepts in legal science. After passing the course, students will be familiar with the theoretical foundations of constitutional transitions in comparative law. The various mechanisms for drafting and adopting constitutions under transition will be examined. Particular attention will be paid to the changes that have occurred in Eastern Europe since the end of the Cold War, as well as the transitions resulting from the Arab Spring.

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JFΦ 620	Roman Private Law	French; Italian		Summer	3	30			Prof. Dr.Scient. Malina Novkirishka	mnovkirishka@abv.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

(Fr) Droit romain privé. On présente les institutions du droit romain privé concernant le droit des personnes, droit de famille, droits réels, les obligations et les contrats, l'héritage et la procédure civile. Le cours est tenu individuellement avec les étudiants d'Erasmus qui rédigent une thèse sur un thème selon le plan des études.

(It) Diritto romano privato. Istituzioni del diritto romano privato sono presentate in merito al diritto delle persone, diritto alla famiglia, diritti reali, diritto degli obblighi a diritto ereditario e procedura civile. Il corso si tiene individualmente con studenti Erasmus che scrivono una tesi su un tema secondo il piano di studi.

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JFΦ 621	Roman Public Law	French; Italian		Summer	3	30			Prof. Dr.Scient. Malina Novkirishka	mnovkirishka@abv.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</p> <p>(Fr) Droit romain public. On présente les différents aspects de droit public romain - l'organisation du gouvernement et de l'administration, droit militaire, droit et procédure pénale, droit fiscal, droit sacré, droit internationale, procédure civile. Le cours est tenu individuellement avec les étudiants d'Erasmus qui rédigent une thèse sur un thème selon le plan des études.</p> <p>(It) Diritto pubblico romano. Istituzioni del diritto pubblico romano sono presentate in merito alla organizzazione del governo e dell'amministrazione, diritto militare, diritto penale e la procedura penale, diritto fiscale, diritto internazionale, procedura civile. Il corso si tiene individualmente con studenti Erasmus che scrivono una tesi su un tema secondo il piano di studi.</p>										
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JFΦ 481	Free movement of judgments, court settlements and official/authentic instruments in the EU	English	MA	Summer	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Vassil Pandov	vpandov@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction)

The course is dedicated to providing students with general theoretical foundation of the actual legal framework in the EU law of the area of freedom, security and justice, judicial cooperation in civil matters and, especially, on the acceptance of legal effect of acts, which have been drawn up, approved or registered by authorities of member states of EU. The discipline has practical input on the skills of students in the area of so-called “Fifth Freedom” in EU law: free movement of judgments and other documents based on mutual trust in the exercise of powers by the authorities of member states. Topics such as legal framework, methods of regulation, types of sources, differences in the regime of acceptance of legal effect of foreign acts depending on their nature, will be subject to attention. During the lectures different cases related to the difficulties stemming from the plentitude of legal sources in the area of recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and other instruments will be handled. Comparative analysis of exequatur of instruments originating from third states in the light of the speedy or exempted from any special procedure in the EU law recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments will be done. The different approaches to recognition and enforcement of foreign instruments will be analyzed: so – called “abolition of exequatur” in the EU law and resulting dual approach in different sources of EU law. Special attention will be paid to acceptance of legal effect of foreign non – judicial documents, which don’t benefit from res judicata – so – called free movement of official documents.

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JFΦ 480	EU Competition Law	English	MA/PhD	Summer	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Ivan Stoynev	istojnev@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

This course offers an overview of the main areas of EU competition law sensu lato, that is including State aid and liberalization measures. The importance of this area of EU law cannot be overstated. This subset of the law sets out the rules of ‘fair play’ of the biggest economy of the world, which generates close to €14 trillion each year. In addition, the application of its principles have important consequences for the interplay, and respective roles, of the market and the state in providing certain services and products meant to promote welfare. Finally, EU competition law may be considered a ‘laboratory’ of EU law: many of the innovations and developments in general EU law can be traced to developments in this area.

The course covers the substantive and procedural domains of all five ‘subject areas’ of EU competition law: cartels, abuse of dominant position, concentration control, state aid, and the interplay between public undertakings and the services of general economic interest. Theory and practice are held to be equally important. From a theoretical perspective, the course aims to structure what might otherwise appear a chaotic multitude of regulations and cases. From a practical viewpoint, it is built upon the study of real-life or hypothetical cases.

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JFΦ 479	International Investment Law	English	MA/PhD	Winter	3	30			Assist. Prof. Tsvetelina Dimitrova	cvetelind1@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course deals with the notion of international investment, types and sources for legal regulation. The international investment contracts as well as the international investment process attract the attention too. One of the most important topics is the transnational corporations (TNC) as main actors of the international investment process. The principles on which they do their business as well the structure and various aspects of their activities are discussed. The principle of protection of foreign investment and system of guaranties for the investment are clarified. The role of the bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and their impact on Eastern European countries' investment climate is revealed. The incentives as well as the obstacles for foreign investment are discussed. The course deals at its end with the new approach of the EU towards foreign direct investment after the Lisbon Treaty.

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JFΦ 320	Comparative legal systems	English		summer	3	30			Aleksandar Tsekov	atsekov@gmail.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

The Comparative Legal Systems course has the ambition to familiarize the students with the structure and the content of the various legal systems. In this way, the similarities and the differences between the different legal cultures and systems can be identified. In recent years, on the one hand, under the influence of the globalization and the European integration, and on the other, the similarity in the values that underpin different national legal systems, the thesis of the existence of a global law has increasingly been raised. This position, in its variants, will be critically analyzed.

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JFΦ 321	Human Rights Protection in National, International and EU Law	English		Winter, Summer	3	30			Prof. Evgeni Tanchev	tancheve@gmail.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction)

The course on Fundamental Human Rights is a specialized course discussing the constitutional problems about the nature and the protection of fundamental human rights. The protection of the rights of the individual is a widely recognized independent branch of contemporary public law, though relatively new since it was formed in the second half of the twentieth century. The curriculum consists of five main topics that reflect the historical development of political and legal concepts of human rights, the nature of the constitutionally recognized standards of individual rights and freedoms of person, the essence of fundamental rights, the universal system of international legal protection, including the relevant control mechanisms.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 514	European Standards on Criminal Investigation: EctHR Jurisprudence	English		summer	3	30		60	Zdravka Krasteva	zdravka.krasteva@gmail.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

This course focuses on advanced topics of criminal investigation from a human rights perspective. Major topics of criminal investigation are discussed through the study of jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights:

- the State's obligation to conduct an effective official investigation into the violations of the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals;
- problems with the institution of the pre-trial proceedings in cases of police violence, domestic violence and hate crimes;
- requirements for the independence of investigative bodies in the light of the ECHR;
- investigative versions and planning of the investigation as a means of achieving European standards for effective official investigation;
- the use of force and weapons in compliance with the right to life (Article 2 of the ECHR) and the prohibition of torture (Article 3 of the ECHR);
- the procedural and tactical organization of searches and seizures and other coercive techniques for establishing evidence in the light of the prohibition of torture (Article 3 of the ECHR), the right to respect for private and family life (Article 8 ECHR), the right to property (Protocol No 1 to the ECHR), the right to a fair trial (Article 6 ECHR) and freedom of expression (Article 10 of the ECHR).
- interrogation of the accused and interviewing of witnesses in the light of the prohibition of torture, the right to a fair trial and the privilege against self-incrimination;
- Forensic medical examination seen through the lens of the European standards for effective official investigation of crimes.

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JFΦ 477	European Private International Law	English	MA/PhD	Winter	3	30			Ass. Prof. Boriana Musseva	bmuseva@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

The course analyzes the rules of private international law, including the conflict-of-laws rules and the rules of international civil procedure, to be found at the level of the EU law. It aims at providing the students with basic knowledge of the judicial cooperation in civil matters with cross border implications among the EU Member States. This cooperation seeks to eliminate the obstacles deriving from the incompatibilities between the various legal systems, and thus facilitates the access to justice. It contributes to the area of justice, freedom and security, as governed by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in Title V.

Within the subject there are several topics to be dealt with: international jurisdiction, conflict of laws rules, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and the procedure of service of documents and taking of evidence. The topics are structured from the point of view of the Law of the European Union having in mind the classical branches of the private international law. In doing so references are made to the Bulgarian legal framework, as well as to the case law of the European Court of Justice.

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JFΦ 485	New Military and Non-Traditional Threats to Security	English	BA/MA	Summer	3	30			Assist. Prof. Ivo Tsekov	icekov@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

The ongoing wave of globalization has changed the character of threats to human, national and international security. The present security discourse stands in major contrast to the traditional realist understanding of security that prevailed during the Cold War. The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the emerging theories and themes in security studies.

The course is divided into two sections. The first part introduces students to the core issues of new military threats to security. This so-called hard security discussion, which dominated the twentieth century, is also back in a new package in the post 9/11 world. Transnational issues like organized crime, arms proliferation, and particularly terrorism have risen to the top of the peace and security agenda. The second part of the course explores those so-called 'soft' security issues that have emerged since the end of Cold War. Global stability and international security are increasingly affected by non-traditional threats. Globalization and technological advances are increasing the extent to which non-traditional factors are driving disputes and becoming proximate causes of conflict. Global interdependence has grown dramatically. Expanding economic integration, the dramatic increase in international travel and the accelerating exchange of information and communications mean that local economic, environmental, political and social challenges often have global implications.

The examination of the course will be twofold: (1) active participation during the seminars and (2) a final written exam.

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JFΦ 483	Law of International Trade	English	all	Summer	3	30			Dr. Dafina Sarbinova	dafina.sarbinova@gmail.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

The course on Law of International Trade is intended to give the students theoretical knowledge and to assist them to develop practical experience in the legal regulation of certain widespread cross-border contracts that form significant portion of the broad and diverse group of private law relations in the field of international trade. The course is particularly focused on the interface between the substantive law regulation of cross-border commercial contracts (of different origin) and the classic conflict of laws problems concerning the determination of jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of foreign court judgements.

The course deals with the nature of the private law relations in the field of international trade, the core principles on which this type of relations are grounded and its specific notions and terms. Different sources of legal regulation are examined and in particular such pertinent to international law, domestic law, as well as EU law instruments. Standard term clauses and so called “private” law codifications are also included in the course programme due to their utmost practical value in the field of international trade. The interrelation between the relevant sources of law is discussed in addition to the existing methods of regulation. The reason for the fact that the substantive law regulation prevails over the conflict of laws regulation are also examined. The course considers systematically the following topics:

- i. international sale of goods under the Convention on International Sales of Goods 1980, standard trade terms including INCOTERMS 2010 and the UNIDROIT Principles for International Commercial Contracts 2016
- ii. international transportation of cargo (by sea, air or land)
- iii. payment mechanisms, such as letters of credit and the UCP 600
- iv. intellectual property rights in international context
- v. international investment and settlement of investment disputes

vi. international dispute resolution, incorporating jurisdiction, applicable law, arbitration.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 316	Supranational and Comparative Constitutionalism	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Martin Belov	martinbelov@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

Are you interested in constitutional law, international law and EU law? Do you want to know which are the roots of our constitutional civilization and where is this civilization going to in the context of globalization, information, technology and AI revolution? Do you want to know more about the reasons for the tectonic shocks our constitutional and political orders and societies are experiencing? If the answer to these questions is 'yes' then this is the course you must choose.

Constitutionalism is the most interesting, but also the most challenging topic in constitutional law. Constitutionalism is framing concept which allows us to grasp and understand the main issues of constitutional law from a conceptual viewpoint. Constitutionalism is phenomenon on the crossroad between philosophy, sociology, history and law, between law and politics, between law and economics, between law and technology.

This course offers an in-depth analysis of constitutionalism in theoretical, comparative and global perspective. It combines fundamental issues with novel theories and developments. It provides insights into the most pressing and topical issues of contemporary constitutional law in national, comparative, supranational and global perspective. The course is very appropriate for students interested in Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, EU law and Theory and Philosophy of State. It is open to all students who want to know which are the pillars of the Western constitutional civilization, what are the features of the EU and other forms of supranational constitutionalism, how does international and EU law impact our constitutional orders and what challenges to constitutional law can we expect from globalization, migration, information, AI and technology revolution. The course is available for both law students and students from social sciences and humanities who are interested in the main logic and the central tendencies of development of modern and post-modern constitutionalism.

The course starts with theory of constitutionalism and with outline of the main historical trends and developments of constitutionalism in comparative perspective. It offers an account into the most novel approaches to constitutionalism exploring financial constitutionalism, digital constitutionalism and imaginary, emotional and visual constitutionalism.

The second part of the course is devoted to the constitutionalization of the international and EU law and to the internationalization of the national constitutional law. The EU integration clauses, the models for 'ordering constitutional orders' and the systems for implementation of international law

and for integration between EU law, international law and national law are among the topics of teaching. Special emphasis is put on constitutional identity and judicial dialogue.

The third part of the course addresses the issues of EU supranational constitutionalism and of global constitutionalism. The students will get acquainted with the concepts of national, sub-national, supranational and global constitutionalism, with the differences between global constitutionalism and global governance and with the different theories for ‘constitutionalism beyond statehood’. The main features of the EU as form for both democratic and technocratic government will be outlined. Special emphasis will be put on the means for democratic involvement of the EU citizens, on the democratic deficit of the EU, and on the technocratic models for EU governance (agencification, comitology, judicial dialogue etc.). Finally, the main challenges to constitutionalism in the context of the ongoing information, technology and mobility revolution will be discussed.

The course will allow the students to be informed about both traditional and conceptual issues and the newest developments in the context of national, supranational, European and global constitutionalism. They will be presented in comparative perspective on the basis of rich normative material and case-law. The students will have the chance to engage also in discussions and in case-studies on issues of great importance for constitutionalism in the recent years. The course combines theoretical approach with comparative and case studies.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 478	Substantive Law of the EU – Internal market and free movement in EU	English	MA	Summer	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Hristo Hristev	hristo.hristev@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

The course is focused on the main elements of the legal framework of the Internal market of the European Union, in particular, the main rules, governing the different freedoms of movement in the European Union. The main objective of the course is to present the essential dimensions of the Internal market as a fundamental dimension of the European integration and to clarify the significant impact of the Internal market fundamental freedoms on the consolidation and the evolution of the legal system of the EU, as well as on the legal framework in other areas of substantive law, adopted on European level.

The course is supposed to contribute to the establishment of detailed knowledge and competences concerning:

- The substantive logic of the EU Internal market as a form of regulation of economic relations on supranational level;
- The main stages of establishment of the Internal market;
- The free movement of goods in the EU;
- The free movement of workers in the EU;

- The freedom of establishment of individuals;
- The freedom of establishment of companies;
- The freedom to provide services;
- The freedom of movement of capitals;
- The justified exceptions and restrictions on the fundamental freedoms in the Internal market.

The course is based on the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the main sources of secondary law, adopted in the field of the Internal market of the EU.

- The successful completion of the course is a condition for the development of detailed and practically oriented knowledge on European Union Law. As a result of the course the students will have the opportunity to understand the substantive logic of the European integration and the key elements that define the basic principles of different common policies of the Union.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 234	Comparative Private Law (with special emphasis on Comparative Contract Law)	English		Winter/Summer	2	30			Dimitar Stoyanov	dimitarstoyanov2011@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

This course is intended to provide students with an elaborate introduction to private law from a comparative perspective, with special attention being paid to comparative contract law. The main aim of this course is to present the notion of a contract, its elements and the legal consequences of its conclusion, comparing several national legislations. This course will emphasize upon core concepts of contract law in European legal systems (France, Italy, Germany, Eastern European countries, generally referred to as “civil law legislations”) and compare it to Common law legislations. Thus, it will point out similarities and differences between them in an attempt to establish functional equivalents and the level of mutual influence. The course will end with a brief overview of recent international attempts to achieve harmonization on the field of contract law.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 623	Philosophy of Law	English	MA	Winter/Summer	3	30			Simeon Groysman, PhD	groysman@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

Philosophy of Law is one of the oldest disciplines thought to the students of Faculty of Law of Sofia University. The Erasmus course has the purpose is to provide students with knowledge of the main problems of the philosophy of law related to the contemporary issues of branch legal sciences and development of legal orders. It aims to motivate them to independent analysis of legal institutions and regulations with the help of the main concepts of legal philosophy. The content of the course is built on three basic positions:

1) Subject area. Philosophy of law examines legal systems in their broad social context. As one of the fundamental legal sciences it does not limit its interest in what *is* the law in force, it criticizes it from certain value and conceptual points and proposes version of what *should be* the law.

2) Connection to legal practice. Next, the philosophy of law, though most often set forth in complicated treatises, creates practically oriented ideas. Moreover, every practicing lawyer, politician or social activist of any kind acts (consciously or not) in accordance with certain legal philosophical ideas. There is an often quoted statement that everyone is in some way a philosopher. In this sense, every lawyer works on philosophical questions and is a philosopher of law.

3) A chance of better understanding of current legal issues of our societies. According to the third basic position, it makes sense to explore modern legal systems from the positions of different philosophical doctrines, both to better understand the axioms of modern legal and political thinking and to analyze their alternatives and perspectives for the future.

The Philosophy of Law course will focus on **several main problems of philosophy of law** applied on contemporary legal, such as the problem of the role of legal theorists and judges; the questions of national sovereignty and the proposed ideas of postsovereignty and sovereignty of the law; the legal state (Rechtsstaat) as a doctrine and the future of the state as a social organization; the supremacy of human rights in modern societies, the means for its realization and its possible democratic limits; purpose and scope of legal punishment and contemporary ideas of what justifies punishment.

The main concepts and scientific schools of legal philosophy will be analyzed in the context of their historical origins, their application in national legal systems, legitimacy and contemporary criticism.

In order to write a final essay, students will be encouraged to undertake a self-study on a legal-philosophical issue related to the course, which may be related to the national context of their native legal order.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 484	International and Global Affairs	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter/Summer	3	30			Mira Kaneva	mzkuneva@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

The course of lectures follows two directions: first, it outlines a theoretical overview of the seminal theoretical concepts in international studies (basic phenomena such as *power, state sovereignty, identity, borders, human rights, democracy, norms and institutions*), and, next, it stretches out to global processes with *global justice, proliferation, conflicts, negotiation, integration, development and security* being only the fundamentals.

The course is based on *the intersection of the state-centric (international) and non-state (global) view on transnational affairs*. It, therefore, prepares students to understand the complex workings of the global networked society so that they could craft effective solutions from the messy clutter of real-world problems.

The course targets students who are oriented towards political and social sciences without conditioning whatsoever prior theoretical competence other than curiosity.

The course aims at the contextualization of abstract terms through relevant case studies whose research and presentation is open to the students' individual preferences.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 114	European Tax Law	English		Winter Semester (winter/summer)	3	30			Assoc.Prof. Evelina Dimitrova	estoeva@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

The course gives an introduction to European Tax Law from a theoretical and practical perspective. The course invites students to study the principles and foundations of EU law as it relates to taxation. The topics that will be covered in this course include - inter alia –Concepts and Basic Principles of EU Tax law; Sources of EU Tax Law; The impact of EU law on National tax systems and the interaction between the international and European legal

order; EU Basic Freedoms; Corporate Tax Directives: EU-Parent-Subsidiary Directive, EU Interest- Royalty Directive, EU Merger Directive; VAT Directives and the EU Internal Market, Indirect Tax Coordination and Harmonisation. The area of European tax law is a notoriously complex branch in legal studies. Accordingly, it is rather difficult to get an overview of all the rules and principles that may be applicable when it comes to deal with practical cases. We will try to make the interactions visible and understandable.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 322	CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WITHIN THE EU	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter/Summer	3	30			Prof., Ph.D. Mariana Karagyozeva - Finkova	marf@mail.orbitel.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

Constitutional courts are playing an increasingly important role in modern democracies. Yet students know relatively little about the policymaking of these courts and their interactions with other institutions of governance. The aim of this course is to introduce graduate students to the main models of Judicial/Constitutional Review and the assessment of judicial/constitutional decision making of the respective courts. While the bulk of the course will focus on the European model of Constitutional Review and the ECJ as a constitutional jurisdiction under Lisbon Treaty and its cooperation with national constitutional courts, some time will be devoted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the mixed model. Special attention is paid to Bulgarian Constitutional Court/CC/ and key cases of its constitutional jurisprudence. We will also explore the role of constitutional courts in the democratization of post-communist Eastern Europe and the interactions between constitutional courts and the elected branches.

PROGRAM

I. The establishment of supreme judicial bodies for the protection of constitutionality and legality is not an invention of contemporary legal systems, but is rather related to the development of constitutionality. Constitutional/judicial review has passed through several development stages.

Historical Steps in the Development of the main models of Constitutional Review.

The Introduction of Constitutional Review in the New Democracy Countries

II. Models of Constitutional/Judicial Review.

The "American" - Judicial Review Model (based on the Marbury Case (1803)- John Marshall's doctrine) - by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The "Austrian" (Continental - Constitutional Review) Model - based on Kelsen's Model of 1920.

Common characteristics shared by institutions based on the European model of constitutional review.

The "French" (Continental) Model (based on the model of the French Constitutional Council - Conseil Constitutionnel of 1958)

The Mixed (American Continental) Model

The Court of Justice of the European Community in Luxembourg as a judicial institutions with certain functions of constitutional review (preliminary rulings; legal action leading to annulment; legal action against the omission of action by the Council or the Commission of the EU; the solution of previous issues as a concrete review upon the demand of a member state court)

III. Role of the Constitutional Courts in a Democratic society

Constitutional jurisdictions in EU member states:

- powers;
- nature and effects of decisions taken by them.

IV. Bulgarian CC (BG CC):

- Constitutional status and legislative arrangements;
- powers;
- nature and effects of decisions taken by the BG CC.

RESEARCH PAPER (50%)

Each student is required to write a 15-17 pages paper on some topic related to the models of Judicial/Constitutional Review. Students can undertake an independent research work on one more topic / different from the basic research paper/within the field.

Classroom participation, including oral presentations will be taken into account when determining final grades.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 323	Bulgarian Ombudsman and the role of the institution in a democratic society	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter/Summer	3	30			Prof., Ph.D. Mariana Karagyozeva-Finkova	marf@mail.orbitel.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

This course is designed to expose graduate students the new institution of Bulgarian constitutional construction - the "Ombudsman" and the role the institution has to play in a democratic society. While the bulk of the course will focus on the constitutional and legislative arrangement of Bulgarian Ombudsman, some time will be devoted to history of the European model of Ombudsman, as well as to the role and powers of the EU Ombudsman.

Classroom participation and the oral exam will be taken into account when determining final grades.

Each student could write a 10-12 pages paper on a topic related to the models of Ombudsman within the EU.

Main topics of the course:

1. History of the institution.
2. Institutional differences - EU countries and the EU Ombudsman.
3. Bulgarian Ombudsman - Constitutional status and legislative arrangement.
4. Powers and legal effects of the decisions taken by the Ombudsman.
5. The power of the Bulgarian Ombudsman to refer constitutionality question to the Constitutional court in Bulgaria.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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JFΦ 513	Strafrecht der EU	German	BA/MA/PhD	Winter, Summer	3	30			Prof. Plamen Panayotov	pan@vip.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

Das Strafrechtssystem des jeweiligen EU-Mitgliedstaates hat als grundlegende Quellen Normen des positiven Rechts aus drei Rechtsordnungen: nationales Recht, Völkerrecht und Recht der Europäischen Union. Die Veranstaltung bietet die Möglichkeit einer eingehenden Auseinandersetzung mit dem Strafrecht der Europäischen Union.

Veranstaltungsplan:

- Thema 1. Kompetenz der EU auf dem Gebiet des Strafrechts - 5 Stunden.
 Thema 2. Der Begriff des Europäischen Strafrechts. Primäres und sekundäres Europäisches Strafrecht – 6 Stunden.
 Thema 3. Grundbereiche der strafrechtlichen Kompetenz der EU – 18 Stunden.
 Thema 4. Grundsätze bei der Anwendung des EU-Rechts auf dem Gebiet des Strafrechts - 8 Stunden.
 Thema 5. Hauptformen der Beeinflussung des nationalen Strafrechts durch das EU-Recht – 8 Stunden

Requirements for enrollment: NO