**Program: Doctoral Academic Studies** 

**Course title: LEGAL CULTURE** 

Teachers: Assistant Professor dr. Danilo Vuković

Course status: Optional for the scientific area of Theory of the State and Law, Sociology of Law and Philosophy of Law.

Number of ECTS: 10

## **Requirements:**

**Aims of the course:** Students familiar with the concept of legal culture and its connections with the concepts of politics and culture in general. Students trained for independent study of legal culture and its impact on legal processes.

**Course result:** Course *Legal culture* provides a general theoretical and methodological overview of the concept of legal culture. The first part of the course is devoted to the analysis of the concept of legal culture and its relation to the concepts of politics and culture in general. The second part of the course is dedicated to the issues of operationalization and empirical research of legal culture. Students will be introduced to the basic research questions of values and attitudes, as well as with modern national and comparative research of legal culture. The course also includes independent research on legal culture in Serbia.

## **Course content:**

- 1. The concept of legal culture
- 1. 1. Operationalization of legal culture (dimensions of legal culture)
- 1. 2. Critics of the concept of legal culture
- 1. 3. Legal culture and culture
- 2. Empirical research of legal culture
- 2. 1. Empirical research of values: theoretical, methodological and empirical questions
- 2. 2. Empirical research on legal culture: a case study
- 3. Legal culture in Serbia: independent study research work

## Literature:

Mandatory: Culture and values - Petrović, Sreten (2005), Kulturologija, Beograd: Čigoja. Pantić, Dragomir (2005), "Da li su vrednosti građana bivših komunističkih zemalja slične?", Zbornik Matice srpske za društvene nauke, br. 118-119, str. 49-69. Vasović, Mirjana, ed.(1998) Fragmenti političke kulture, Beograd: Institut društvenih nauka, Centar za politikološka istraživanja i javno mnenje

Legal Culture - Cotterrell, Roger (1997), "The Concept of Legal Culture", in David Nelken, (ed.) Comparing Legal Cultures, Darmouth Publishing. Cotterrell, Roger (2006), Law, Culture and Society. Legal Ideas in the Mirror of Social Theory, Ashgate. Nelken, David and Feest, Johannes (eds.) (2001), Adapting Legal Cultures, Oxford: Hart Publishing and Oñati Institute for The Sociology of Law. Nelken, David (2004), "Comparing Legal Cultures" in Sarat, Austin (ed.), The Blackwell Companion to Law and Society, The Blackwell Publishing. Nelken, David (2004), "Using the concept of legal culture", Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy, Vol 29. No.2

Empirical research of Legal Culture - Gallingan, Denis and Marina Kurkchiyan (eds.) (2003), Law and Informal Practices: The Post-Communist Experience, Oxford: OUP. Kurkchiyan, Marina (2005), "Researching Legal Culture in Russia", u Banakar, Reza and Max Travers (eds.), Theory and Method in Socio-Legal Research, Oxford: Hart Publishing and The Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law. Gibson, James L. and Gregory A. Caldeira (1996), "Legal Cultures of Europe" Law & Sociaty Review, Vol. 30, No.1

**Supplementary**: Pantić, Dragomir i Zoran Pavlović (2007) *Javno mnenje: koncept i komparativna istraživanja*, Beograd: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung i Institut društvenih nauka. Friedman, Lawrence M, (1969), "Legal Culture and Social Development", The Law and Society Review, Vol. 4, No. 1 (Aug., 1969), pp. 29-44. Puchalska-Tych, Bogumila and Michael Salter (1996), "Comparing Legal Cultures of Eastern Europe: the need for a dialectical analysis", *Legal Studies*, Vol.16, No.2

Number of lectures – active classes	Theoretical classes: 75		Practical classes :	
Instruction method: classes, consultations				
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)				
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam		points
Activities during lectures	30	Oral exam		70
Activities during practical classes				
Tests				
Seminar classes				