Program: Master Academic Studies -

Course title: EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN AND MALADMINISTRATION

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Course status: optional, Public Law module, Administrative Law sub-module

Number of ECTS: 10

Aims of the course:

Requirements: /

The aim of this course is to enable candidates to broaden and deepen their knowledge of the European Ombudsman and the concept of maladministration.

Course result:

Candidates should be able to critically analyse the activity of the European Ombudsman.

Course content:

- **1. The institution of the ombudsman** (The emergence and expansion of the institution of the ombudsman; The reasons for introducing the institution of the ombudsman; Modalities of the ombudsman, their features and role; Legally non-binding nature of ombudsman's recommendations; The concept of maladministration).
- **2.** The emergence and legal regulation of the institution of the European Ombudsman (Historical overview of European integrations; The ideas which preceded the emergence of the institution of the European Ombudsman; Legal acts which regulate the institution of the European Ombudsman).
- **3. Institutional relations of the European Ombudsman** (The European Ombudsman and the European Parliament; The European Ombudsman and the Commission; The European Ombudsman and the Court of Justice of the EU; Relations of the European Ombudsman with ombudsmen in EU Member States).
- **4. Proceedings before the European Ombudsman** (Initiating proceedings; Admissibility of the complaints and existance of grounds for an inquiry; Inquiry procedure).
- **5. Classification of the cases of maladministration** (Transparency in the work of the institutions and bodies of the EU; Discrimination; Unfairness; Avoidable delay; Procedural errors; Failure to ensure fulfillment of obligations; Legal errors; Abuse of power; Defence; Negligence; Reasoning; Other maladministration).

Literature:

Obligatory:

Marko Davinić, The European Ombudsman and Maladministration, The Citizens Protector, Belgrade 2013.

Recommended:

Paul Craig, EU Administrative Law, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2012; Costantino Nassis, Good Administration in the European Union, The Role of the European Ombudsman and the European Network of Ombudsmen, Esperia Publications, London, 2009; The European Ombudsman, Origins, Establishment, Evolution, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 2005; The European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour, The European Ombudsman, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 2005; What can the European Ombudsman do for you?, The European Ombudsman, A guide for citizens, European Communities, 2002.

Number of lectures – active classes	Theoretical cl	asses: 15	Practical classes :	
Instruction method:	<u>.</u>			
Lectures, consultations				
Grading system (maximum nun	nber of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam		points
Activities during lectures	20	Oral exam		60
Activities during practical classes				
Tests				
Seminar classes	20			