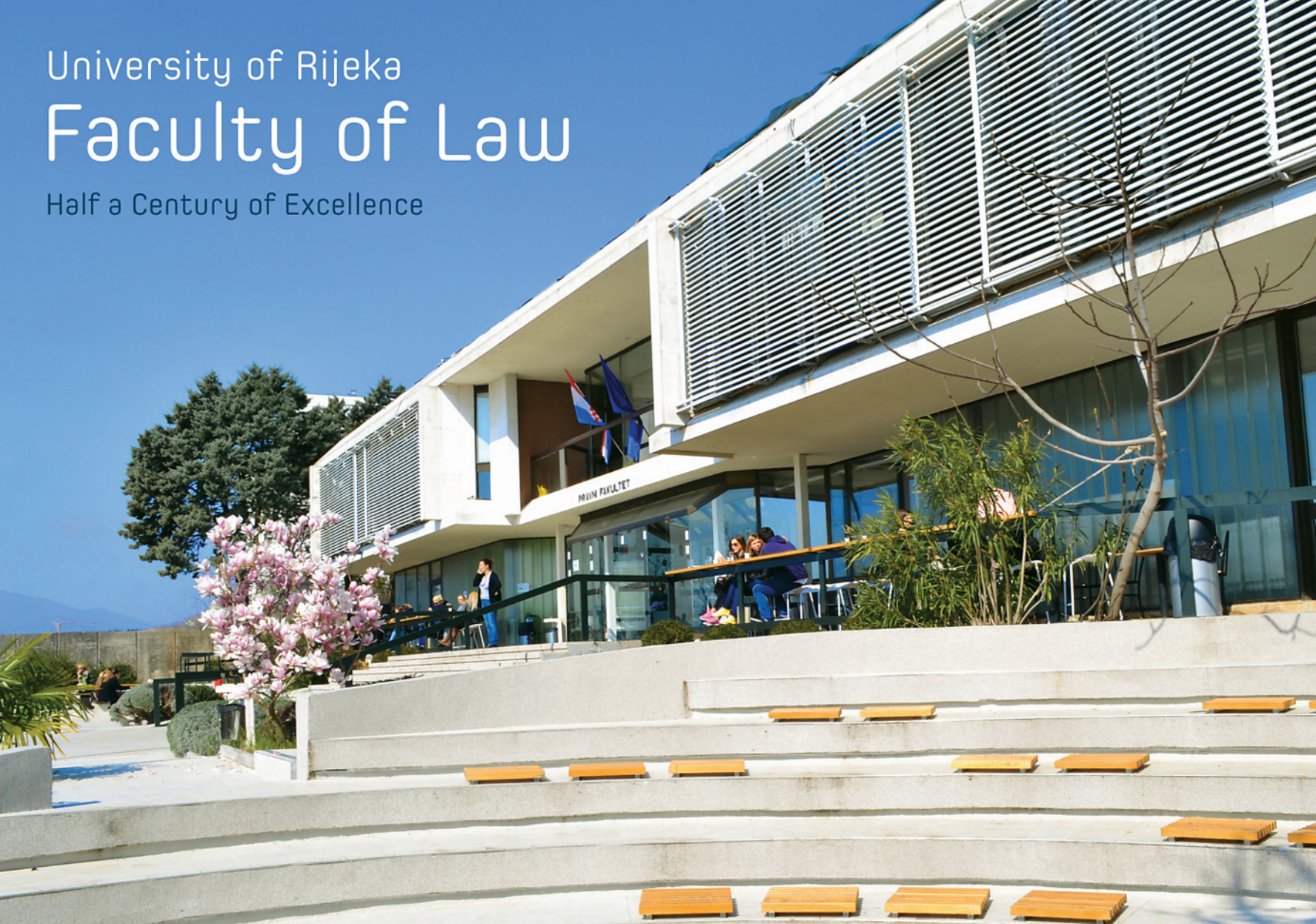


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Half a Century of Excellence





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Welcome to the Faculty of Law



The Faculty is situated in Rijeka, the principal seaport and the third largest city in Croatia with around 110,000 inhabitants.



Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

University of Rijeka Faculty of Law



Dean

*Prof. Dr.
Dario Derda*

In 2023, The Faculty of Law in Rijeka celebrated five decades of the legal studies in Rijeka. Since its inception, the Faculty has been at the forefront of legal education, research, scholarship, and advocacy in our region and beyond. From humble beginnings in 1973, when we enrolled the first generation of students without our own premises and just a few members of academic staff, we have grown into a dynamic academic community, dedicated to nurturing the next generation of legal minds and shaping the future of the legal profession. Our commit-

ment to academic excellence, innovation, and societal impact has shaped the legal landscape and nurtured generations of legal professionals. In harmony with its scholarly endeavors, the Faculty is profoundly dedicated to delivering a well-rounded educational journey. Our academic programs undergo continual enhancement to synchronize with advancing pedagogical approaches and European educational norms. Priority is given to refining practical competencies, resulting in our students' remarkable achievements in diverse international and national competitions, particularly in mock trial events. Over the years, the Faculty has played a pivotal role in shaping multiple cohorts of legal professionals who currently hold significant positions in the judiciary, administration, and the private sector, both at home and abroad. In the same time, the Faculty enthusiastically backs and promotes the academic and professional endeavors of its faculty members across all tiers. This support includes facilitating the publication of significant monographs, coordinating conferences, providing guidance, and fostering the

growth of aspiring scholars. Faculty members, through their scholarly and professional pursuits, as well as their engagement with governmental and non-governmental organizations, play an active role in shaping a just and effective legal framework at the national level. Additionally, they support law enforcement initiatives and contribute to the advancement of the University of Rijeka within the local community. Throughout its journey, the Faculty has transformed into a globally esteemed institution. This milestone is the result of robust partnerships with foreign academic institutions and the remarkable scholarly endeavors of our faculty members. They consistently contribute to esteemed scientific journals and participate in prestigious international conferences, solidifying our international reputation. This monograph serves as a testament to the dedication and hard work of generations of faculty members, students, and staff who have contributed to the success and reputation of our Faculty. It chronicles our achievements, challenges, and triumphs, offering a comprehensive overview of the evolution

of legal education and research at our institution, from its humble beginnings to its present stature as a leading center of legal scholarship and expertise. As we reflect on the past fifty years, we are also mindful of the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead. In an ever-changing world, the need for legal expertise, critical thinking, and ethical leadership has never been greater. It is our commitment to uphold the highest standards of excellence and integrity in everything we do, ensuring that our Faculty continues to make a positive impact on society for decades to come. In an era of rapid change and complexity, the role of legal education and scholarship has never been more crucial. Our Faculty remains steadfast in its commitment to equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical values needed to navigate the complexities of the legal profession and contribute meaningfully to society. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, let us also look to the future with optimism and determination, knowing that the best is yet to come for the Faculty of Law in Rijeka.



Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



Nestled amidst the eastern hills encircling Bakar Bay, spanning from Bakar to Bakarac, lie the renowned Bakar dry stone walls, famously known as “Bakarski prezidi”. The origin of these remarkable structures traces back to the reign of Empress Maria Theresa. During the 18th century, while navigating the waters of Bakar Bay, she chanced upon locals toiling on the steep slopes, piquing her curiosity. Subsequently, she granted the predominantly Praputnjak populace the privilege to cultivate indigenous grapevines, particularly the Belina variety, and erect these dry-stone walls. In 1972, these dry-stone walls earned recognition as a protected landscape and were duly inscribed in the cultural monuments register. Regrettably, the passage of time has inflicted considerable damage upon this facet of Bakar’s heritage, with recent estimations suggesting that merely a fraction of the original Bakar stone walls remains intact. Efforts to revitalize these walls commenced in 2001, coinciding with the inception of the production of the esteemed sparkling wine, known as “Stara bakarska vodica”. At present, approximately 2300 grafts of the indigenous Belina variety thrive, meticulously preserved by cooperative members on Praputnjak over several decades. Annually, the Bakar stone walls yield up to 1000 kilograms of grapes, producing around 700 bottles of “Stara bakarska vodica,” recently acclaimed as a high-quality sparkling wine. Praputnjak is today renowned for its extensive dry stone wall interventions, notably the Terraces of Bakar Stone Walls, particularly at the Takala site, which stands as Croatia’s inaugural registered cultural landscape, safeguarded under the Ministry of Culture. While dry stone wall construction pervades the Mediterranean, Praputnjak’s distinctive landscape, characterized by steep terrain and the pervasive presence of these walls, distinguishes it from its coastal counterparts.



The Faculty's Profile





While the roots of the University of Rijeka may be considered to date back to the 17th century when the Rijeka Jesuit Grammar School was established, it was formally established in 1973. As a part of the University of Rijeka from its inception, the Faculty of Law has been an important driver in its overall development.

Today, the University is a home to nearly 16,000 students enrolled in 16 faculties and departments, most of which are located at

the newly built campus. We share common strategic goals and fundamental values, including responsibility, innovation, interconnectedness and recently openness. Our joint ambition is to act as a socially responsible and open university - open to students, teaching staff, researchers from around the world, as well as to embrace contemporary trends in higher education and research.

The University aims to serve as a crucial driver of societal progress, partnering with industry, civil society, public and cultural sector, in parallel with adapting to and shaping the dynamics of a knowledge-based society, responding to emerging issues and contributing to economic and social development of the surrounding communities.

By virtue of its international consortia and projects, including the membership in European alliances such as YUFE and YERUN, the University is setting the path towards extending its impact on a European and global scale.

Its roots can be traced back to the 17th century when the Rijeka Jesuit Grammar School was established and the motto *Semper magis* remains just as relevant today as it was back then.



Marija Randić,
Head of Revenue
at the City of Opatija

... the Faculty of Law aims to develop the students' critical thinking and prepare them for a quality and responsible work in practice... the teaching staff is always open for cooperation and their individual approach directs the students to those areas for which they show the most interest during their studies...

The Faculty is situated in Rijeka, the principal seaport and the third largest city in Croatia with around 110,000 inhabitants.

Situated on the northern Adriatic coast, Rijeka serves as a gateway to both Central Europe and the Mediterranean region. Its strategic location makes it easily accessible for collaboration and exchange with neighboring countries and international partners.

Additionally, being a port city and an emerging tourist destination, Rijeka has a long history of cultural diversity and trade, providing a rich environment for interdisciplinary research and academic exploration.

Moreover, the city's proximity to natural landscapes and cultural heritage sites offers unique opportunities for fieldwork and experiential learning, enhancing the academic experience for students and researchers alike.

An abundance of political turmoil and



cultural influences has throughout history left a profound mark on Rijeka in the legal, cultural and every other aspect of life, and turned it into one of the most vibrant centers of multiculturalism and multilingualism in Croatia.

This region boasts some of the most significant documents in Croatian legal history. The Baška tablet from the 11th century is worth mentioning for being the first written contract containing an inscription in the Croatian recension of the Church Slavonic



language.

The Vinodol statute, as one of the oldest legal texts written in the Chakavian dialect of the Croatian language, was drafted in the 13th century and belongs to the oldest codes among the Slavic nations.

Likewise, the Statute of the City of Rijeka dating back to the 16th century, along with the medieval statutes of other North Adriatic towns, stands as one of the pillars of Croatian legal history and cultural heritage.



Quality Assurance

The Faculty's Quality Assurance Committee serves as a vital component in ensuring excellence and continuous advancement in academic standards, processes and outcomes. Comprised of academic staff, students and external stakeholders, the Committee oversees research and education including study and lifelong learning programs.

Our efforts in implementing a student-centered approach have been widely recognized and confirmed repeatedly in student and external evaluations.

Enhancing the Faculty's public accountability and actively contributing to the socio-cultural transition into a knowledge society are among our top priorities.

To achieve this, we are actively engaging with the public and the economy sector and forging partnerships to promote community development. In fostering the culture of high quality and continuous improvement we consider essential to remain actively invol-



ved in the European Research Area and the European Higher Education Area through various programs and collaborations, as well as by developing sustainable and responsible approaches in performing our tasks.

As a dynamic institution, we promote mobility and support the advancement of research careers.

To this end, we prioritize continuous training for our academic and supporting staff, support collaboration on national and inter-

The Faculty of Law in Rijeka has been recognised by the Rector of the University of Rijeka for the development and promotion of gender equality in 2022.

national levels, and continuously modernize our curricula.

We are likewise committed to encouraging individual talent and entrepreneurial culture by assuring the access to opportunities and establishing the incentivizing reward systems.

The Faculty has been continuously receiving positive academic external and internal evaluation reports and, since 2016, has held the ISO 9001:2015 quality certification.



Elevating Standards in Legal Education



In an era marked by rapid technological advances and complex global challenges, the imperative for legal education to evolve has never been more urgent. We are constantly scrutinizing traditional methodologies of teaching law to better prepare the next generation of legal professionals. We aim at equipping law students not only with foundational legal knowledge but also with the critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills necessary to navigate the complexities of contemporary legal issues. This is

implemented through a comprehensive modernization of curriculum, implementing pedagogical innovation and developing integrative learning models. In a view of the demands of the 21st century the Faculty has led the efforts for elevating standards in legal education in two major professional projects funded by the European Social Fund: *Providentia Studiorum Iuris: Improving the quality of studying at law faculties in Croatia* and *Praxis Iuris: Free primary legal aid and professional practice at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka*. In addition, the Faculty is pioneering in Croatia in its efforts to set the infrastructure and staff competences ready for the e-learning through two national projects granted by Carnet, the Croatian public institution operating in the field of ICT.

Providentia Studiorum Iuris

Implemented from 2019 to 2022, this project aimed to improve the quality of studying at law faculties in Croatia by developing qualification standards and six occupation-



al standards. It also sought to enhance study programs such as the University Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study of Law, Professional Graduate Study in Public Administration, and Professional Undergraduate Study in Administration Law. This was achieved through the implementation of contemporary software solutions and the enhancement of the quality assurance system and student competence. The project involved various activities to increase the involvement and cooperation of stake-



holders, including labor market research, to align study programs with market needs and enable students to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and competences in accordance with the Croatian Qualifications Framework.

Praxis Iuris

With the aim of enhancing the employability of students enrolled in the University Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study of Law and Professional Graduate

Study in Public Administration at the Faculty, we developed educational material and tools which help equip students with practical skills and competencies for the workforce. This objective was pursued through two main strategies during the project from 2020 to 2023: establishing a new model of professional practice by offering free primary legal aid and enhancing the quality of existing professional practice models.

Under the first objective, a Legal Clinic was established to provide free primary legal aid, allowing students to gain practical experience under the supervision of a teacher-mentor. This direct client interaction helped students develop practical skills and responsibilities essential for their future careers. Additionally, it facilitated students' connections with potential employers, thus boosting their employability. The provision of free primary legal aid also benefited socially and economically vulnerable citizens in the Primorje-Gorski Kotar and Istria counties through mobile teams.

The second objective focused on improving the quality and expanding the participation of existing professional practice models. This included enhancing the quality of clinical subjects in the Integrated Study, increasing fieldwork and simulated trials, and encouraging student involvement in moot court competitions with proper mentoring. Furthermore, compulsory courses such as "Legal Research" and "Professional Practice" were improved by strengthening the practical research component in Croatian and European legal contexts. A Professional Practice Service was also established to support students and guide them towards suitable professional practice opportunities.

E-University projects

The scheme of e-University projects has a general aim of improving the quality and accessibility of the higher education system through investments in digital teaching infrastructure. The educational program to be developed as part of the e-University project



Dr. Vlado Skorup,
President of the
County Court in Rijeka

... I belong to the generation of 1962. My curriculum vitae, connected with my education and professional experience, began and will likely end in Rijeka. A special place in this context is the experience of studying at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka, which determined my professional path. Those student years, filled with the experience of being a teaching assistant and the Rector's Award of the University of Rijeka, continued with an internship at the court and passing the bar exam. That journey, which started during my student days, continued with my role as a judge at the Municipal Court in Rijeka, then as a judge at the Commercial Court in Rijeka, a judge in the Civil Division of the County Court in Rijeka, and finally as the President of the County Court in Rijeka. Throughout this time, I kept returning to my roots at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka, where I obtained a master's degree in the postgraduate scientific study "Law of International Trade, Transport, and Insurance," and later earned my doctorate.

aims to enable and support the development of digital competencies among teaching and administrative staff at higher education institutions. This has already strengthened the capacity of university employees to implement hybrid and other flexible and innovative teaching methods, as well as to broaden the application of digital technologies in educational and administrative processes at higher education institutions.

The Faculty is participating in two such projects granted through the Carnet, the Croatian Academic and Research Network, from 2022 to 2025. The first pilot project is focused on enhancing the Faculty's digital infrastructure, accompanied by educational support and empowering teaching staff competencies for creating digital teaching content.

Within this project, the Faculty has been equipped with the state-of-the-art recording studio where teaching staff may create interactive materials for e-learning, record



lectures and other material, and conduct online classes. The other pilot project, focusing on the digital maturity system model, aims to develop and strengthen our competencies in areas such as digital technologies in learning and teaching, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence in higher education. The goal is to raise the institution's overall level of digital maturity. By participating in this project, our academic and supporting staff gain access to training designed to prepare them as educators for the 21st century.

Practice-Oriented Opportunities

Aware of the crucial role of legal clinics in contemporary legal education and community service, our Faculty has continuously promoted and widened such offering to the students.

Clinical courses

In 1995, the Faculty was the first in Croatia to introduce the clinical course - Civil Law Clinic - in its study program in law. Today, in addition to the first Civil Law Clinic, students may choose among five other clinical courses: Commercial, Corporate and Labor Law Clinic, European Law Clinic, Criminal Law Clinic, Public Law Clinic and Arbitration and Virtual Trial Clinic. In these clinics, students are given the opportunity to work directly under the supervision of law practitioners in the course of a semester-long internship at the local courts, law or public notary offices and local companies or international companies' subsidiaries. In parallel, the students in public administration are also exposed to practical education in local or regional public administration bodies, public institutions, companies or alike.



Students are thus provided with valuable educational experience of applying theory to real-world situations under the professional supervision. Such practical experience enhances students' understanding of the discipline and practice, preparing them for future careers.

Legal Clinic - Free Primary Legal Aid Centre

Legal Clinic - Free Primary Legal Aid Centre was established in 2021, as part of the EU-funded project *Praxis Iuris: Free Primary Legal Aid and Professional Practice at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka*. Participation in this Legal Clinic involves regular direct contact with clients, research and provision of relevant legal information and advice. Under the supervision of the professional mentors, students of the Legal Clinic offer general legal information, legal advice, and other forms of legal assistance as determined by the Free Legal Aid Act. By applying legal concepts and laws to real-life situations, our students further their independence and responsibility. This process enables the



students to enhance their practical skills and competencies, preparing them for success in the labor market. Additional benefits of such work-based learning manifest in connecting students with employers, thereby increasing their employability. There is a broader societal benefit to the Legal Clinic given that free primary legal aid becomes more readily accessible to the socially and economically most vulnerable categories of citizens who are otherwise less likely to effectively exercise their rights. Aiming at inclusiveness in accessing justice, our students periodically

The immediate community and educational effects of the Legal Clinic in the period from 2021 to 2024 is demonstrated by more than 300 cases which have been handled by somewhat over 150 students.

visit smaller communities in less inhabited areas to provide legal aid. Widening its community outreach, the Legal Clinic has established cooperation with several civil society organizations such as SOS Rijeka – Center for Nonviolence and Human Rights, Franciscan Secular Order - Local Fraternity Trsat, Shelter for the Homeless “Roses of St. Francis”, Depaul Croatia Association and Pazinština Pensioners’ Association.

In addition to providing legal aid, the Legal Clinic is engaging in other activities closely related to its core purpose, such as research projects, raising public awareness through informational material or educational events, participation in workshops, panel discussions and roundtables.

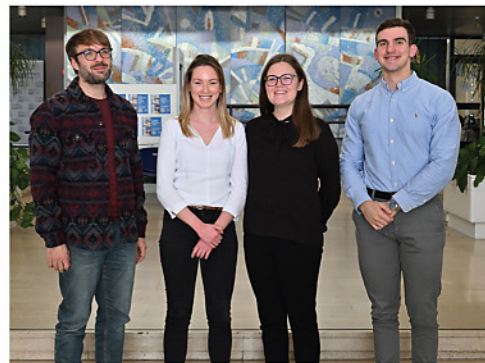
Moot court competitions

Our students are regular participants in various moot court competitions, honing their advocacy skills, deepening their understanding of legal principles, and gaining invaluable practical experience in simulated courtroom settings. Preparation for and involvement in such competitions demands dedication and not only provides students with opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge in hypothetical scenarios but also foster teamwork, critical thinking and professional development, preparing them for successful careers in law and beyond. Competitions in which our students have participated and achieved noteworthy results include Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Moot Court Philip C. Jessup International Law, European Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Regional Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Regional Moot-Court Competition in International Humanitarian Law, Moot Court Croatia, Monroe C. Price

Media Law Moot Court and International Sports Law Arbitration Moot (SLAM).

Cooperation with stakeholders

Given that no society can thrive and function effectively devoid of law and legal experts, the Faculty readily makes available its knowledge and resources to its community. This process is at the same time operating in the opposite direction where the academic staff receives valuable inputs from the legal practitioners. We are offering our students plentiful opportunities to engage with the practical aspects of the legal profession. To accomplish this objective, we foster collaborations with diverse stakeholders coming from various sectors, such as judiciary and government in general, business sector and civil society. We have long-term cooperation with professional organizations, including the Croatian Bar Association, the Association of Croatian Judges, the Croatian Notaries Chamber, and the Judicial Academy. Additionally, we aim to strengthen our ties



with legal experts from Croatia and abroad who are regularly invited as guest lecturers across a range of courses, bringing invaluable real-world experience and insights to the teaching of law.

Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



What summer school and medieval statute have in common? On 6 January 1288, representatives from nine towns from the Free Municipality of Vinodol (which literally translates to Wine Valley): Bakar, Bribir, Drivenik, Grižane, Grobnik, Hreljin, Ledenice, Novi and Trsat, in 77 articles detailed their relations with the lords of Krk, represented by the Frankopan family. This is how probably the oldest known fully preserved codification in Slavic languages - the Vinodol Statute, came to be. This Statute stands as one of the most significant monuments of medieval Croatian language, preserved in the Glagolitic script. It is also counted among the oldest European legal documents written in the vernacular language. This document was aimed at regulating the relations between commoners and the nobility, an unprecedented effort in the Europe of that time, plagued by widespread disorder and cultural regression. This document serves as a vital source for comprehending the rights, social dynamics and organizational structures in Vinodol communities, as well as studying its ethnological and cultural heritage. Furthermore, the Vinodol Statute embodies foundational principles such as justice and equality. It notably included references to "women's rights" as well, a ground-breaking feature for its era. These enduring values have served as guiding lights for generations, highlighting the transformative power of law in fostering societal cohesion and progress. Renowned as one of the most extensively studied legal manuscripts globally, the Vinodol Statute continues to be a focal point of ongoing research and academic inquiry. The Faculty is proud of its members who have contributed to its better understanding, such as Academician Lujko Margetić, and is keeping the legacy alive by organizing Human Rights Summer School in Novi Vinodolski in cooperation with local government since 2007.

International Network and Mobility Opportunities

Active participation of our students, professors and assistants in a wide range of national and international cooperation activities and mobility opportunities, is highly encouraged at the Faculty. In addition to building its individual network of institutions from different countries in Europe and beyond, the international cooperation often takes place within one of the established exchange programs or institutional mobility schemes.

Since 2019, the University of Rijeka is a member of the **YUFE Alliance** (Alliance of Young Universities for the Future of Europe), a high-profile European university initiative that consists of ten young, research-driven universities and two non-academic partners aiming to reshape the European Higher Education Area.

Within this framework, law faculties have developed a particularly strong cooperation. Each year the YUFE LAW conference and meeting is held, rotating among members.



The 2022 YUFE LAW took place at the Faculty gathering more than 45 participants from partner institutions. The Faculty is also strongly involved in the YUFE Virtual Campus initiative, which provides students with an opportunity to create highly personalized curricula by studying in 10 partner universities at the same time.

The Faculty contributes by 10 courses to the European university integration pilot being developed for the past several years.

Another form of cooperation with like-minded young universities across Europe takes form of the **YERUN** (Young European Research Universities Network), which the University of Rijeka joined in 2021. Aimed at enhancing the research component, this network focuses on various aspects thereof.

As part of the Open and Universal Science (OPUS) project, measures are being developed to coordinate and support the reform of research assessment for both Research Performing Organizations and Research Funding Organizations towards a system that encourages and rewards researchers to practice open science.

Given that open science is one of the Faculty's strategic goals, the Faculty members are actively taking part in one of the five pilot projects aimed at integrating sustainable open science practices. This is equally relevant for the experienced researchers and those in the early stages of their careers. YE-



Ermina Duraj,
univ. spec. rel. publ.,
Head of the Office
of the President,
County President
and County Assembly
Affairs, Primorje-Gorski
Kotar County

... studying and making friends amongst colleagues at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka was a genuinely wonderful experience for me. We had great professors who knew how to give us space and at the same time encourage our personal growth and development. Although I did not pursue my carrier as a law professional but rather as a journalist and editor at the Croatian Radio Television and later at the Regional television station Kanal Ri and afterwards in the field of public relations as a communication expert and today as the Head of the Administrative Department of County President and County Assembly Affairs where I oversee various sectors closely linked with different fields of law, I do believe that my law studies have provided me with an excellent basis that enabled me to pursue things I enjoy most in life...

RUN is also providing platform to discuss universities' societal impact by examining the role of valorization in European research and innovation, where the University of Rijeka is particularly proactive in developing the mechanisms for research assessment.

Erasmus Plus program for students, researchers and teaching staff is most relied on when it comes to incoming and outgoing mobility. Our students from other European universities, with whom we have signed an Erasmus Plus bilateral agreement, may spend one or two semesters studying in Rijeka. The Faculty has concluded Erasmus Plus bilateral agreements with nearly 90 universities in 25 countries which counts as more than a significant achievement in offering mobility opportunities to students and staff. The list of partner institutions is continuously expanding

The Faculty is one of the founders of the **SEELS** (South East European Law Sc-

University of Rijeka Faculty of Law



hools Network). Established in 2011, the network's primary objective was to enhance international cooperation among faculties of law in Southeast Europe, while concurrently bolstering their research, technical, and administrative capabilities.

SEELS is dedicated to augmenting the international competitiveness and visibility of its member faculties, emphasizing excellence in legal education, scholarly pursuits and publication endeavors. Moreover, it serves



as a catalyst for the strategic advancement of these academic institutions.

SEELS offers opportunities for students and academic staff to join forces in applying for and carrying out research and capacity-building projects, organizing and participating in conferences and summer schools, and publishing research papers in the *SEE Law Journal*. Furthermore, there is an ongoing project aimed at developing the SEELS scientific database in the field of law.



Zoran Vukić,
Attorney at Law in Rijeka

... I can think of two essential influences in the making of the lawyer I am now. One is the Faculty of Law in Rijeka and Professor Padjen in particular, who taught me how to think. The other is my principal, Mr Marijan Šprajc, Attorney at Law, who taught me how to put my thoughts to use. For that, I am forever in their debt. I hope I will have the chance to do it all over again...



Library



The Faculty's students and researchers may enjoy all the benefits of the central University Library located downtown, and the specialized Law Library located at the Faculty's building.

The Law Library holds different types of library materials, such as books, serial publications and databases. Among 50,000 titles the Law Library holds there are also five collections of law books and materials: Senj Archdiocese Collection, Viktor Ružić Collection, Academician Lujo Margetić Col-

lection, Petar Simonetti Collection and Petar Šarčević Collection.

There are also other valuable collections of current scholarship such as Research Methodology Collection or Sports Law Collection. Resources which cannot be accessed directly from the Library, can be made available at request by means of interlibrary loans.

The search of all library catalogues of University of Rijeka and available databases is possible through a unique common interface, called Discovery Service.

In line with its modern mission, the Law Library provides information and training in the field of information literacy, research techniques, tips and tricks, open science, valuation of research, etc. Such services are not only available individually (such as for the doctoral students or researchers in general) but are also integrated in the law courses and tailored to the specific levels of respective study programs.

In 2014, the Faculty Library was granted the official status of a European Documentation Centre. Its mission is to preserve and make available to researchers, educators, students, and interested members of the general public all official EU publications. It also serves a legal depository of EU acquis. These functions make the EDC highly valuable to law students, researchers and practitioners.

This interdisciplinary (law and information science) approach to teaching and researching legal topics and resources is possible in a view of the highly skilled Law Library personnel, who are open for collaboration with academic staff.

Such services are particularly important for our doctoral students and researchers at early stages of their careers.

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List of Collections Received in Donation

1. Senj Archdiocese Collection

is valuable for its law titles collected by lawyers from Rijeka, mostly belonging to the attorney family Špehar, in the 19th and the first half of the 20th century. Its 1,517 book titles are generally well preserved, including their leather bindings, which were made by the previous owners.

2. Viktor Ružić Collection

includes more than 1,000 law titles from the legacy of Dr. Viktor Ružić, a Croatian lawyer, librarian and high-ranking government official (Minister of Justice, member of the Sušak city government, Ban of the Sava Banate).

3. Academician Lujo Margetić Collection

comprises more than 2,000 titles from the legacy of the Academician Lujo Margetić, Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka. The collection includes sources in Croatian and foreign languages, in the his-

tory of law and state, and related areas of the Croatian and world history, paleography, historical geography, heraldry, linguistics and other.

4. Petar Simonetti Collection

includes law books of Dr. Petar Simonetti, a professor at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka, a long-time judge of the Supreme Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, author of over a hundred scientific and professional articles, and many monographs. The collection includes about 1,200 titles mainly from the field of civil law, real estate law and land law.

5. Petar Šarčević Collection

includes more than 600 law titles in Croatian and foreign languages owned by Dr. Petar Šarčević, a professor at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka, a Rector of the University of Rijeka, a visiting professor at many foreign universities, a Croatian diplomat and the first Croatian Ambassador to the United States.



The library procures different types of library materials, serial publications and databases. It contains more than 40,000 titles including old library materials that comprise five valuable collections.

Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



In the heart of Rijeka, amidst the whispers of history, lies a tale of intrigue and betrayal that echoes through the centuries. Simeon Adamić, a towering figure in the annals of the city's past, was famed for his shrewd dealings in the tobacco trade. Yet, it was not his business acumen that thrust him into the spotlight, but rather a discovery that would shake the foundations of his world. On the windswept shores of Martinšćica, nestled within his sprawling estate, stood a chapel dedicated to St. Martin. Little did Simeon know, beneath the solemn stones lay a secret buried deep within the earth. During routine renovations, fate intervened, revealing a hidden trove that whispered of ancient mysteries and untold riches. But as whispers turned to accusations, Simeon found himself ensnared in a web of deceit. Accused of withholding a portion of the treasure's value from the state coffers, he faced the grim confines of prison walls. Fourteen witnesses, their words like daggers, sealed his fate with their damning testimony. Yet, hope flickered in the darkness in the form of Andrija Ljudevit Adamić, Simeon's steadfast son and a merchant of renown in distant Vienna. With determination burning bright in his heart, Andrija pleaded his father's case before the very throne of Emperor Joseph II. With each impassioned word, he painted a picture of truth and injustice, securing his father's release from incarceration. But the tale did not end there. With vengeance coursing through his veins like molten fire, Andrija sought retribution for the betrayal that had torn their family asunder. In a bold display of defiance, he erected a grand mansion upon the hallowed ground of Rijeka, a symbol of resistance against those who had sought to tarnish their name. And there, upon the cold stone pillars that adorned the entrance, he immortalized the faces of his accusers.



Who Are We?

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stjepan Gadžo (6)

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Assist. Prof. Dr. Ines Matić Matešković (7)



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Administrative and Support Services

The Faculty's administrative and support services encompass a wide range of functions that are essential for our academic operation. They play a crucial role in facilitating teaching, research and other activities, thereby contributing to the overall success and effectiveness of the Faculty. The Faculty's operation rely on support by the following offices:

Secretary's Office - Office of the Dean headed by Monika Miškulin Sertić, univ. bac. oec.

General Affairs, Human Resources and Public Procurement Office, headed by Mirjana Parenta, mag. admin. publ.

Financial and Accounting Office, headed by Dubravka Zatezalo, BEcon

Student Affairs Office, headed by Suzana Weiss, BEng

IT Office, headed by Paula Čalogović, BEng

Faculty Library, headed by Titular Assist. Prof. Dr. Dejana Golenko



Academic Staff



Our academic staff comprises distinguished experts renowned in their respective fields.

They lecture at the Faculty and other academic and professional institutions in Croatia and abroad, while actively engaging in research and professional projects on both global and European, as well as national and local scales. Additionally, they play integral roles in university governance, serving on committees on rank and tenure and contributing to the shaping of national

and regional policies and regulations. Many members of academic staff are involved in legislative drafting and hold positions in key judicial and administrative bodies, including the State Judicial Council, State Attorney Council and parliamentary committees. Moreover, several members of academic staff contribute to the activities of judicial and administrative bodies within the European Union and are referred to for their research results.

Our academic staff is also regularly called to provide legal advice to various entities in public and private sectors, and to provide training to judiciary and legal practitioners at the national and EU level. Recognized for their exceptional scholarly and professional contributions, many academic staff members have received prestigious awards. Their dedication to legal scholarship is evidenced by publication of textbooks they authored or edited, and development of teaching materials essential for delivering high-caliber lectures, exercises, seminars

and other educational initiatives. Aware of the fast-changing environment and truly committed to professional growth, our academic staff continuously works on enhancing their teaching and research skills by participating in various workshops and other forms of training programs.

By continually developing our teaching abilities, we may employ innovative pedagogical approaches, integrate new instructional technologies and cater to diverse student needs, to improve their learning outcomes which we monitor and evaluate each year.

Concurrently, advancing research skills enables us to conduct high-quality research, publish impactful scholarly works and contribute significantly to knowledge advancement, enhancing both personal and institutional reputations and presence in the European Research Area. This is also evaluated on an annual level and rewarded to provide recognition and incentive to the most successful of us.

Our Professors Emeriti

We take great pride in the fact that our academic staff includes distinguished scholars who have been honored with titles such as Academician and Professor Emeritus, recognizing their significant contributions to the field of legal science.

**Lujo
Margetić**
(1920-2010)



A renowned scholar holding a doctor of legal science degree, esteemed Academician and Professor Emeritus, has made indelible contributions to the field of legal science through his unwavering dedication and invaluable writings.

Throughout his illustrious and prolific career, he authored over 400 scientific pa-

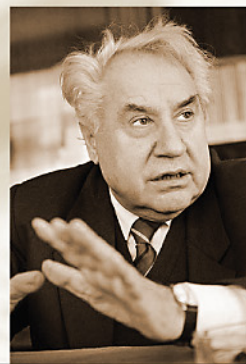
pers, discussions, and reviews, including more than 50 monographs.

His primary areas of expertise encompassed Greek, Roman and Byzantine law, as well as medieval legal history, which constituted the bulk of his scholarly output.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was elected as a full member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1991, and in the same year, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the City of Rijeka.

Due to his exceptional scholarly achievements and esteemed international standing, the University of Rijeka conferred upon him the title of Professor Emeritus in 1995. Subsequently, in 1998, he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Republic of Croatia.

**Vladimir
Đ. Degan**
(1935 - 2022)



A distinguished scholar holding a doctor of legal science degree and the esteemed title of Professor Emeritus, is widely recognized for his prolific contributions to the field of international law. He has authored numerous monographs, textbooks and scholarly articles, establishing himself as a leading authority in his field. A member of the prestigious Institute of International

Law in Geneva, he has also served as an esteemed educator, teaching courses on comparative political systems and international law at the University of Sarajevo and the University of Rijeka. Additionally, he has organized courses in International Law and International Relations at the Inter University Centre in Dubrovnik, and has delivered lectures in various countries including France, the Netherlands, Finland, China, and others. He has been actively involved in expert groups focusing on human and minority rights, as well as those addressing the succession of the former Yugoslavia, showcasing his commitment to advancing global justice and peace. His remarkable contributions have earned him several accolades, including medals from the French Republic, and in 2013, the Republic of Croatia bestowed upon him the prestigious Annual Science Award. In recognition of his outstanding scholarship and dedication to academia, the University of Rijeka honored him with the title of Professor Emeritus in 2007.

**Berislav
Pavišić**
(1943 - 2016)



A distinguished scholar holding a doctor of legal science degree and the esteemed title of Professor Emeritus, is widely acclaimed for his seminal contributions to the field of criminal law. As the Head of the Institute of Criminal Sciences at our Faculty, he has authored books and articles that have significantly advanced scholarship in this area. Throughout his illustrious career, he has held professorial positions in various branches of criminal law, including Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Com-

parative and International Criminal Law, and Criminalistics. His expertise has been sought internationally, leading him to serve as a visiting professor and lecturer in Italy, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other countries.

He has also made substantial contributions to legal education and management, while he served as Dean of the Faculty of Law in Rijeka in three terms. Additionally, he has held judicial positions at a municipal court, a district court and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia, bringing a wealth of practical experience to his academic endeavors. His involvement in the State Judicial Council and participation in law drafting further attest to his profound impact on legal reform and development. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to academia and the legal profession, the University of Rijeka conferred upon him the title of Professor Emeritus in 2013, underscoring his enduring legacy and profound influence in the field of criminal law.

Departments



Departments serve as the primary teaching units within the Faculty, consisting of professors and assistants who offer courses across diverse academic disciplines. Each department coordinates teaching, research, and professional activities across a range of interconnected courses. They develop course curricula, supply textbooks, handbooks, and other instructional resources, facilitate the professional and scholarly development of their members, and closely track student progress. There are twenty departments at our Faculty:

Department of History of Law and State
Department of Roman Law
Department of Theory of Law and State, Philosophy of Law, Human Rights and Public Policy
Department of Sociology
Department of Criminal Law
Department of Criminal Procedural Law
Department of Constitutional Law
Department of Family Law
Department of Civil Law
Department of Civil Procedural Law
Department of International Law
Department of Administrative Science
Department of Administrative Law
Department of Financial Law
Department of International and European Private Law
Department of Maritime and Transportation Law
Department of Labor and Social Law
Department of Commercial and Corporate Law
Department of Foreign Languages
Department of European Public Law



Vatroslav Abramović,
Attorney at Law, Vice
President of the Croatian
Bar Association (CBA),
Member of the Executive
Board and Member of the
Management Board of the
CBA and President of the
Rijeka District Bar

... I am pleased to say that I graduated in law from this Faculty because the teaching staff improves the quality of studies year after year, and the Faculty of Law in Rijeka has become renowned for its excellence not only in Croatia but also beyond. Students are continuously given the opportunity to get to know their profession in practice, and the Faculty has developed good cooperation in this regard with judges, notaries and lawyers. Through various forms of practical teaching, students participate in the work of our law offices and it often happens that they are employed by us as trainee lawyers. Therefore, our Faculty not only provides them with knowledge but also opens doors to the world of work in the profession for which they have been educated, which is highly commendable. Thus, without any hesitation, I can recommend our (and my) Faculty of Law in Rijeka to every young potential law student...



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Department of the History of Law and State

In their academic pursuits, members of the Department primarily delve into the legal institutions found within Croatian medieval statutory law, often drawing comparisons to European traditions and contemporary legal frameworks. Additionally, they conduct analyses on the modern history of the Croatian state and its international political relationships.



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1. Prof. Dr. Željko Bartulović, Head
2. Prof. Dr. Budislav Vukas

Department of Roman Law

In their scientific research endeavors, members of the Department focus on Roman private law institutions, with a particular emphasis on the historical and comparative aspects of the evolution of Roman law. Their areas of interest encompass topics such as the reception of Roman law in the major civil law codifications of the 19th century and the characteristics of the Roman legal system within Croatian and European legal traditions. In addition to Roman law, Department members are also engaged in scholarly investigations into the sources and legal institutions of Croatian medieval statutory law.

1. Prof. Dr. Anamari Petranović, Head
2. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ines Matić Matešković
3. Luka Nalis, univ. mag. iur.



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Department of Theory of Law and State, Philosophy of Law, Human Rights and Public Policy

The scientific pursuits of Department members encompass a wide array of areas, including the theory of law and state, philosophy and methodology of law, comparative law, and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Additionally, their focus extends to the methodology of legal and social research, public law, state formation, international relations, constitutional interpretation, administrative discretion, and the Croatian legal system, particularly emphasizing the general principles of civil law and administrative law. Furthermore, they investigate topics pertaining to freedom of expression, such as religious law, academic law, public media law, and regulations concerning political parties.

1. *Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sanja Grbić, Head*

2. *Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maša Marochini Zrinski*

3. *Luka Brajković, univ. mag. iur.*



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1. Assoc. Prof. Dr.
Marko Mrakovčić,
Head

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Department of Sociology

The Department actively engages in both teaching and scientific research concerning pertinent social processes and developmental trends in modern societies, drawing insights from classical and contemporary sociological theories. Their scientific research primarily centers on examining the complexities of national integration and identity amidst

prevailing global and supranational dynamics. Furthermore, they closely investigate challenges related to social integration and collective identification, particularly within the context of multi-ethnic regions in Croatia. Additionally, the Department explores various topics within the fields of sociology of law and sociology of deviance.



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Department of Criminal Law

Within their teaching and scientific research endeavors, members of the Department concentrate on subjects within the realm of criminal substantive law. Their scholarly pursuits extend to exploring diverse issues within associated disciplines, including criminology, forensic psychopa-

1. Prof. Dr. Marissabell Škorić, Head
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dalida Rittossa

thology, penology, victimology, juvenile criminal law, and international criminal law. Notably, their work advocates for the recognition and safeguarding of the rights of individuals facing mental health challenges and protection of vulnerable groups. Department members strive to enhance the legal standing and empowerment of these individuals within Croatian society.

Department of Criminal Procedural Law

In their teaching and scholarly pursuits, Department members address multiple facets of criminal procedural law, including pre-trial procedures, investigations, and legal remedies. They demonstrate a particular interest in practical challenges encountered within criminal proceedings and contentious issues stemming from procedural reforms.



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Additionally, they delve into related disciplines such as misdemeanor law, criminology, international and comparative criminal law, substantive criminal law, private investigations, enforcement of criminal sanctions, and police powers.

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Igor Martinović, Head

2. Assist. Prof. Dr. Iva Parenta





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judicial bodies. Additionally, they delve into the legal dimensions of civil society and its functioning in Croatia, along with addressing sensitive topics such as discrimination, freedom of religion, and freedom of expression, which constitute significant aspects of the Department's scholarly endeavors.

1. Prof. Dr. Sanja Barić, Head
2. Assist. Prof. Dr. Matija Miloš

Department of Constitutional Law

The contributions of Department members encompass two key domains within constitutional law scholarship: the structure of government and fundamental rights. They conduct thorough examinations of the function and significance of constitutional adjudication in modern democracies and actively participate in discussions regarding transnational judicial dialogue and the interaction between national and supranational



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Department of Family Law

The Department delves into classical institutions of family law with a particular focus on their historical and comparative aspects. It explores various topics within the field of children's rights and focuses on the evolution of family law and the general process of Europeanization within this legal domain.

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sandra Winkler, Head
2. Helena Majer, univ. mag. iur.

Department of Civil Law

In their scholarly pursuits, members of the Department specialize in the law of obligations, with a specific focus on contract law and banking contracts. Additionally, they explore areas such as tort law and insurance law. The Department also conducts research in property law, particularly in the domain of mortgages. Notably, the Department takes pride in having Prof. Aldo Radolović among its former members, who has served

as a Constitutional Court Judge from 2007 till 2016.

1. Prof. Dr. Zvonimir Slakoper, Head
2. Prof. Dr. Maja Bukovac Puvača
3. Prof. Dr. Gabrijela Mihelčić
4. Prof. Dr. Loris Belanić
5. Assist. Prof. Dr. Armando Demark
6. Josip Dešić, univ. mag. iur.



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Department of Civil Procedural Law

In their academic endeavors, members of the Department examine matters pertaining to civil procedural law in both their scientific research and teaching. They place particular emphasis on topics such as civil procedural law, non-contentious proceedings, including foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings, notary law, international civil procedural law, and civil procedure law within the European Union.

1. *Prof. Dr. Eduard Kunštek, Head*
2. *Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dejan Bodul*
3. *Martina Tičić, univ. mag. iur.*

Department of International Law

Department members are deeply engaged in various facets of international law. Their research encompasses topics such as human and minority rights. They also dedicate their efforts to examining the implementation of international humanitarian law, the legality of humanitarian intervention, the evolving concept of the responsibility to protect,



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and questions regarding criminal and/or state responsibility for crimes committed during armed conflicts. Additionally, they explore issues related to the use of force and its permissibility, terrorism and counterterrorism measures, self-defense, and self-determination. Furthermore, they demonstrate interest in the development of other branches of international law, including the law of the sea, diplomatic law, and consular law.

1. Prof. Dr. Sandra Fabijanić Gagro, Head
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petra Perišić

Department of Administrative Science

Department members actively engage in both theoretical and empirical scientific research, with a focus on national and supranational administrative systems, public services, local self-government, regional development, and contemporary public sector reforms. Given the multidisciplinary nature



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of the field of administrative science, they draw upon theories from sociology, political science, psychology, and economics in their work.

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dana Dobrić Jambrović, Head
2. Assist. Prof. Dr. Mariza Menger
3. Eva Ružić, univ. mag. iur.



Department of Administrative Law

Department members actively contribute to research concerning matters of public interest aimed at safeguarding the rights of individuals and the community as a whole. They pay particular attention to diverse forms of administrative adjudication, judicial oversight, and administrative legal relations pertaining to public property issues. Furthermore, they address contemporary issues related to public administration tasks

and their outcomes, with a specific focus on the education and professional development of public servants. Additionally, they explore the impact of European integration and European law on administrative reforms within the Republic of Croatia.



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1. Prof. Dr. Dario Derda, Head
2. Ana Tuta, univ. mag. iur.
3. Paula Šamanić, univ. mag. iur.
4. Klara Babić, univ. mag. iur.
5. Želimir Gržančić, LL.M.



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Department of Financial Law

In their scientific research endeavors, members of the Department explore various institutions and concepts within tax procedural law, aiming to elucidate Croatian tax legislation within the wider context of the Europeanization of tax law. Additionally, they conduct active research on diverse topics within the expansive and evolving domains of international tax law and European Union tax law, with a particular emphasis

on jurisdictional matters. Their research areas intersect with other legal and non-legal disciplines, including administrative law, constitutional law, company law, public finance, and international relations.

1. Prof. Dr. Nataša Žunić Kovačević, Head

2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sijepan Gadžo

3. Viktorija Pisačić, univ. mag. iur.





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Department of International and European Private Law

Department members prioritize teaching and research in the areas of private international law and European private law, along with intellectual property law, competition law, internet law, data protection law, family law, and consumer protection law. Their interests also extend to topics related to the European judicial area in civil and commercial matters as well as the impact of artificial

intelligence on law. The Department takes pride in having among its former members Prof. Vesna Tomljenović, the first Croatian judge at the General Court of the European Union.

1. Prof. Dr. Ivana Kunda, Head
2. Prof. Dr. Vlatka Butorac Malnar
3. Prof. Dr. Emilia Mišćenić
4. Assist. Prof. Dr. Danijela Vrbljanac

Department of Maritime and Transportation Law

Department members are dedicated to examining the private aspects of maritime and transport law, particularly focusing on carrier liability concerning the transportation of passengers and goods. Additionally, they address contemporary issues in marine environmental law, including liability for pollution from ships



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and seabed activities. Throughout their scientific research, Department members place special emphasis on the role and impact of international and European regulations on national law in all aspects of their work.

1. Prof. Dr. Dorotea Ćorić, Head
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Iva Tuhtan Grgić

Department of Labor and Social Law

The scientific interests of Department members encompass topics within international, European Union, and Croatian national labor law, with a particular focus on employment protection, flexicurity issues, and the legal status of specific categories of workers, such as athletes and seafarers. They also dedicate special attention to the challenges associated with the modernization of Croatian labor law.



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1. Prof. Dr. Sandra Laleta, Head
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanja Smokvina
3. Karla Kotulovski, univ. mag. iur., spec. crim.

Department of Commercial Law and Corporate Law

In their scientific research, Department members focus on examining the legal aspects of corporate governance, corporate acquisitions, and other forms of company restructuring. They also address legal issues concerning investor protection in both Croatian and European capital markets, with a particular emphasis on the financing modalities of listed joint-stock companies, takeo-

ver procedures, and the legal framework of UCITS and alternative investment funds. Additionally, Department members investigate the legal dimensions of new business financing models for start-up companies, such as crowdfunding and crowd investing, as well as other alternative financing models for entrepreneurial activities.



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1. Prof. Dr. Edit Čulinović-Herc, Head
2. Prof. Dr. Dionis Jurić
3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonija Zubović
4. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mihaela Braut Filipović
5. Dr. Sara Madžarov Matijević



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Department of Foreign Languages

The Department is committed to both teaching and researching legal language in English and German. Its members have extensively published in interdisciplinary areas concerning legal terminology and legal translation in both languages. Moreover, they have served as principal researchers in two national projects aimed at translating European

Union legislation and developing Croatian terminology for European Union legal concepts. Their focus remains on European Union legal translation and terminology.

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Martina Bajčić, spec. iur., Head
2. Ivana Edmonds, senior lecturer, Med, MA Ed.





Mr. sc. Hrvoje Pauković,
Managing Director
at Croatian Insurance
Bureau

... Studying at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka was an interesting and exciting journey, primarily due to the engagement of all professors who really wanted to communicate and mentor young students, and not just pass on their knowledge. The openness and accessibility of all professors made it possible to study with ease. The contact that the professors try and manage to maintain even after the period of study makes many of us interested and proud when we occasionally get involved in the process of educating young students. The Faculty of Law in Rijeka is a place where you always feel welcome and where all the professors clearly want to improve the studying process for the new generations...

Department of European Public Law

Department members are committed to providing and incorporating European Union law content into legal studies in Croatia. Their areas of focus include internal market law, European Union labor law, and social security law. The Department actively promotes research, academic collaboration, and professional networking in the field of European Union integration.



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1. Prof. Dr. Ana Pošćić, Head
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adrijana Martinović
3. Narda Krnetić Blečić, univ. mag. iur.



Institutes

University of Rijeka Faculty of Law

The Faculty's institutes are specialized academic units whose members are dedicated to research and scholarship within specific fields of study. They promote innovation, collaboration and excellence, including by conducting research projects and offer specialized expertise to students and the broader community.

There are ten institutes at our Faculty:

Institute of Maritime Law and Law of the Sea

Institute of Criminal Sciences

Institute of European and Comparative Law

Institute of Human Rights

Institute of Public Administration

Institute of Mediation

Institute of Corporate and Financial Law

Institute of Civil Law

*Institute of Sports Law, Sport Policies,
and Sports Diplomacy*

*Institute of Democracy, Social Justice,
and Sustainable Development*

Institute of Maritime Law and Law of the Sea

The Institute's activities encompass scientific research, expert analyses, and practical opinions within maritime and other transportation frameworks. It collaborates with maritime and other economic entities and organizations to provide specialized assistance. It also fosters partnerships with international organizations and associations responsible for establishing and monitoring fundamental maritime legal standards. Since its inception, the Institute has organized various roundtables, conferences, and expert gatherings on maritime law, particularly focusing on maritime property and concessions. Additionally, it has published two books containing discussions from these events. Institute members successfully collaborate with the Ministry of the Sea, Transport, and Infrastructure, particularly in drafting regulations within the Institute's scope of work. The Head of the Institute is Prof. Dr. Dorotea Ćorić.

Institute of Criminal Sciences

The Institute has been uniting highly specialized researchers investigating the realms of criminal law, criminal procedural law, and associated disciplines. Serving as a hub for innovative scientific thought, the Institute critically examines traditional doctrinal principles and current legal frameworks, offering recommendations for their enhancement based on thorough research. With a primary focus on crime as a profoundly detrimental societal issue affecting all facets of community life, the Institute actively seeks interdisciplinary collaboration with collaborators from diverse scientific backgrounds. In recent years, its members have concentrated their research efforts on clarifying unresolved issues within criminal and misdemeanor legislation, exploring restorative justice, understanding the dynamics of violence, and advocating for heightened protection of vulnerable individuals' rights. The Head of the Institute is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dalida Rittossa.



Institute of European and Comparative Law

The Institute is offering multidisciplinary approach to legal studies with a particular focus on European and comparative law. Founded against the backdrop of Croatia's preparation for EU accession and the forces of globalization, the Institute plays a pivotal role in shaping legal education and research in alignment with international standards and practices. One of its most prominent activities is organization of a series of inter-

national scientific conferences dedicated to Professor Petar Šarčević, providing a platform for scholars, practitioners, and students to explore emerging trends and challenges in the area. Through its diverse range of lifelong learning programs, research projects and collaborations, the Institute not only contributes to the advancement of legal theory and practice on both regional and global scales but also provides specific professional services, such as briefs on foreign law. The Head of the Institute is Prof. Dr. Ivana Kunda.


Institute of Human Rights

The Institute was founded with the aim of establishing a network of collaboration and a platform for dialogue among scholars from various departments of the Faculty with researchers from other law faculties in the country and abroad, as well as other legal experts in the field of human rights. One of the Institute's most significant activities is undoubtedly the organization of the Summer School of Human Rights, which has been held since 2007 in Novi Vinodolski as

an internationally-oriented summer school, with the participation of students and professors from abroad. Also, it organizes many conferences, roundtable discussions, publishes proceedings, and implements projects in human rights protection. Moreover, Institute members actively support and mentor student teams at the Regional Moot Court on Human Rights. The Head of the Institute is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maša Marochini Zrinski.

Institute of Public Administration

The Institute was established to conduct scientific and professional activities in the field of administrative law and governance, aiming to improve current solutions related to the organization of public administration, civil service legislation, legality of administrative actions, administrative procedures, conclusion and execution of administrative contracts, citizens' rights in relation to administrative bodies, smart governance etc. Its activities include scientific and professional development in administrative law and governance, lifelong learning pro-



grams, and popularization of legal science in the community. The Institute primarily achieves its objectives through the implementation of scientific and professional projects, publication of monographs and proceedings, organization of conferences, seminars, panel and roundtable discussions, preparation of scientific and professional expertise, implementation of lifelong learning programs, and collaboration with public authorities and civil society. The Head of the Institute is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dana Dobrić Jambrović.

Institute of Mediation

The Institute was established to engage in educational, scientific, and highly specialized activities, as well as to bridge the gap between science and practice in the field of alternative dispute resolution, namely mediation and arbitration. Its activities include collaboration with institutions involved in alternative dispute resolution, participation in international conferences, seminars, and roundtable discussions on arbitration, pub-

lication of scientific and professional papers related to arbitration and mediation, as well as involvement in mediation and arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, the Institute serves as a hub for fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge exchange among legal scholars, practitioners, and policymakers in the realm of alternative dispute resolution. Through its initiatives, the Institute seeks to advance understanding, promote best practices, and contribute to the development of innovative approaches to conflict resolution. The Head of the Institute is Prof. Dr. Eduard Kunštek.

Institute of Corporate and Financial Law

The Institute is dedicated to advancing corporate law and related fields such as capital market law, tax law, financial law, commercial law and financial services market law with the aim of raising the level of corporate governance culture. Through rigorous research and high-quality education, it equips students with essential skills for navigating modern financial markets and cor-

porate structures. Members of the Institute engage in cutting-edge research, contributing to legal discourse. The Institute fosters dialogue through conferences and partnerships, promoting best practices and regulatory compliance. By nurturing interdisciplinary collaboration, it plays a crucial role in shaping the future of financial regulation and corporate governance in Croatia and beyond. The Head of the Institute is Prof. Dr. Edita Čulinović-Herc.

Institute of Civil Law

The Institute is dedicated to advancing scholarly and research efforts within civil law, publishing academic papers and hosting conferences in this field. It collaborates extensively with legal professionals, domestically and internationally, and offers legal opinions. The Institute was the initiator of the prestigious “Petar Simonetti (Ownership - Obligations - Procedure)” conference, and the members of the Institute have been actively involved in its organization for the past three decades, alongside other Insti-

tutes and Departments of the Faculty. Its core objectives include conducting scientific research, which involves monitoring and analyzing new legal regulations, fostering connections with judicial practice, disseminating research outcomes through publications and conference presentations, and integrating findings into educational programs. The Head of the Institute is Prof. Dr. Zvonimir Slakoper.

Institute of Sports Law, Sport Policies, and Sports Diplomacy

The Institute aims to encompass scientific research and professional work in three areas: sports law, sports policy, and sports diplomacy. This emphasizes its uniqueness globally, as there's no other academic unit covering these three areas of interest. The Institute primarily conducts scientific research and professional projects, produces scientific and professional expertise, organizes scientific and professional conferences, roundtable discussions, and science popularization activities. It also organizes and

conducts lifelong learning programs such as summer and/or winter schools and professional development programs, collaborates with public bodies, businesses, and the non-profit sector, and participates in sports arbitration and mediation procedures. The Head of the Institute is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanja Smokvina.

Institute of Democracy, Social Justice, and Sustainable Development

The Institute operates in line with the university's "third mission" in mind: socially responsible engagement in both the immediate and broader community. Its goals are to research, disseminate, and promote sustainable legal solutions to complex social issues within contemporary political communities. Specifically, it focuses on issues such as civic participation in governance, social justice, and sustainability, encompassing societal and environmental impacts. As a focused platform for scientific, professional, research, and public engagement, the Insti-



tute's role is particularly significant in the context of interdisciplinary approaches, primarily within social sciences and humanities, but also across other fields. Its activities primarily involve conducting scientific research projects, producing scientific and professional expertise, organizing scientific conferences, roundtable discussions, and science popularization activities, as well as organizing and conducting lifelong learning programs and collaborating with public bodies and the non-profit sector, including religious communities.

... some notes from our history

In the 1960's, the need was noted in the North Adriatic region for training qualified legal staff specifically focused on issues related to tourism, maritime and international trade, and for the establishment of a law school in Rijeka. Prominent jurists of the time, who initiated the launch of the Study of Law and some of whom later became respected professors and deans of our Faculty, played a distinguished role in this process. The Study of Law was started in 1973 and at first it was a part of the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics. In 1976, the Faculty of Law University of Rijeka was established as an independent higher education institution, where the Study of Law continued to be carried out. Before it received its own building, the Faculty occupied several buildings at different locations. The present location became its home in 1980 when the current building was finished. In 2003, the building was expanded with a new wing in which the Faculty's library, new lecture halls and several academic staff offices are located.



In 1976, the Faculty of Law University of Rijeka was established as an independent higher education institution, where the Study of Law continued to be carried out.

Years	Deans
1973 - 1974	<i>Prof. Dr. Emanuel Dworski</i>
1974 - 1975	<i>Prof. Dr. Đorđe Milović</i>
1975	<i>Prof. Dr. Zoran Kompanjet</i>
1976 - 1978	<i>Prof. Dr. Emanuel Dworski</i>
1978	<i>Prof. Dr. Josipa Čaval, int. dean</i>
1978 - 1982	<i>Prof. Dr. Zoran Kompanjet</i>
1982 - 1983	<i>Prof. Dr. Željko Horvatić</i>
1983 - 1984	<i>Prof. Dr. Vladimir Đ. Degan</i>
1984 - 1986	<i>Prof. Dr. Josipa Čaval</i>
1986 - 1988	<i>Prof. Dr. Petar Šarčević</i>
1988 - 1989	<i>Assist. Dr. Prof. Ivan Padjen, int. dean</i>
1989 - 1991	<i>Prof. Dr. Mladen Montana</i>
1991 - 1995	<i>Prof. Dr. Vinko Hlača</i>
1995 - 1999	<i>Prof. Dr. Berislav Pavišić</i>
1999 - 2001	<i>Prof. Dr. Mladen Montana</i>
2001 - 2003	<i>Prof. Dr. Berislav Pavišić</i>
2003 - 2011	<i>Prof. Dr. Miomir Matulović</i>
2011 - 2017	<i>Prof. Dr. Eduard Kunštek</i>
2017 - 2023	<i>Prof. Dr. Vesna Crnić-Grotić</i>
2023 -	<i>Prof. Dr. Dario Đerđa</i>







The following *professors* have made a special contribution to the development of our Faculty:

Prof. Dr. Boris Banovac

Prof. Dr. Robert Blažević

Prof. Dr. Nada Bodiroga - Vukobrat

Assist. Prof. Dr. Tadija Bubalo

Prof. Dr. Vesna Crnić-Grotić

Prof. Dr. Josipa Čaval

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Đ. Degan

Prof. Dr. Emanuel Dworŝki



Prof. Dr. Velinka Grozdanić

Prof. Dr. Josip Hečman

Prof. Dr. Nenad Hlača

Prof. Dr. Vinđko Hlača

Prof. Dr. Ladislav Horvat

Prof. Dr. Źeljko Horvatić

Prof. Dr. Milovan Jovanović

Prof. Dr. Boris Kandare

Assist. Prof. Dr. Ute Karlavaris Bremer

Prof. Dr. Zoran Kompanjet

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Korun

In 2003, the building was expanded with a new wing in which the Faculty's library, new lecture halls and several academic staff offices are located.

Prof. Dr. Dragutin Ledić

Prof. Dr. Lujo Margetić

Prof. Dr. Miomir Matulović

Prof. Dr. Đorđe Milović

Prof. Dr. Mladen Montana

Prof. Dr. Ivan Padjen

Prof. Dr. Berislav Pavišić

Assist. Prof. Dr. Marija Pospišil Miler

Prof. Dr. Aldo Radolović

Prof. Dr. Petar Simonetti

Prof. Dr. Mladen Singer

Prof. Dr. Josip Sruk

Prof. Dr. Petar Šarčević

Prof. Dr. Susan Šarčević

Prof. Dr. Vesna Tomljenović

Prof. Dr. Marinko Đ. Učur

Prof. Dr. Petar Veić

Prof. Dr. Đuro Vuković

Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



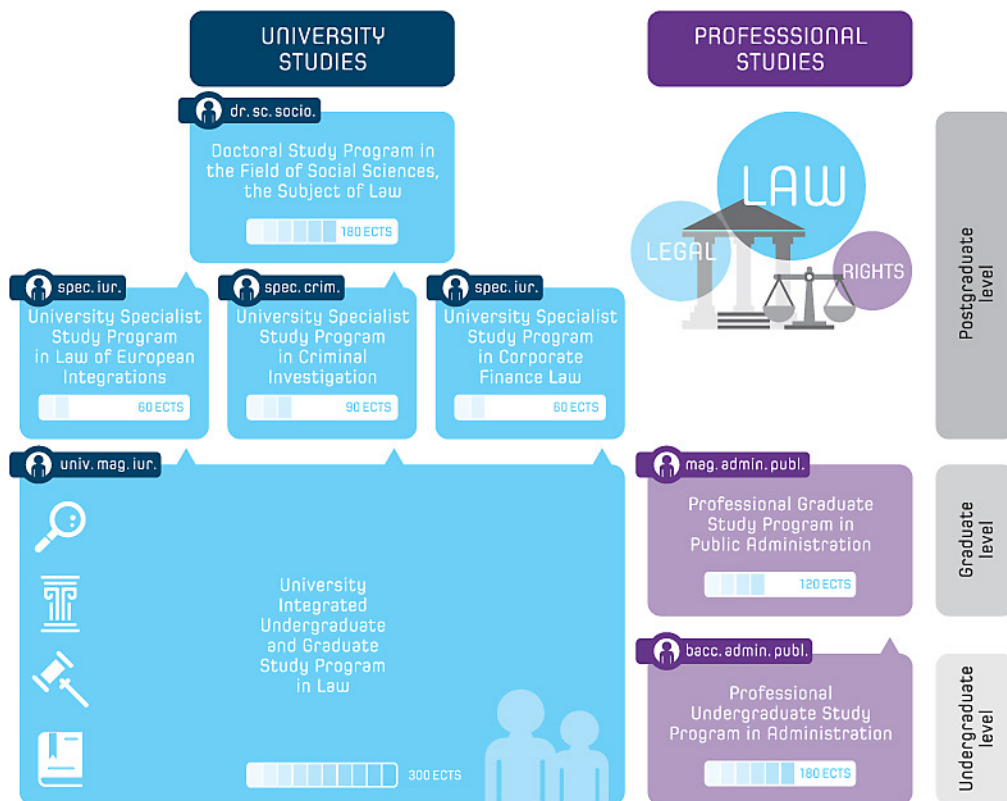
Lawyers, especially ones dealing with cross-border issues in the EU, have perhaps come across the notion of “torpedo action”. In EU law, it refers to a legal strategy employed by parties in cross-border litigation to delay proceedings in one jurisdiction by filing related action in another EU Member State known for its slower legal process. By doing so, the party can effectively “torpedo” or stall the progress of the main litigation, thereby prolonging the resolution of the dispute contrary to the intended swift and uniform justice across EU.

How does that relate to us? In 1866, Giovanni Luppis, a visionary inventor from Rijeka, joined forces with British engineer Robert Whitehead to revolutionize maritime combat. Luppis conceived of a groundbreaking weapon that would forever alter the course of naval warfare. Their collaboration bore fruit in the form of the torpedo, a self-propelled underwater missile. This was a game-changing weapon capable of remote operation from shore, heralding a new era in maritime technology. The very next year, Whitehead financed the world’s first torpedo factory in Rijeka, propelling the city onto the global stage of industrial innovation. The factory swiftly garnered international acclaim, supplying torpedoes to navies worldwide and reshaping the landscape of naval warfare.

For nearly a century, Rijeka served as the epicenter of torpedo production, until the final torpedo rolled off the assembly line in 1966, marking the end of a remarkable chapter in maritime history.



What to Study?



The Faculty offers a variety of university and professional study programs. University study programs are structured at both integrated undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as postgraduate levels. Professional study programs are available at both undergraduate and graduate levels.



University Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study Program in Law



The significance of law in society is aptly captured by the proverb *ubi societas, ibi ius*. The intricacies of social life inherently give rise to diverse conflicting interests and values. Consequently, a well-organized and complex legal system becomes a vital prerequisite for the effective functioning of any society, serving as a fundamental instrument for social regulation.

The Faculty, through this study program, offers education tailored for individuals pursuing various legal professions essential

for the proper operation of the legal system and the coordination of all aspects of societal life. The curriculum of this program, encompassing both theoretical and practical components, imparts essential knowledge, skills, and competencies crucial for the legal profession. This, in turn, plays a pivotal role in upholding the rule of law - an imperative upon which every modern state is built.

The optimal transfer of knowledge and the acquisition of skills and competencies are ensured by incorporating diverse didactic methods. Lectures serve as a platform for presenting legal principles, theoretical concepts, and legislative content. Concurrently, exercises involve the analysis of case studies and the resolution of practical problems, providing students with insights into the functioning of judicial, administrative, social, and other institutions.

Seminars create an environment for students to participate in group discussions, enhance their public speaking abilities, and de-

Career Opportunities

Upon program completion, students gain the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for roles such as practicing attorneys, public prosecutors, and judges. They are equipped to undertake notary duties, handle legal and administrative duties within state, regional, and local administrative units, contribute to diplomatic or consular services, and engage in various public tasks. Additionally, they can fulfil legal responsibilities in corporate settings and other entities within the broader economy and society.

velop effective teamwork skills. In contrast, research seminars are designed for individual work under the guidance of a mentor, allowing students to grasp the fundamental principles of scientific methodology.

Every student has the opportunity to enroll in one of the six offered clinical courses during their studies in areas such as civil



Ronald Korotaj,
Founder of the
Korotaj Law Office

... the Faculty of Law in Rijeka allowed me to feel the reality of my future job and allowed me to see things from new perspectives. Education can be a great tool, so learn how to use it, don't take it as a goal...

law, criminal law, public law, commercial law, corporate law and labor law, European law, as well as arbitration and virtual trials. In this way, students can gain essential practical skills and competencies through collaboration with professors and mentors from the professional world. Additionally, the Faculty administers a Legal Clinic - Free Primary Legal Aid Centre, allowing interested students to participate in addressing real practical issues for fellow citizens. This

engagement not only strengthens their teamwork skills but also contributes to the local community.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: University Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study Program in Law
- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 7.1.sv
- Duration / ECTS Credits: 10 semesters / 300 ECTS
- Enrolment options: full-time and part-time
- Title awarded: *univ. mag. iur.*

According to the survey analysis on student satisfaction completed for the academic year 2022/2023 at the University of Rijeka, the Faculty maintains its position as the top-ranking institution in overall student satisfaction, scoring a high grade of 4.39 out of 5, marking an increase of 0.11 from the previous year.



University Specialist Study Program in Corporate Finance Law

This Study program is established to provide a thorough knowledge in commercial, company and financial law, as well as in related disciplines that is indispensable for effective financial management and company governance. Such a postgraduate specialist university program is new in the Republic of Croatia although comparable studies exist abroad.

The purpose of the Study program is to develop knowledge and skills necessary to attain financial discipline and greater transparency in the company's business and to increase the use of legal mechanisms and safeguards that enable the protection of companies' interests. For companies or attorneys at law dealing in cross-border context, there are also courses that offer knowledge and skills which are necessary when structuring domestic or cross-border business transaction, attempting to create the most suitable tax law treatment and the safest payment model, and increasing the use of instruments of procedural protection in the cases of default

Career Opportunities

With the gained knowledge, skills and competencies, the students will be able to choose appropriate sources of financing and take into account all necessary precautions for achieving financial discipline in the company, as well as to defend a company's interest in the course of formation and realization of cross-border business transactions.

and during the course of dispute settlement. Since the program is primarily intended for employed students, it is carried out as a part-time Study and the timetable is adjusted to them. In the first semester of the Study, all students attend the same obligatory courses and choose two elective courses. In the second semester, the students opt for one of the two offered modules of obligatory courses, the first one being more tailored for in-house lawyers and legal representatives of companies while the other one is designed more

for attorneys at law involved in companies' cross-border activities. The program also offers complementary knowledge of economics disciplines applicable to all business sectors and two psychological courses offering insight into soft communication skills. Besides Faculty academic staff, eminent experts in the respective fields are invited to hold lectures. Throughout the course of the Study, students are expected to conduct legal analyses, solve practical problems and conduct short research projects connected to the subject matter of the courses.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: University Specialist Study Program in Corporate Finance Law
- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 7.2.
- Duration/ECTS Credits: 2 semesters/60 ECTS
- Enrolment options: part-time
- Title awarded: *spec. iur.*

University Specialist Study Program in Criminal Investigation

The initial concept of this Study program is the systematic, interdisciplinary shaping and linking of knowledge necessary for criminal investigators in the broadest sense, such as judges, public prosecutors, attorneys at law, police officers, expert witness, inspection officers, intelligence community, security personnel, private security guards, detectives, and others for the effective, effi-

cient, and high-quality performance of tasks. In addition to legal professionals and criminalists, participants from non-legal and non-criminalistic professions can also enroll. The study is open horizontally and vertically.

In the first semester, all students have two compulsory courses through which they acquire expanded and deepened, primarily theoretical knowledge about the areas that significantly determine criminal investigation and the implementation of investigative actions, as well as six elective courses. The distribution of student obligations is equal in the second semester, i.e., students have two elective and six compulsory courses that allow further specialization in certain areas of research. The third semester is dedicated to independent student work and the completion of the final thesis.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: University Spe-

cialist Study Program in Criminal Investigation

- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 7.2.
- Duration/ECTS Credits: 3 semesters/90 ECTS
- Enrolment options: part-time
- Title awarded: *spec. crim.*

Career Opportunities

With the gained knowledge, skills and competencies, the students will be equipped with advanced theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for roles across various sectors, including judiciary, prosecution, defense, law enforcement agencies, and private security firms. With their comprehensive understanding of criminal investigation techniques and legal frameworks, graduates emerge as versatile professionals capable of making significant contributions to the justice system and societal safety.



Larisa Smiljan Pervan,
Judge of the Municipal
Court in Rijeka

... during my days as a student, I developed a profound love for the legal profession, which has lasted to this day. I believe this is noticeable in my everyday work and my court rulings with which I resolve legal and life problems of parties in civil proceedings...

University Specialist Study Program in Law of European Integrations



This Study program enables participants to enhance their level of professional competence necessary for the implementation and application of European law.

Namely, at the European Union level, numerous and continuous social and normative changes are occurring, which also affect national legislation and practice. The study provides participants with the opportunity to acquire specialized knowledge that would meet the needs of employees in state administration bodies, regional and local

Career Opportunities

The study creates extensive career pathways for both entry-level positions and advancement in legal and related roles within the public and private sectors. This is particularly true for employment opportunities in state administration bodies, local and regional self-government bodies, the judiciary, public services, EU institutions and bodies, as well as private and public enterprises.

self-government bodies, judiciary bodies, public services, as well as economic entities, and positively impact the correct application of European law.

It aims to equip the students for jobs that require highly specialized knowledge, skills and competences in the field of European Union law, especially in the context of its application in national legislation and case law.

The Study is adapted to the needs of working students; its duration is two semesters, with a total of 60 ECTS. The program has been initially accredited in 2010, and is currently in the process of modification before the enrolment of the next generation of students.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: University Specialist Study Program in Law of European Integrations
- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 7.2.
- Duration/ECTS Credits: 2 semesters/60 ECTS
- Enrolment options: part-time
- Title awarded: *spec. iur.*

Doctoral Study Program in the Field of Social Sciences, the Subject of Law



Dr. Anna-Lena Hoffmann,
Legal Counsel
at Centogene
GmbH, Berlin

... obtaining my PhD at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka boosted my personal development, my CV, my career opportunities and my international network. I am currently working as a Senior Legal Counsel in an international company where I consult as a data protection specialist in the field of my PhD research topic. I am thankful to have found a position in which I am able to apply my theoretical knowledge into practice and facilitate data use, research and diagnostics in the field of rare and ultra-rare and neurodegenerative diseases...

The doctoral study program at the Faculty of Law is a general program in law and offers education in all legal and law-related topics. At the same time, it is personalized, as it adapts to the individual doctoral candidate with respect to the language and research topic through the candidate's personal study plan. In the pre-registration phase, the candidate freely chooses courses and seminars from an extensive list, with an option to enroll in the courses from other institutions. Since the program is strongly research oriented, the candidate also develops the framework for the proposed doctoral research, plans the stay at a foreign research institution, and projects the publication of papers and participation in conferences.

From the outset, the doctoral candidate receives support from their selected mentor, elected from the list of eligible mentors. Our mentors have been highly rated by our alumni with an exceptional average score of 4.91 on the scale from 1 to 5. In order to assure a direct and individualized approach to our

Career Opportunities

Upon completing the program successfully, our graduates will possess an advanced comprehension of legal theory, policy analysis and research methodologies. Equipped with these skills, they are prepared for diverse roles across multiple sectors. They can pursue academic careers, distinguished as professors or researchers, contributing to the advancement of legal knowledge. Alternatively, they can apply their expertise to enhance legal practice and the profession in one of many areas in which lawyers with high specialization are sought.

doctoral students, we limit the admission to the program to excellent and truly motivated candidates, retaining equal openness to those from the academia and the public or real sector. Privileged to work with such exceptional and dedicated doctoral students, together with them we are building an integrated



research community characterized by high academic standards, diversity, dynamism, enthusiasm and cooperation. According to our alumni survey, our program particularly contributes to the personal development of the doctoral students, the acquisition of an important component for their standing in the labor market and, naturally, scientific research.

In addition to a highly developed research infrastructure and a stimulating research

environment, the Faculty offers each doctoral candidate continuous specialization and support in academic development, especially through scientific research mobility and communication of research results. December is thus reserved for RIDOC: Rijeka Doctoral Conference, which in its previous session hosted 55 selected doctoral students from around the world. In addition to being unreservedly recommended by all our alumni, the national re-accreditation of doctoral studies confirmed that for all those who wish to earn a doctoral degree in law, the Doctoral Study Program at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka is the first choice in Croatia.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: Doctoral Study Program in the Field of Social Sciences, the Subject of Law
- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 8.2.
- Duration / ECTS Credits: 6 semesters / 180 ECTS



Agata Dajčić,
PhD student and
Head of Legal and
General Affairs at
Tehnomont d.d. Pula

... I have the privilege to study at the Faculty of Law at the University of Rijeka and to deepen my knowledge in the field of maritime affairs. In fact, my PhD studies allowed me not only to learn more about concessions in nautical tourism ports, but also to meet wonderful colleagues and people at various international congresses. I am also very grateful to my mentor, who tries to show me that we can achieve something beyond our standards...

- Enrolment options: full-time and part-time; enrolments are conducted twice a year, at the beginning of each semester (early October and early March).
- Title awarded: *dr. sc. socio.*

Professional Undergraduate Study Program in Administration

Aligned with global trends and principles governing the distinctive status and requisite knowledge, skills, and competencies of civil and public servants, it is imperative to ensure continuous professional development for individuals within public administration.

The significance of well-educated administrative professionals becomes evident as deviations from lawful conduct within the administration lead to notable societal an-

omalies, subsequently resulting in the infringement of individual subjective rights and inflicting substantial harm on the community it serves.

Consequently, the lawful, proper, efficient, and economical execution of tasks across all government levels stands as a prerequisite for the advancement of any modern and democratic nation.

The curriculum of this program is designed to address both general and specific needs, catering to the knowledge, skills, and competencies required by individuals engaged in state administration, local and regional self-government, and legal entities vested with public authorities or involved in public service.

The lectures methodically delve into legal and administrative theories embedded in legislation, along with insights from judicial and administrative practices. Special attention is dedicated to the techniques of admini-

nistrative organization, communication, and business management. Practical exercises involve the analysis of real-world tasks, providing students with direct exposure to the operations of public law entities.

Seminar classes offer a platform for students to enhance their cooperative skills and refine public speaking competencies. As an integral component of the program, students are required to acquire practical experience within the realm of public administration.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: Professional Undergraduate Study Program in Administration
- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 6.st
- Duration / ECTS Credits: 6 semesters / 180 ECTS
- Enrolment options: full-time and part-time
- Title awarded: *bacc. admin. publ.*

Career Opportunities

Upon successfully completing the program, students will be equipped with the qualifications necessary for employment in diverse administrative roles. Opportunities extend to positions within state administration, regional and local self-government, other institutions dedicated to fulfilling public tasks, judicial and criminal authorities, non-governmental organizations, and more.

Professional Graduate Study Program in Public Administration



A contemporary, rational, and proficient public administration stands as an essential prerequisite for the seamless operation of any national, regional, or local community. To effectively address intricate and evolving societal demands, public administration officials must possess a deep understanding of the collective needs of citizens and entrepreneurs. Moreover, they should demonstrate the ability to enact timely measures fostering economic prosperity, all while safeguarding the rights of individuals and meeting the

broader social needs of the community. This necessitates an ongoing commitment to life-long development and continuous enhancement of their competencies within the specific administrative domains in which they operate. As this program caters to employed students, it is structured as a part-time study with a timetable tailored to accommodate their schedules. The primary objective is to equip students with specific knowledge, skills, and competencies pertaining to the organization and operation of state administration, local and regional governments,

and public services at large. Throughout the program, participants will delve into topics such as the economics and financing of public administration, administrative procedures, and the processes involved in adopting administrative decisions and by-laws. Additionally, they will gain insights into the rights, obligations, and responsibilities stemming from labor relations in public administration, along with the application of European Union Administrative Law to the legal framework established within the domestic legal system.

Career Opportunities

Upon successfully completing the program, students will be adept at overseeing administrative units at the state, regional, and local levels. They will demonstrate the capability to effectively address and resolve intricate administrative issues that arise in the course of performing their duties.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- Name of study program: Professional Graduate Study Program in Public Administration
- Croatian Qualification Framework Level: 7.1.st
- Duration / ECTS Credits: 4 semesters / 120 ECTS
- Enrolment options: part-time
- Title awarded: *mag. admin. publ.*

Lifelong Learning Programs

In line with its strategic mission and vision, the Faculty places particular emphasis on the development of lifelong learning programs. Presently, the Faculty hosts seven lifelong learning programs accredited by the University of Rijeka.

Law in Medicine

This lifelong learning program is the result of the collaborating with the Croatian Medical Chamber. This initiative is tailored to meet the growing demand for expertise in health law. Geared towards healthcare professionals and legal practitioners alike, the program equips participants with essential legal insights and a thorough understanding of the regulatory landscape governing the realm of health and medicine.

EU Law and Economy Summer School (ELESS)

This lifelong learning program is implemented in cooperation with the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management in Ika and it involves interdisciplinary approach to the teaching of various aspects of Eu-

ropean Union integration in the field of law and economy. The program is created with the aim of connecting EU dimension of law and economy and directed at practical challenges associated with the membership in the European Union, both from the perspective of the state, as well as from the perspective of an individual EU citizen.

Bankruptcy Manager Examination Program

The program is primarily intended for theoretical training with the aim of preparation for the professional examinations for bankruptcy administrators and trustees in consumer bankruptcy. Due to the increasing prevalence of insolvency phenomena and the increasing importance of insolvency law, the program is also eligible for attorneys, law trainees, public notaries, notary trainees, public notary officials, municipal court judges to whom consumer bankruptcy proceedings is delegated together with corporate lawyers and lawyers in public authorities, as well as members of the management and supervisory boards and workers'

representatives in public bodies. The program is also suitable for professionals in the economic field.

Introduction into Studying Italian Law

Basic objective of this program is to offer an insight into the fundamentals of the Italian legal system and its relation to the European legal system. The organizers' intention is to enable enhancement of attendees' professional legal vocabulary in Italian language and present Italian law as part of the right Italian national and European heritage. Lecturers are invited eminent Italian university professors and high-profile experts. This program's importance for the wider community has been recognized by the Italian Union, which acts as its supporter since 2016.

Law and Sport

The program comprises a general module, offering an overview of fundamental concepts within the sports system, alongside two specialized modules - one tailored specifically to football and the other catering to

all other sports. Delivered by seasoned practitioners and legal experts deeply familiar with the intricacies of the sports domain, the lectures provide comprehensive insights primarily from a legal standpoint. Furthermore, the Croatian Football Federation strongly supports this initiative, underlining its significance and relevance within the sports community.

Law in the Community

The importance of implementing this program has been recognized based on preliminary research findings within the framework of the Croatian Science Foundation project *IP-CORONA-04-2086 Life in the time of COVID-19 - social implications on the security and well-being of vulnerable groups in the European context* which have confirmed the assumption that the rights of vulnerable individuals are particularly endangered during the COVID-19 pandemic, and that without connecting citizens, scientists, and experts, these rights cannot be adequately protected. The program consists of series of lectures, workshops and webinars that are

held at the library of the Faculty. The library will thus become a place for exchanging ideas, experiences, and knowledge in establishing a communication channel between vulnerable individuals and those responsible for protecting their rights. This program, besides contributing to the culture of lifelong learning, promotes the importance of developing information and digital literacy skills among program participants in finding and evaluating relevant legal information related to the legal status of vulnerable groups, due to its focus on protecting the rights of vulnerable individuals.

EU Sports Law, Policy and Diplomacy Rijeka Summer School

This program offers a comprehensive platform for exploring the intricate intersection of sports law, policy-making, and diplomatic relations within the European Union. Participants delve into the legal frameworks governing sports within the EU, analyzing policy dynamics and diplomatic strategies shaping the European sports landscape. Through interactive sessions and

discussions, attendees gain insights into the evolving legal and regulatory frameworks impacting sports governance and international relations. The program serves as a dynamic hub for fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and equipping participants with practical knowledge to navigate the complex nexus of sports, law, policy, and diplomacy in the European context. The renowned lecturers possess extensive personal experience in the study of EU policies in general, as well as issues related to competition law in sports. Their participation ensures the highest academic standards for the subject matter of the program, while their involvement in the organization itself guarantees its success.

Furthermore, the Faculty as a UEFA partner, together with Kadir Has University, who has accredited the program and the University Ca' Foscari in Venice, performs the lifelong learning program of sports law in football called **UEFA Football Law Program**.

Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



*The islet of Košljun or Mostir, as the residents of the nearby Punta on the island of Krk call it, certainly belongs to the most picturesque features of the northern Adriatic landscape. Although modest in size, only 68,500 m², its vast religious, historical and natural science significance continue to impress its visitors. Judging by the archaeological finds, this small island has been inhabited since the Roman times when there existed a fortified summer mansion. It is assumed that in the first centuries of Christianity recluses dwelled on the island and later monks from the East. However, a specific historical significance of Košljun was obtained upon the establishment of the Glagolitic Benedictine abbey in the early 12th century. After the Benedictines, the Franciscans inhabited the abbey and are its current residents. Pope Nicholas V granted this right to them with a bull from 1447, which was a legal confirmation of a long-term de facto possession of the Franciscan monastery. As a special curiosity it should be pointed out that a very well preserved original of the bull is kept in the monastery's archives. This parchment manuscript ranks Košljun among our rare monasteries that have such a clearly documented beginning. Inside the monastery, which has for centuries been the focal point of cultural and scientific activities, a museum is located with carefully collected ethnographic, natural history, music and other materials. The monastery library has existed since 1467 and within the valuable collection of about 30,000 library units especially noteworthy is the Ptolemy's world map from 1511 as one of the three preserved copies. The majority of the island's surface is covered with thick forests dominated by evergreen holm oak (*Quercus ilex*).*



What More Do We Offer to Our Students?



Karolina Dujmešić,
fourth year student
at the Study Program
in Law

... enrolling in law school was certainly an unquestionable decision for me. During my studies, I wasn't only occupied with studying and passing exams, because the Faculty provided me with numerous activities and professional practices. Faculty of Law in Rijeka fulfills all my expectations, and if I had to choose again which college I would like to enroll in, Faculty of law in Rijeka would be my first and only choice...



Our Faculty is dedicated to fostering optimal learning environments for over 1,300 enrolled students across seven study programs. We prioritize enhancing student life quality and continuously elevating academic standards. We actively endorse student associations and encourage engagement in academic, cultural, and athletic pursuits. Students benefit from dedicated reading and IT rooms, facilitating study, research, and access to pertinent information. Renovations in 2013 improved the Faculty's infrastructure, offering students spaces for relaxation



and interaction between classes. Our canteen provides nutritious meals during working hours, meeting university standards and offering discounted rates with student ID cards.

The Faculty's Student Council organizes the annual Lawyer's Ball, a gala event, which is an occasion for networking, socializing and celebrating achievements.



Student Associations

Multiple student associations within our Faculty further enhance the quality of student life through their engagements both within the curriculum and outside of it.

Student Council

The Student Council acts as the representative body for students, dedicated to improving their quality of life, academic experience, standards, rights protection, and other pertinent student affairs. Through their representation in various Faculty committees and task groups, the Council actively engages in decision-making processes. Additionally, the Student Ombudsman, appointed by the Council, provides guidance to students on exercising their rights and advancing their interests by contributing to the development of regulations and legislation.

Moreover, the Council regularly organizes a plethora of events, lectures, workshops, and conferences to familiarize students with the intricacies of the legal profession while



honing their skills and competencies. Furthermore, the Council undertakes humanitarian initiatives, such as operating a social grocery store for financially disadvantaged individuals and gathering humanitarian aid for marginalized communities.

A noteworthy project of the Council is the Career Days, designed to support students in their job search and equip them with the necessary skills for the labor market. This initiative involves participation from legal

professionals, law firms, judges, corporate representatives, and prominent figures from the public and political arenas. Additionally, the Council hosts the Lawyers' Ball, providing students with an opportunity to network with peers, professors, and legal practitioners in a different setting.

Moreover, the Student Council fosters interdisciplinary academic collaboration by organizing conferences in partnership with students from other disciplines. A notable example is a two-day conference on Legal Challenges in Tourism, organized in collaboration with the Student Council of the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management. This conference facilitated discussions on pertinent legal issues in the tourism sector, with students serving as panelists alongside professors and industry experts.

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA)

ELSA stands as the largest independent association for law students worldwide. Estab-



lished in 1992, ELSA Rijeka embraces the motto: “A just world in which there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity.” The organization’s primary goals include enhancing the professional and social skills of students and young legal professionals, promoting understanding of legal systems across nations through projects, international exchange programs, summer law schools, study visits, and supporting the professional development of law students within our Faculty.

ELSA Rijeka has initiated numerous projects with educational, scientific, and humanitarian objectives.

Among its notable initiatives are the Promenade of Human Rights (Korzo ljudskih prava), a recurring event, the Simultaneous Parliament held at the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, and various voluntary blood donation campaigns. Additionally, ELSA organizes the Summer Law School on Diplomacy and Law, under the patronage of the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, aiming to expand knowledge in diplomacy and law and to raise student awareness of the significance and impact of the international legal order. Lastly, ELSA hosts the Freshmen Party, known as brucošijada.

ELSA Rijeka has organised and carried out numerous projects with educational, scientific and humanitarian purposes.



Sandro Miličković,
fourth year student at
the Study Program
in Law

... the Faculty of Law in Rijeka has offered possibilities of exploring various legal areas by variety of lectures and practicums. I believe that very important segment of studying are professional and competent professors who transfer to the students their broad knowledge and long-standing practice. Other than basic theory, the Faculty offers a possibility of applying the obtained competences in practice throughout clinical courses, that I consider essential in formatting of the future jurists...



Karlo Babić,
fourth year student at
the Study Program
in Law and professional
water polo player

... I am a student at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka while also playing professional water polo for VK Primorje EB. Although sometimes it is difficult to balance both, I manage well. Despite having two training sessions a day and competing at the highest level of club water polo (Len Euro Cup final, Croatian Championship), I have also achieved success in my education. Professors are understanding and motivate me to achieve success both in the pool and in the classroom. Individual consultations with professors and high-quality exam preparation materials, which are available to all students, help me make up for missed classes and keep up with the course material...

Student Sports Association “Pravnik”

“Pravnik” stands as one of the oldest student sports associations within the University of Rijeka, dedicated to organizing sports activities for students. Our student teams actively engage in various sports and competitions at the university level, participating in regional and national tournaments with notable success across different sports and disciplines.

Moreover, several have attained top honors at European and global levels. Additionally, members of “Pravnik” have played pivotal roles in organizing major academic sports events, including European university competitions, national university competitions, international sports conferences, and more.

One of the most relevant recent projects of Student Sports Association “Pravnik” is a project “Active Lawyer,” aimed at enabling continuous sports activities for students of the Faculty of Law. As part of this project, sports equipment has been procured, sports



sessions have been scheduled, and promotional materials have been provided.

Pravnik is one of the oldest student sports associations at the University of Rijeka, which organises sports activities for students.



Ivana Maletić,
third year student at
the Study Program in
Administration

... it was a great pleasure to be a part of this beautiful college. I will always remember my great colleagues and helpful professors. Even though I am finishing my education and feel very joyful, there is also a sad feeling since I will no longer visit this institution every day...

... some notes from our history

Human Rights Summer School

Since 2007, the Faculty, in cooperation with the town of Novi Vinodolski, has been organizing the Human Rights Summer School. This summer program each year enables more than 30 students from the law schools in the region to study the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms through lectures held by distinguished local and foreign law professors, as well as law practitioners.



Since the establishment of the Faculty, the Study of Law has been successfully completed by more than 5,000 students, the Undergraduate Study in Public Administration by almost 700 students, the Graduate Study in Public Administration by more than 350 students and the Postgraduate Studies by almost 200 students.

These numbers reflect the Faculty's significant contribution to the educational and professional landscape, nurturing leaders who go on to make impactful contributions



in various sectors of law, governance and public administration.

The Faculty's commitment to high academic standards, its dynamic curriculum and sustainable size of study groups ensure that graduates are well-prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-evolving global environment.





Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute

Since 2012, the Michigan State University College of Law in cooperation with the University of Rijeka and our Faculty regularly organizes this summer program opened to both MSU students as well as to students from other universities in USA and elsewhere. Both American and European scholars, including the members of the Faculty's Department of International and European Private Law, teach courses in intellectual property law. This initiative not only equips students with the necessary skills to navigate the complex landscape of intellectual property challenges in comparative perspective but also enhances cross-cultural legal understanding.

International Moot Court competitions

So far, thirteen generations of our students have participated in the Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and achieved remarkable results. Particularly noteworthy are the 2nd place of the

Martin Domke Award for the Best Oral Advocate in the General Rounds in 2000/2001 and the 2nd place of the Werner Melis Award for the Best Memorandum for Respondent in 2004/2005. Also, our teams have received six Honourable Mentions of the Martin Domke Award for the Best Oral Advocate in the General Rounds, four Honourable Mentions of the Werner Melis Award for the Best Memorandum for Respondent and five Frédéric Eisemann Awards for the Prevailing Team in Orals. At the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, in which more than 500 teams from over 80 countries participate, our team achieved the excellent 28th place in 2004 and 31st place in 2008. At the Regional Human Rights Moot Court Competition our teams won the 1st place in 2009 and the 2nd place in 2013 while in 2024 our team was awarded the Best Applicant Memorandum Award. In 2002, at the Regional Moot Court Competition in International Humanitarian Law, teams from our Faculty achieved the 2nd and 3rd place, while in 2003 our team won



the 1st place. In May 2019, our team won the 1st place at the Regional EU Child Moot Court. At the Monroe C. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition our teams won the 2nd place in regional rounds in 2019/2020, as well as the Best Memorandum Award and Best Oralist Award in regional rounds. At the International Sports Law Arbitration Moot Court Competition in 2024, where 37 universities participated mostly with more than one team each, our Faculty competed with two teams, and one of them ranked among the top 15.

Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



The old town of Buzet owes the mysticism of its foggy morning landscapes to its specific position on the hill that rises above the fertile valley of the river Mirna. Buzet belongs to the category of fortified settlements (hill-forts, castles), which are frequently found in Istria, Kvarner and on the Kvarner islands. Green hills, vineyards, spectacular canyons and waterfalls, flowery meadows, a rich life in the woods and soil which contains an abundance of truffles and the famous gastronomic gems complement the image of this part of northern Istria. Equally impressive is the history of Buzet since we have been following the continuity of settlements from the period of prehistory through antiquity and the Middle Ages until the present day. Between 177 to 476 this area was ruled by the Romans then by the Byzantines and after the great migrations it became the settlement of Croats and Slovenes. Towards the end of the 8th century, the Franks ruled Istria and from 1421 to 1797 Buzet belonged to the Venetian Republic. After the fall of the Republic, Istria came under the Austrian rule. Two Buzet statues, from 1435 and 1575, are from the time of the Venetian rule. They are stored in the National Archives in Pazin as part of a rich Croatian medieval legal heritage. The statute from the 15th century has 43 sheets and was written in Latin and Gothic letters. The statute from the 16th century has 50 sheets and was written in the Venetian idiom. Like other municipal acts of that time, the purpose of these statues was to organise various aspects of everyday life of the community in dealing with issues such as the work of the local government, property, marriage and family, penalties and offenses, municipal policy, agrarian relations, trade and many others.



Scientific and Professional Activities in the Nutshell

The Faculty has a longstanding tradition of contributing valuable insights to the field of law, as well as to other areas of social sciences and humanities, as evidenced by the long list of respected research conferences and seminars we organize and impactful publication record both in Croatia and internationally. This includes monographs, textbooks, law commentaries, book chapters, and journal articles. The Faculty has also produced influential scholars, who strengthen the future generations of the researchers by instilling in them a deep understanding of legal principles and strong sense of research ethics and sustainability. Our researchers employ traditional doctrinal analysis alongside other methods to address both timeless legal questions and contemporary issues. These questions often focus on theoretical and philosophical dilemmas, while contemporary issues are driven by rapid and disruptive technological advances and profound societal changes.

Seeking to amplify its effect, the Faculty is

adeptly responding to the need for integrating more innovative research methodologies and expanding its interdisciplinary reach. These objectives are pursued through a variety of projects, both research-driven and professionally oriented. Our project portfolio showcases our ability to identify relevant legal issues, assemble competent and diverse research teams, establish connections with prestigious foreign educational institutions and law profession associations, and secure essential funding from domestic, European, and global providers.

As the first university in Croatia to declare loyalty to open science principles, the University of Rijeka, alongside our Faculty, has prioritized the advancement of open science practices and initiatives. This commitment extends beyond mere declaration and is actively demonstrated through tangible efforts resulting in a large share of our research outputs being accessible to all. We are particularly committed to upholding the “diamond” OA policy, which has been a funda-



mental part of our publication practices long before it gained international attention. By ensuring that there are no publication fees for authors and no access fees for readers, the Faculty aims to democratize knowledge and accelerate innovation. To this end, we established our institutional repository on the Croatian national platform Dabar in 2015 and continue to provide incentives for our members to publish research results under “diamond” OA and share them on other academic repositories, to counteract the ad-

verse effects of research evaluation systems based on commercial database metrics. We take pride in our two law journals, which have adhered to the “diamond” OA model since their inception.

Aware of the social function of research, our academic staff is in constant communication with the legal profession. We collaborate and offer our expertise in various areas to both the public and private sectors and actively disseminate and discuss their research results at both domestic and international conferences. Additionally, the Faculty demonstrates a strong commitment to community engagement by actively participating in or collaborating closely with various commissions, committees, councils, associations, and other bodies that develop and implement policies relevant to broader societal objectives. These include combating discrimination and other forms of inequality, fostering consumer protection and digital users’ rights, and ensuring the sustainable management of common resources.



Elevating Standards in Research

The Faculty's dedication to the pursuit of excellence in research and scientific activities in general is founded on our belief that law serves as the cornerstone of societal governance and individual wellbeing. We see ourselves developing as a critical actor in knowledge society that shapes future legal professionals and influences policy both locally and internationally. In a view of the current research landscape and pressing challenges, we have laid down strategies to elevate the research standards at the Faculty. In this process, we adhere to the updated principles for the European Research Area and are working to embed sustainability both in research practices and outputs.

Dedicated to advancing legal science and the legal profession, the Faculty holds steadfast commitment to excellence and wide recognition. This dedication is realized through a comprehensive array of strategies and activities, including enhancing the quality and quantity of research activities, raising awareness about new tools, resources and techniques, and aligning educational and



research components to address the evolving needs of legal science, the legal profession, economy and society as a whole. Moreover, efforts are focused on expanding and diversifying research and development projects, fostering collaborations with other entities in law and related fields, and elevating research standards. Furthermore, the Faculty endeavors to position itself as a center for high-quality and cutting-edge legal doctoral research and promotion of law-related multidisciplinary research, thus supporting the career development of its academic staff

from their early stages. To recognize exceptional achievements, since 2018, the Faculty awards its members for being at the forefront of research excellence and for the best paper published in a foreign journal. The Faculty also pays heed to the needs for continuous training in various research and dissemination topics, ranging from methodology and integrity to popularization and publication metrics. As of 2024, the Faculty has implemented its modernized research support system aimed particularly to incentivize impactful publication and dissemination abroad and enable access to individually needed training.

Elevating research standards at the Faculty is not merely an academic goal; it is a necessity in an era marked by rapid legal, technological and societal changes. By investing in resources, fostering interdisciplinary and international collaborations, and modernizing training, the Faculty can achieve a significant transformation in its research impact, benefiting the broader legal landscape across Europe and beyond.



Our Project Portfolio

A The Faculty has established itself as a primary or collaborative partner in a wide range of research and professionally-oriented projects. Notably, it has a strong presence within the EU Justice Program, having participated in eight such initiatives and plans to expand this involvement. The same ambition is directed to the Horizon 2020 project scheme, where we are making concerted efforts to enhance our connections with international partners and craft pertinent and substantive project proposals. Additionally, our academic staff has excelled in securing various ErasmusPlus grants, including Centre of Excellence designation, Jean Monnet Chairs and other funding streams. The Faculty has also obtained financing for five competitive research projects funded by the Croatian Science Foundation, with one project distinguished as one of only eleven national projects selected for financing during the pandemic years. Moreover, our research teams have been successful in obtaining grants from the University of Rijeka, aimed at supporting both early and experienced researchers in the preparatory stages for de-



veloping larger projects and in supporting such ongoing projects. In addition to our scientific research initiatives, we are dedicated to projects that foster collaboration with law professionals and their associations.

The active involvement of our Faculty in various professional activities within the legal sphere underscores the demand for and recognition of our expertise. Our close relationships with state and local governments, scientific institutions, associations, companies and other stakeholders highlight the

relevance and impact our research has on legal profession. Moreover, the Faculty maintains an extensive network of cooperative agreements with professional institutions and associations, further solidifying our commitment to collaboration and excellence in the legal field. Privileged to freely choose our focus areas and meticulously investigate any given issue, we are eager to continue expanding our network and expertise by engaging with industry leaders. Thus, we have envisioned collaborations with selected industry leaders with premises in Rijeka and its region, to integrate practical insights with academic research, enhancing the relevance and impact of our work on real-world legal challenges. The breadth and depth of our project portfolio not only underscore our Faculty's commitment to excellence in research and professional development but also position us as leaders in advancing scientific results and community initiatives. Moving forward, we aim to build on these successes, fostering greater innovation and collaboration across disciplines and borders to address the most pressing challenges of our time.





Since 1980, the Faculty has been continuously publishing the scientific journal **Collected Papers of the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law**.

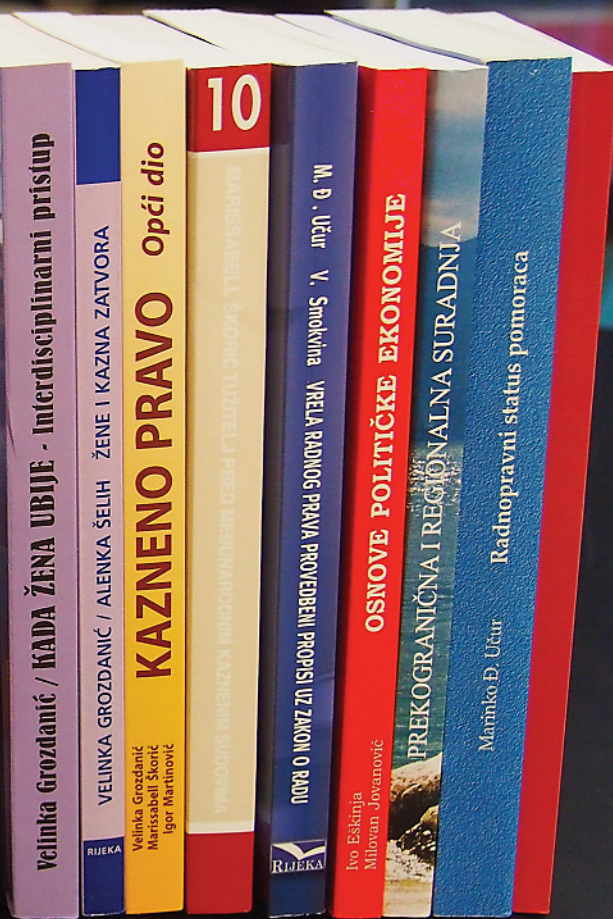
Our Faculty is firmly dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of a comprehensive spectrum of legal, both scientific and professional, literature. In pursuit of international acclaim and scholarly pre-eminence, we provide our academic staff with extensive support to produce a diverse array of scholarly outputs, including textbooks, monographs edited volumes, book chapters and articles.

Since several years ago, our academic staff has been given an opportunity to publish a university book or a textbook in e-format where the entire process or technical preparation is financed through a specially-dedicated fund. Acknowledging the critical role of student involvement in scholarly endeavors, our Faculty robustly promotes their active participation in research. This objective has been realized through the publication of compendiums of papers co-authored by both students and faculty members and by individual such paper published in various journals.

Since 1980, the Faculty has been the publisher of the esteemed scientific journal, **Collected Papers of the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law**.

This journal is dedicated to enhancing scientific discourse within the legal community and advancing the field of legal science across Croatia, the European Union and the wider academic landscape. Initially issued annually, the publication frequency increased to biannually between 1995 and 2016, ultimately progressing to the current triannual format.

The journal adheres to a rigorous double-blind peer review process, ensuring the maintenance of high scholarly standards. It is a “diamond” open access publication, accessible to all at the Croatian national portal for open access academic journals, Hrčak. According to the latter, it is the most accessed and downloaded law journal in Croatia. It is indexed in several prestigious databases, including the Web of Science Core Collection





Barbara Olenik Staničić,
Human Resource Director
at Jadran d.d., Crikvenica
and President of the
Croatian Chamber of
Economy, County
Chamber Rijeka

... It is quite difficult to summarize my experience of studying at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka in a few short sentences. It was an irreplaceable experience and one of the greatest periods of my life, filled with learning, but also with socializing and entertaining and I made friends at the University that have become an indispensable part of my life. Although I planned to become a judge, my career path took a different direction, and I now work in a job that completely fulfils me and which I very much enjoy. I can truly say that the combination of academic challenges and a rich social life made my studying an invaluable experience...

(WoSCC), Scopus, Hein Online, and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

Since 2023, our Faculty has been publishing the scientific journal **The Sports Law, Policy & Diplomacy Journal (SLPD Journal)** which caters to both researchers and practitioners. This journal seeks to publish scholarly articles that contribute to the theoretical, methodological and empirical understanding of law, public policy and diplomacy in sports, as well as other relevant social science disciplines associated with sports. In line with our policies, the SLPD Journal operates under the “diamond” open access model, Issued biannually, the journal is indexed in several academic databases, including Hein Online and the SURF database (German Federal Institute of Sport Science - *Bundesinstitut für Sportwissenschaft*).

Our Faculty has in the last twenty years devoted great attention to publishing activities with particular focus on the needs of our students, the scientific community and the

legal profession. The Faculty's publications exceed a respectable number of 130 titles in Croatian, English and Italian languages among which there are more than 50 scientific monographs, more than 40 textbooks, around 20 commentaries on the legislation and proceedings. The Faculty also publishes dictionaries and bibliographies. Since 1980, the Faculty has published 45 volumes, which include 87 numbers of issues.

A research team at the Faculty has earned a comprehensive OA team certificate through its participation in the YUFERING project within the YUFE Alliance, bestowed by the Rector of the University of Rijeka in 2023.



Our Prominent Conference Series

The Faculty sees as its essential role to organize conferences which foster an ecosystem of learning, networking and innovation, benefiting both the academic world, legal profession and society at large. We are proud of the long list of conferences and other events where we communicate our research results, open the door to their testing and discuss them with our peers and stakeholders. On this list, two conference series have a long-standing tradition deserving a special mention.

Since 1994, our Faculty has organized the **Petar Simonetti Conference (Ownership - Obligations - Procedure)**, establishing it as the longest-standing traditional conference hosted by a public institution in Croatia. In recent years, this conference has expanded

Our teaching staff takes part in a wide variety of conferences organised by the Faculty or other scientific institutions.



to include the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Chamber of Notaries as co-organizers.

The conference addresses a wide range of topics within civil, commercial, company, administrative, financial, and civil procedure law, with a particular focus on the influence of European law on the Croatian legal framework. It aims to bridge legal theory and practice, attracting legal scholars and seasoned practitioners primarily from Croatia, as well as from abroad. Roundta-



ble discussions, a pivotal component of the conference, often provide insights into current legal challenges. To date, over 500 papers have been presented at the conference, all of which are published in the Collected Papers of the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law, with summaries available in English, German and Italian, and freely accessible online.

Since 2009, the biennial **Petar Šarčević International Scientific Conference** has been a staple event organized by the Facul-



ty's Institute of European and Comparative Law along with the Croatian Comparative Law Association, in partnership with various international and domestic institutions. Covering a diverse range of topics with international and European prefix, this conference series providing a platform for scholars, practitioners and students to explore emerging trends and challenges. Past conferences have focused on significant issues such as the international jurisdiction, maritime disputes, European and private international family law, and public and private enforcement of competition and state aid law, protection of information and data amid technological progress, consumer protection and cultural heritage.

Renowned scholars and legal professionals from Croatia and abroad have contributed papers in both Croatian and English, published by the Faculty or commercial publishers (such as Springer). In addition to the traditional ones, the Faculty has organized more than 50 different conferences,



among which especially numerous are those in the fields of criminal and criminal procedural law organized within the framework of the Institute of Criminal Science, as well as conferences on the topic of European law organized by the Institute of European and Comparative Law.

Also, the Faculty has organized a series of conferences in the fields of legal science and theory of law, biomedicine and human rights, maritime law, health and pension insurance, social security, cross-border coop-

eration, socially responsible management, open method of coordination, regulatory agencies, sociology, etc.

Furthermore, the **Jean Monnet Inter-University Centre of Excellence** is highly active in organizing numerous conferences, as well as ongoing public lectures on current legal topics aimed at informing the local community about legal issues of particular interest to them. Additionally, Faculty organizes many conferences in the field of sports law, among which we can especially highlight the activity of the Jean Monnet Chair for EU Sports Law, Policy, and Diplomacy and conference Rijeka Days of Sports Law, Policy in Sports, and Sports Diplomacy which has been traditionally organized since 2012.

Distinguished legal experts from Croatia and abroad, whose works are published in proceedings and books issued by reputable domestic and foreign publishers, regularly participate at these conferences. As a result



Dr. Alen Rajko,
Judge of the
Administrative
Court in Rijeka

... in addition to legal knowledge, at the Faculty of Law in Rijeka I developed a respect and love for the legal profession. At the beginning of my study, I was not very enthusiastic about law but by its end I became confident that this was the only profession I would ever want to do...

of the scientific activities of the Centre, so far ten titles, mostly in English, have been published. The Centre has also organized a number of doctoral seminars for young researchers at the beginning of their scientific careers, and it often organizes seminars for practitioners with an emphasis on connecting the legal science and practice.

... some notes from our history

Tempus projects

As a co-ordinator of two Tempus projects, the Faculty was involved in significant international scientific research projects with its foreign partners. Tempus Project CD_JEP-15092-2000 took part from 2001 to 2003 and resulted in the Postgraduate Programme on the Law of European Integration. Its main intention was the founding of the postgraduate educational programme, which would prepare Croatian legal experts for harmonisation of Croatian law with the European legislation. This postgraduate programme is still part of the Faculty's studies in the form of the Postgraduate Specialist Study in Law of European Integrations. The Institute of European and Comparative Law was established as an outcome of the Tempus Project IB_JEP-17071-2002, which lasted from 2003 to 2006. Its purpose is to educate the general public in the field

of European integrations, to organise and carry out conferences and short courses for specific groups of participants. It also provides expert opinions in a variety of practical legal issues in the field of European law.



About our conferences...

Our Faculty has been organising the Petar Simonetti Conference (Ownership - Obligations - Procedure) since 1994, making it the longest traditional conference organised

by a public institution in Croatia. In recent years, the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Chamber of Notaries have been included in the co-organisation of this conference. At the conference, topics are covered from the fields of civil, commercial, company, administrative, financial and civil procedure law. Special attention is paid to the impact of European law on the Croatian legal system. The conference seeks to merge the legal science and practice, which is why legal scholars and legal experts with vast practical experience primarily from Croatia but also from abroad participate in this event. Roundtable discussions, which often provide answers to topical legal issues, are an important segment of the conference. More than 400 papers have been presented at the conference and they are published in the Collected Papers of the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law with summaries in English, German and Italian, and appropriate scientific categorisations.

The biennial Petar Šarčević International



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... some notes from our history

Scientific Conference has been traditionally organised by the Faculty's Institute of European and Comparative Law and the Croatian Comparative Law Association in cooperation with other foreign and domestic institutions since 2009. Different topics from the fields of international and European private law are included in this conference. Eminent foreign and domestic scholars and legal experts have presented at these conferences more than 70 papers in Croatian and English, which have been published in the Collected Papers.

Jean Monnet Inter-University Centre of Excellence is continuously organising numerous conferences and seminars. Since the establishment of the Centre in 2010, more than 20 conferences on European public law have been held, with particular emphasis on issues of social security and labour law, market competition, legal transition, adjustment of the Croatian legal system to the *acquis communautaire* of the European Union and other topical issues resulting

from the Croatian accession to the European Union. Distinguished legal experts from Croatia and abroad, whose works are published in proceedings and books issued by reputable domestic and foreign publishers, regularly participate at these conferences. As a result of the scientific activities of the Centre, so far ten titles, mostly in English, have been published. The Centre has also organised a number of doctoral seminars for young scientists at the beginning of their scientific careers, and it often organises seminars for practitioners with an emphasis on connecting the legal science and practice.

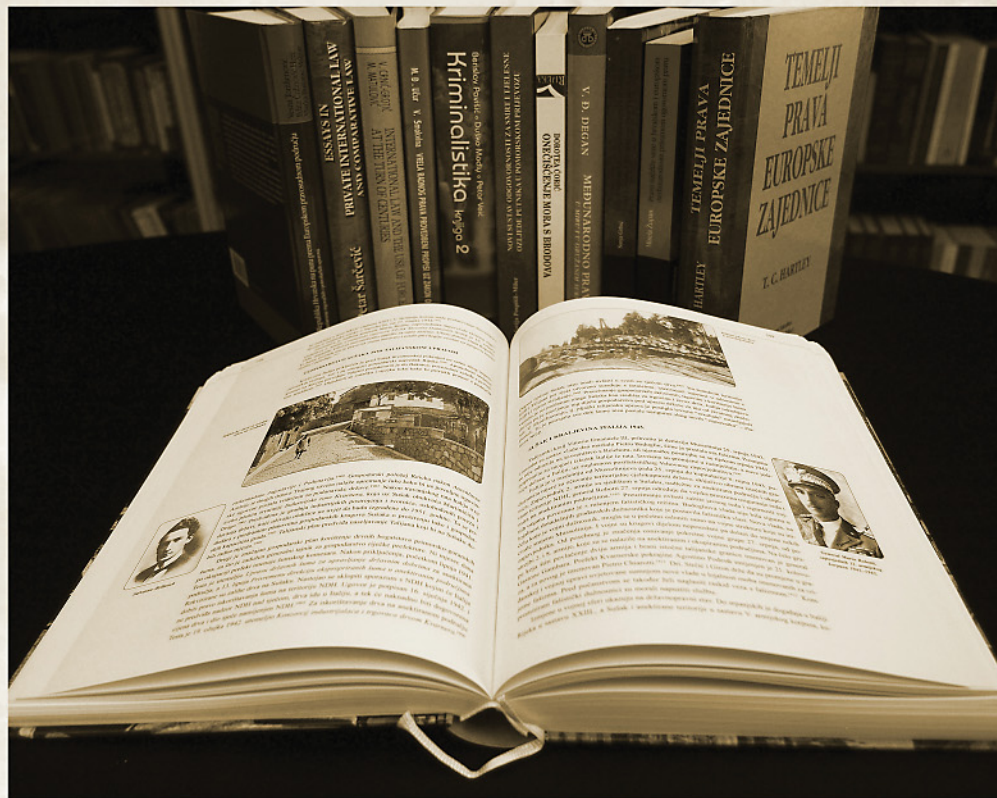
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Our Faculty has been awarded the prestigious certification issued by the Dr. Jadranko Crnić, Foundation for successful organising of the traditional Petar Simonetti Conference, which has been blending theory and practice since 1994.



Our Heritage in Action: Bridging Past with Present



*The symbolism and significance of the olive (*Olea europaea*) are far greater than could be discerned from its bleak botanical definition as a subtropical evergreen plant from the family of olives (*Oleaceae*). Everywhere in the world the term olive is universally associated with the Mediterranean, whose boundaries are traditionally understood as areas where olives grow. In the Mediterranean climate, the olive has played an important role in the development of civilization, food, medicine, economics, mythology, religion and art. Also, many symbolic meanings are associated with it, which has made this plant into a symbol of peace, life, abundance, eternity, health, learning and wisdom. We classify the trees from the Brijuni National Park and Kaštel Štafilčić, whose age is estimated at about 1,600 years, among the most famous olives in Croatia. Due to the large number of century-old trees growing in one space, olive groves near the town of Lun in the north of the island of Pag are a special rarity in global terms. The average age of a larger group of trees in the Lun olive grove is estimated to be 1,200 years, and in the entire Mediterranean area today it is difficult to find such a great number of wild olive trees preserved in their natural environment. The importance which the olive has had for the economic life of the inhabitants of the Croatian coast and islands can be discerned from the provisions of numerous medieval statutes, which stated that the servants had to plant and cultivate olive trees. Moreover, in some areas there was a custom that a man could not get married before he planted a certain number of olive trees. Today, just as it was the case in ancient times, olives and olive growing represent the backbone of the Mediterranean agriculture of Kvarner and Istria regions.*



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