

South East European **Law** School**NEWSLETTER****JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2016**

- *Fostering excellence in legal education through regional cooperation.*
- *12 distinct Law Schools from the region of South East Europe.*
- *Education, Research and Publishing.*

Dear reader,

We are glad to present you the 3rd edition of the South East European Law School Network (SEELS) quarterly Newsletter which will be, we believe, an informative and useful read. It has already become a regular publication of the Centre for SEELS and we hope it represents a useful informational tool. We are primarily focused on sharing the information on our work within the SEELS network, but the dissemination of these publications goes wider informing the interested public of our activities, current projects, goals, future plans, successes and experiences.

SEELS, as a network, is dedicated to creating synergies and fostering excellence in science and education through fostering and enhancing the regional collaboration. It is comprised of the 12 law faculties from the University of Tirana, University of Sarajevo, University of Zenica, University “Džemal Bijedić” of Mostar, University Zagreb, University of Split, “Jossip Juraj Strossmayer” University of Osijek, University of Rijeka, “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” University in Skopje, University of Montenegro, University of Belgrade and University of Nis. As a network representing approximately 1,150 teachers and researchers as well as 41,000 students, it works on the development and introduction of new joint programmes and activities in the area of education, further professional training, and on research and publishing in the field of law. In this manner the SEELS members are able to offer attractive and specialised courses and programmes and thereby facilitate regional mobility of scientists, students, researchers and lawyers.

Our permanent goal and strong belief is that the knowledge should be multiplied and communicated and that only through informing and involving the widest of academic audience possible we can truly reach our goals and develop. On that note we would like to leave you with the content of this SEELS quarterly Newsletter covering the period June to October 2016.

SEE EU CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW



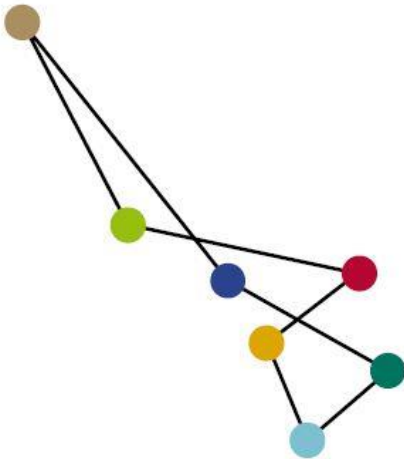
**CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE
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The SEE | EU Cluster of Excellence is a four year project which is jointly implemented by SEELS Network and Europa-Institut of Saarland University in Germany and has been officially launched last year (November). The project was envisaged to contain a plethora of activities. As the project is in its first year of implementation, some of the envisaged activities have already been conducted, while others are yet to be. It includes the research stays in Europa Institut for scholars from SEELS network, various workshops, production of publications and summer school events, to name but a few. The overall project is financially supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). One of the most significant activities that took place in this period has been the Summer School “Human Rights and EU Law Harmonization” that took place in Saarbrücken, Germany during the month of July, 2016.

Summer School “Human Rights and EU Law Harmonization”

This was the first Summer School held within the Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law. Thematically, it was centered on human right issues offering a deeper and comparative insight in the European Law and the national legislations in the SEE region. The Summer School caused significant interest among young academic being an excellent opportunity for PhD candidates and advanced Master students from the SEELS network and Europa-Institut to broaden their knowledge on this topic as well as to exchange experiences and get to know new methods of work and study. It took place in the Europa-Institut in Germany from the 17th till 31st of July and it hosted 25 students from the SEE region and five students from Germany. Similarly, the six lecturers participating were also coming from the SEELS network and Europa-Institut.

More information about the Cluster of Excellence can be found under the following link: www.see-eu-cluster.eu/



LEGAL PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE PROJECT

Together with Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, SEELS was one of the key partners in the regional research project “Legal Protection against Discrimination in South East Europe”, funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Open Regional Fund – Legal Reform. The project had an objective to improve the methodological capacities of the relevant stakeholders to act against discrimination in the SEE region, and was envisaged to have three core activities: conduction of national researches by team of experts; preparation of a regional comparative study; and production, publication and dissemination of a policy brief. The project was officially launched in October 2015.

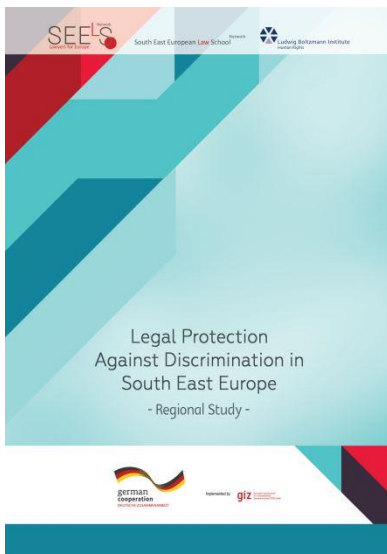
Publication “Legal Protection against Discrimination in South East Europe: Regional Study”

The comprehensive publication “Legal Protection against Discrimination in South East Europe: Regional Study” is consisted of papers presenting the experts’ findings from the national researches on anti-discrimination in SEE countries. The book is structured in three parts: 1) Synthesis Report on Legal Protection against Discrimination in SEE; 2) National Reports on Legal Protection against Discrimination and 3) Conclusions and Recommendations. The publisher of this book is the Centre for SEELS which conducted the overall editing, proof-reading, compiling and designing.

The publication is available for free download on our [web – page](#).

Regional Conference “Legal Protection against Discrimination in South East Europe”

One of the activities within the project “Legal Protection against Discrimination in South East Europe” was the Regional Conference that took place in Budva, Montenegro, during the month of June 2016. The aim of the Conference was to discuss how can the legal and institutional framework, as well as the legal education on anti-discrimination be strengthened in the region of South East Europe. More than 80 representatives of the SEE states’ judicial, administrative and educational institutions participated at the Conference, among which were the Centre for SEELS’ Secretary General and Fundraising Coordinator.



SEE LAW JOURNAL – PREPARATION OF THIRD EDITION



The South East European Law Journal (SEE Law Journal) is a scientific English language journal of SEELS network. The SEE Law Journal publishes high-quality original, double peer-reviewed scientific, review and professional articles focusing on relevant questions of the regional, European and international integration of SEE countries, issues of the legal reform and approximation with the *acquis communautaire*, best practices in the legal reform and unification of the legislation in the region of South East Europe and the EU.

By now two issues of the SEE Law Journal were produced by SEELS with the financial support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Open Regional Fund for South East Europe – Legal GIZ Legal Reform office in Skopje. Currently, the third edition of the SEE Law Journal is under way. After the deadline for submission of papers was met (September 15th) the paper review process started. We are expecting the new issue to be published by the end of the current year.

SEE | EU LAW NET- GRADUATES4ACADEMIA – SUMMER SCHOOL “CHALLENGES OF MIGRATION AND ASYLUM – LEGAL ASPECTS”



The SEELS Network and Europa-Institut, Saarland University have a well-established collaboration. This can be seen from the partnership within the SEE | EU Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law, but also from the joint organizations of four Summer School, with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service – DAAD.

The latest Summer School was entitled “Challenges of Migration and Asylum – Legal Aspects” and it took place in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia during the month of September 2016. It was attended by 25 students coming from the members of SEELS and Europa-Institut. The Summer School was indeed comprehensive, up to date and successful as it was addressing topics that are of great significance from both theoretical and practical point of view. Namely the programme was composed both of lectures carried out by academics which covered the theoretic aspects of the topic, but also of presentations of the selected practitioners (UNHCR Representative in Skopje, representative of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Office in Skopje, and various NGOs) who gave the deeper insight to the practical aspects of these issues.



It is our sincere hope that the expectations of the students and all of the other participants were met, and that more Schools of this sort are yet to take place.



PROPOSAL SUBMISSION “SUMMER SCHOOL ON CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS TO CRIMINAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION”

During the month of September the staff of the Centre for SEELS was working on the project proposal of the above mentioned Summer School together with scholars from the Research Center for Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings of the University of Passau in Germany. The overall objective of the proposed project is to advance and promote the exchange of knowledge and views on the way criminal law limitations affect human rights in South Eastern Europe and Germany. For SEELS, the planned measure is of particular importance as it will allow for a cooperation with new partners and donors as well as enrich its activity portfolio by targeting the field of Criminal Law.

The proposal was submitted to the Rule of Law Programme – South East Europe of Konrad-Adenauer Foundation. If the project is approved the Summer School is going to take place in Belgrade (Serbia) in 2017.

SEELS AS A ROLE MODEL FOR REGIONAL ACADEMIC COOPERATION IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS REGION?

The Manager and the Fundraising Coordinator of the Centre for SEELS, Prof. Dr. Goran Koevski and Mr. Manuel Unten Kanashiro, upon the invitation of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, participated at the Regional Roundtable – “Initial Stage of University Education in Jurisprudence: Focusing on profession in the course of academic education” held in Tbilisi, Georgia during the 22nd and 23rd of September 2016. Although generally focused on legal studies, their initiation and methodology the roundtable also referred to the opportunities for international collaboration among the Law Schools pointing out, as an excellent example, the SEELS Network. The Manager of the Centre for SEELS, Prof. Dr. Goran Koevski carried out a presentation in which he elaborated SEELS’ purpose, structure, experiences and challenges of such endeavor.



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