Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies

Course title: LAW OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATIONS

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Course status: Mandatory course

Number of ECTS: 6

Requirements:

Regular attendance. The course will be delivered in the Summer semester. Lectures will be interactive and students will have to prepare themselves for each class.

Aims of the course:

The main objectives of the course are to develop knowledge of institutional and legal system of the European Union; to develop understanding of basic tensions in the relationship between EU law and national, particularly constitutional legal systems; to develop understanding of basic economic logic and policy shaping of the four freedoms; to understand differencies and choices between different judicial procedures under the Treaty on Functioning of the European Union.

Course result:

To understand the structure of the European Union under the Treaty of Lisbon and its historic evolution. To understand the main stages of European economic integration, and how economic integration affects political and social sphere. To understand economic and political objectives of the European integration and to understand links between economic integration and political goals of the founding fathers of the EU.

To understand the institutional setting of the EU, to get acquainted with its institutions, their respective roles and interrelationships. To understand the vertical separation of powers between the EU and the Member States. To understand competences of the EU. To get basic understanding of concepts of subsidiarity, proportionality and conffered powers.

To get the basic overview of the judicial structure of the European Union, notably, the General Court and the European Court of Justice. To understand the concept of the "new legal order of European Law" and what makes it different from the legal order of international law. To get acquainted with differences in understanding of supremacy of EU law that exist between the ECJ and national courts having constitutional jurisdiction. To get acquainted with sources of secondary EU law and to understand the difference between primary and secondary EU law. To understand obligations of Member States related to application of regulations. To understand specific features of directives as one of the sources of secondary EU law. To understand obligation of Member States to apply EU law, particularly directives, fully, correctly and effectively.

To understand the economic and political background of the internal market. To understand the relationship between market freedoms and fundamental rights in the EU and how they are balanced by the ECJ.

Course content:

EVOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS BASIC LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Orientation on the subject matter and methodology of the course; The idea of Europe; The idea of European Union; Evolution of the EU and its economic and political context; The European Communities; From the Treaty of Paris to the Lisbon Treaty; Establishment of the European Union; The nature of the Union law: Supremacy, direct applicability, exclusivity and pre-emption.

INSTITUTIONS AND COMPETENCES AFTER THE LISBON TREATY

EU Institutions and Institutional Framework: the Commission, the Council, the European Council, the European Parliament, the Court of Justice of the European Union. Other Institutional and Union Advisory Bodies: the European Court of Auditors, the European Central Bank and the European System of Central Banks, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions.

THE EU JUDICIAL ORDER

Court of Justice of the European Union, General Court, European Union Civil Service Tribunal. Functions of the Preliminary Reference Procedure.

UNION LAW-MAKING

Union legislative procedure, National parliaments and representative democracy, Comitology.

SOURCES AND EFFECTS OF EU LAW (overview)

Sources of EU law: Primary EU law; Sources of secondary EU law, Secondary EU law: Regulations; Secondary EU law: Directives. Secondary law and direct effect.

SUPREMACY OF EU LAW FROM THE NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Supremacy - EU and national perspective; conferral, subsidiarity and proportionality.

THE FOUR FREEDOMS: the bases

The Internal Market: Introduction, purpose of the Internal Market, Legal framework of the Internal Market

Free movement of goods, Free movement of workers, Free movement of services;

Direct effect of directives, Secondary law and direct effect.

STATE LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES IN CASE OF BREACH OF EU LAW

State liability for damages.

CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNION

Introduction, Evolution and nature of Union citizenship, Right to move and reside within the Union, Political rights of Union citizens.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE EU

Fundamental rights, Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the EU.

INTRODUCTION TO EU COMPETITION POLICY AND LAW

ENFORCEMENT OF UNION LAW

Literature:

Mandatory: Košutić B., Rakić B., Milisavljević B., Introduction to the Law of the European Integrations, Belgrade 2017

General Reading:

Treaty on European Union OJ C 115/13 and Treaty on Functioning of European Union, OJ C 115/47 (Lisbon) - full text in all official languages, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/collection/eu-law/treaties.html

Craig, P., De Burca G., EU Law, Text, Cases and Materials, 6th ed., OUP, Oxford 2015

Craig, P., De Burca G. (eds.), The Evolution of the EU Law, OUP, Oxford - New York 2011

Schütze, R., European Constitutional Law, CUP, Cambridge - New York 2012

Hartley, T., The Foundations of European Union Law, 7th ed., OUP, Oxford 2010

Horspool, M., Humphreys, M., European Union Law, 7th ed., OUP, Oxford 2010

Class materials

Students have to prepare themselves for each class by reading the assigned class materials. The materials are subject to change due to updates reflecting newest developments in EU law.

Number of lectures – active classes	Theoretical cla	asses: 60	Practical classes : 30	
Instruction method:				
Lectures, study groups, seminar pa	pers, guest lectures,	power-point presentat	ions, consultations.	
Grading system (maximum numl	per of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam po		points
Activities during lectures	20	Oral exam 30		100
Activities during practical work	20			
classes	20			
Tests				
Seminar classes	30			