

## Curriculum Vitae

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## I. Education

**PhD in Law** (2011–2014) Doctorate at Ghent University, Belgium. *Recipient of the Basileus Scholarship.*

**MSc in Civil Law** (2006–2010) Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia. *GPA: 9.6/10.*

**MPhil in Bioethics** (2008–2009) Joint Master's Degree: Catholic University Leuven (Belgium), Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands), and University of Padua (Italy). *Recipient of the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship.*

**BA in Law (Graduated Jurist)** (2000–2004) Faculty of Law, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia. *GPA: 9.4/10. Awarded as one of the top three students of the generation.*

**Medical Secondary School** (1996–2000) "Dr. Panche Karagjozov", Skopje. *Degree: Dental Technician.*

## II. Languages

- **Active (Fluent):** Macedonian (Native), English.
- **Passive (Academic/Basic working knowledge):** Serbian, Italian, French, Dutch, Greek.

### III. Academic Positions & Teaching Experience

- **Full Professor** (2024–Present)

Department of Civil Law, Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje.

*(Prior academic appointments at the Faculty: Associate Professor 2019–2024; Assistant Professor 2014–2019; Teaching Assistant since February 2006).*

#### Courses Conducted:

- **Undergraduate (Bachelor) Level:** Family Law, Inheritance Law.
- **Postgraduate (Master) Level:** Contemporary Systems of Inheritance, Civil Law Applied Program, Family Law and Human Rights, Bioethics and Law, Reproductive Technologies and Law.

### IV. Selected Keynotes, Guest Lectures & Conference Presentations

- **Guest Lecture:** *"Reproductive Autonomy and the Joy of Life: Between the Child-Wish and Children's Rights"* – CEEPUS Bioethics Summer School: *Current Ethical Challenges and the Joy of Life*, University of Vienna, Austria (June 9, 2026).
- **Guest Lecture:** *"Bioethics, Religion, and Human Rights in Family Law"* – CEEPUS Bioethics Summer School: *Current Ethical Challenges and the Joy of Life*, University of Vienna, Austria (June 8, 2026).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Промените во брачните и семејните односи во современото општество"* [Changes in Marital and Family Relations in Contemporary Society] – National Conference: *Changes in the Family and the Need for Family Legislation Reforms*, Iuridica Prima, North Macedonia (April 16, 2026).
- **Guest Lecture Series:** *"The Right to Form a Family: Navigating Human Rights and Bioethics in Assisted Reproduction"* & *"Bioethics and Human Rights in Family Law"* – Philosophy of Human Rights and Pluralism / Law and Religions courses, Faculty of Law, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy (March 17, 2026).
- **Seminar Presentation:** *"Ethical and Legal Aspects of Technological Procreation: The Newborn in the Context of Globalized Gamete Donation"* – TECSedu Seminar, Faculty of Law, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy (March 18, 2026).
- **Keynote Address:** *"Family Law Reforms in 'The Waiting Room': The Case of North Macedonia"* – International Conference: *Family Law in Transition: 10 Years of the Croatian Family Law Act and Reform Trends in the Region*, Osijek, Croatia (October 22–23, 2025).
- **Guest Lecturer:** *"Bioethics and Human Rights in Family Law"* – Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic (May 4–10, 2025).

- **Conference Presentation:** *"European Pathways for Supporting and Protecting Adults: Insights and Best Practices across Europe"* – 3rd FL-EUR Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (May 1–2, 2025).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"The Legal Position of Vulnerable Adults in the Republic of North Macedonia: In-Between the Authority of the State and the Family"* – 1st International Conference of the Institute of Family Studies: *Challenges of Contemporary Families*, Skopje, North Macedonia (October 29–30, 2025).
- **Guest Lecturer:** *"Bioethics at the Beginning of Human Life"* – Lectures for Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral students, University of Vienna, Austria (April 28–May 2, 2024).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Euro-integration of the Republic of North Macedonia: Harmonization with the EU Acquis in Family Related Matters and Children's Rights"* – International Conference: *The Prospects of European Integration in Times of Geopolitical Challenges*, Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", Skopje (November 3, 2023).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"The European Court of Human Rights Regarding Breaches of Human Rights and Children's Rights Due to National Systematic Failure to Address Joint Parental Responsibilities: The Case of the Republic of North Macedonia"* – Conference: *Challenges of Shared Parenting*, Center for Shared Parenting, Novi Sad, Serbia (April 27–28, 2023).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Mandatory Vaccination Against Covid-19 in Europe: Public Health v. 'Saved by the Bell' Individual Autonomy"* – MELE Conference (Modernizing Legal Education in Europe), Campus Fryslân, University of Groningen, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands (April 3–6, 2023).
- **Guest Lecture Series:** *"Human Rights Approach Towards a Sustainable Future"*; *"Human Reproduction and Sustainability"*; *"Legal Familial Relationships in Europe"* – CEEPUS Winter School: *Sustainability as a Challenge: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Vienna, Austria (November 28–December 3, 2022).
- **Doctoral Seminar:** *"Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Women in Europe"* – Lecture for Doctoral Students, University of Vienna, Austria (December 1, 2022).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Mandatory Vaccination Against Covid-19 in Europe: Challenging Bioethics, Human Rights, and Duties"* & *"Human Rights and Principles in Biomedicine"* – Conference on Bioethical Issues in the European Union, Catholic Faculty of Theology, Zagreb, Croatia (June 7–9, 2022).
- **Summer University Lecture:** *"The Case of Toni Sali and its Aftermath in the Republic of North Macedonia: Marital Presumption as a Legal Obstacle for Gaining Legal Status"* – 5th Itinerant Summer University in the Balkans: *Crisis of the Rule of Law in the Balkans and the EU*, organized by Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" and University of Münster, Skopje (May 5–6, 2022).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"The Right to Access to Court in Parental Proceedings for Children of 'Unknown Origin'"* – Annual International Conference: *Law, Socio-Economics and Politics in Troubled Times*, Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", Skopje (November 5, 2021).
- **Autumn School Lecture:** *"Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Women in Europe"* – Autumn School: *Law & Gender: Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming in the*

*Context of European and International Law*, SEE EU Cluster of Excellence, University of Saarbrücken, Germany (October 12, 2021).

- **Conference Presentation:** *"Reforms in the Waiting Room: National Family Law and Ratified International Conventions"* – Iuridica Prima, North Macedonia (March 17, 2021).
- **Training Presentation:** *"International and European Legal Framework in the Field of Human Rights and Biomedicine"* – Council of Europe HELP Program Launch in the Western Balkans, virtual event (February 25, 2021).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"The Family Law of the Republic of North Macedonia Through the Prism of the European Convention on Human Rights"* – Conference: *70 Years of the European Convention on Human Rights*, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje (November 2020).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Affiliation via Sperm Banks"* – Conference: *Bioethics: The Sign of a New Era*, Centre for Integrative Bioethics, Ohrid, North Macedonia (October 6–8, 2018).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Pre-genetic Diagnosis and Pre-natal Diagnosis: A Legal and Ethical Study"* – International Conference: *Bioethics on Crossroads*, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts (MANU), Ohrid, North Macedonia (October 3–5, 2018).
- **Summer School Lecture:** *"Legal Family Relationships"* – Guest Lecturer at the Summer School of the University of Vienna, Austria (June 2018).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Transnational Kinship Due to International Sperm Donation and Reproductive Tourism"* – 11th Biennial MESEA Conference: *Ethnicity and Kinship: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Graz, Austria (May 30–June 2, 2018).
- **Expert Roundtable:** *"Forum for Gender Equality"* – Friedrich Ebert Foundation & Progress Institute (March 31, 2017). *Served in the working national strategy group for defining single-parent families in the Law on Family.*
- **Conference Presentation:** *"The Right to Information Regarding Genetic Origins as an Essential Element of Personal Identity of Adopted Children"* – Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" & NGO "Klik Akcija", Skopje (March 9, 2017). *Organizer, moderator, and presenter.*
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Reproductive Responsibility: The Evolution of Humanity"* – 30 Years of European Bioethics, EACME Conference, Leuven, Belgium (September 8–10, 2016).
- **Guest Lecture:** *"Biopolitics: Assisted Reproduction and Filiation"* – Ghent University, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Belgium, Module: *Politics of Life* (November 2015).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"The Legal Position of Sperm Donors Assisting Single Women to Reproduce"* – 9th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law (UNESCO Chair in Bioethics), Naples, Italy (2013).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Assisted Reproduction Families: The Impact of ART on Affiliation Within the Family Law of the Republic of Macedonia"* – Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina (2012).
- **Conference Presentation:** *"Assisted Reproduction Families: Affiliation of Children Conceived by ART to Single Women in the Republic of Macedonia and in the European Context"* – XII Jornadas Nacionales de Filosofía y Ciencia Política, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata, Argentina (2012).

## V. Publications

### Books, Book Reviews, Monographs & Book Chapters

1. **Ignovska, E.** (2026). *Book Review: Boele-Woelki, Katharina & Jänterä-Jareborg, Maarit (eds), 'What Family Law for Europe?' (Intersentia 2025). Annals of the Faculty of Law in Belgrade (Anali Pravnog fakulteta u Beogradu)*, Vol. 74, No. 2.
2. **Ignovska, E.** (2023). "Mandatory Vaccination Against Covid-19 in Europe: Public Health versus 'Saved by the Bell' Individual Autonomy." In: Gstrein, J.O., Fröhlich, M., van den Berg, C., Giegerich, T. (eds.), *Modernizing European Legal Education (MELE): Innovative Strategies to Address Urgent Cross-Cutting Challenges*. Springer, pp. 283–303.
3. **Ignovska, E.** (2023). "Sustainability and Reproduction: A Human Rights Based Approach / Nachhaltigkeit und Fortpflanzung." In: Müller, S., Morciniec, J.P. (eds.), *Interdisciplinary Sustainability: Stimuli for Further Reflection / Interdisziplinäre Nachhaltigkeit: Anregungen zum Weiterdenken*. Bioethics in Discussion Vol. 5, Facultas, pp. 63–87.
4. **Ignovska, E.** (2022). "Human Rights and Bioethics During the Covid-19 Pandemic: The International Legal Match Djokovic v. Australia." In: Čović, A., Nikolić, O. (eds.), *Legal and Social Aspects of Vaccination During the Covid-19 Pandemic*. Institute of Comparative Law, Belgrade, pp. 71–87.
5. **Micovikj, D., Ristov, A., & Ignovska, E.** (2016). *Новите репродуктивни технологии и правото* [New Reproductive Technologies and the Law]. University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje.
6. **Ignovska, E.** (2015). *Sperm Donation, Single Women and Filiation*. Intersentia (Cambridge/Portland/Antwerp). ISBN: 9781780683362.
7. **Ignovska, E.** (2013). "Сродството и биомедицински потпомогнатото оплодување од аспект на правото на детето да го знае своето генетско потекло" [Kinship and Biomedically Assisted Reproduction: The Right of the Child to Know Their Origin]. In: *Актуелните биоетички предизвици во Македонија*, Арс Ламина, pp. 189–220.
8. **Ignovska, E.** (2012). "The Impact of Assisted Reproduction on Affiliation Within the Family Law of the Republic of Macedonia – A Comparative Study." In: Jansen, B.C.S., Ignovska, E. (eds.), *Law, Public Health Care System and Society: Macedonia – Social Policy, Legislation, Biomedicine and Ethics*. AVM, pp. 187–230.
9. **Ignovska, E.** (2011). "The Value of Life of the Embryo Observed from Two Different Lenses: From its Own Potential to Develop, and from the Context in which it is Embedded." In: Hongladarom, S. (ed.), *Genomics and Bioethics: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Technologies and Advancements*. Medical Information Science Reference, pp. 34–50.
10. **Ignovska, E.** (2010). *Биорепродуктивна етика и право. Новите репродуктивни технологии и родителското право* [Bio-reproductive Ethics and Law: New Reproductive Technologies and Parental Responsibilities]. Bigoss, Skopje.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles in Scientific Journals

11. **Ignovska, E.** (2026). *"In the Waiting Room of Reform: Balancing Autonomy and Protection in North Macedonian Family Law with a Focus on the Constitutional Court's Rulings Regarding the Child's Right to Know Their Origins."* *Child and Family in Contemporary Society*, Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 103–123.
12. **Ignovska, E. & Arsov, T.** (2026). *"Sex in Recent Gender Policies: Interdisciplinary Reflections of the X v. North Macedonia Case before the ECtHR."* *Српска Политичка Мисао / Serbian Political Thought*, Vol. 95, No. 1, pp. 193–228. DOI: 10.5937/spm95-61274.
13. **Ignovska, E.** (2025). *"From Mandatory Conciliation to Mandatory Mediation in Family Disputes Involving Children: North Macedonia in Light of European Human Rights Standards."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 16, No. 3.
14. **Ignovska, E.** (2025). *"The Legal Position of Vulnerable Adults in the Republic of North Macedonia: In-Between the Authority of the State and the Family."* *Proceedings of the 1st International Conference of the Institute of Family Studies, Skopje.*
15. **Ignovska, E.** (2024). *"The Institute of Guardianship in the Republic of North Macedonia: The Necessity to Transition from Substitute Decision-Making for the Ward to Supportive Decision-Making with the Ward."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 15, No. 3.
16. **Ignovska, E.** (2024). *"The 'Civil Death' of Persons Deprived of Legal Capacity in the Republic of North Macedonia."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 15, No. 2.
17. **Ignovska, E.** (2024). *"Euro-integration of the Republic of North Macedonia: Harmonization with the EU Acquis in Family Related Matters and Children's Rights."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Special Edition, Vol. 15, No. 1.
18. **Игновска, Е. & Коцевска, М.** (2024). *"Сенки на правдата: Човековите права на лицата со одземена деловна способност во сенка на системот за старателство врз возрастни лица"* [Shadows of Justice: The Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Legal Capacity under the Adult Guardianship System]. *Правен Дијалог*, бр. 29.
19. **Игновска, Е.** (2024). *"Крвната врска и заедничкиот живот како критериуми за постоење на приватен и семеен живот"* [Filiation by Blood and Mutual Life as Criteria for the Recognition of Private and Family Life]. *Годишник во чест на проф. д-р Димитар Бајалџиев, Правен факултет Скопје.*
20. **Игновска, Е.** (2023). *"Судски постапки во семејни спорови во кои се засегнати права и интереси на деца"* [Judicial Proceedings in Family Disputes Affecting the Rights and Interests of Children]. *Годишник на Правниот факултет „Јустинијан Први“ во Скопје во чест на проф. д-р Арсен Јаневски*, стр. 327–351.
21. **Ignovska, E.** (2023). *"Private and Family Life and Contested Moralities in Front of the European Court of Human Rights."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 14, No. 1.
22. **Ignovska, E.** (2021). *"Marital Presumption as a Legal Obstacle for Gaining Legal Status of Children Lost in Administrative and Judicial Labyrinths in North Macedonia and in the European Court of Human Rights' Case-Law."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 12, No. 2.
23. **Ignovska, E.** (2021). *"The Right to Access to Court in Parental Proceedings for Children of 'Unknown Origin' in the Republic of North Macedonia."* *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 12, Special Issue.

24. **Игновска, Е.** (2021). "Правата на децата зачатати со дониран генетски материјал" [The Rights of Children Conceived with Donated Genetic Material]. *Годишник на Правниот факултет „Јустинијан Први“ во Скопје во чест на проф. д-р Гале Галев*, стр. 729–749.
25. **Ignovska, E.** (2020). "Family Law of the Republic of North Macedonia Through the Prism of the European Convention on Human Rights." *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 11, Special Issue.
26. **Игновска, Е.** (2019). "Европскиот суд за човекови права и правото на информација за генетското потекло на посвоените деца" [The European Court of Human Rights and the Right to Information About the Genetic Origin of Adopted Children]. *Годишник во чест на проф. д-р Миодрaг Мицајков*, Правен факултет Скопје.
27. **Ignovska, E.** (2019). "Affiliation via Sperm Bank." *Conference Proceedings: Bioethics – Sign of a New Era*, Faculty of Philosophy Skopje, pp. 39–53.
28. **Ignovska, E.** (2019). "Pre-genetic Diagnosis and Pre-natal Diagnosis: A Legal and Ethical Discussion." *Conference Proceedings: Bioethics on Crossroads: East-West*, VI, No. 5, pp. 191–207.
29. **Игновска, Е.** (2017). "Предизвиците од новата регулатива за сурогат мајчинство во Република Македонија" [Challenges of the New Regulation on Surrogate Motherhood in the Republic of Macedonia]. *Годишник на Правниот факултет „Јустинијан Први“ во Скопје во чест на проф. д-р Марјан Марјановски*, стр. 207–222.
30. **Ignovska, E. & Blasi, F.G.** (2017). "Reproduction, the Key to Human Evolution: A Legal and Ethical Study." *BioLaw Journal / Rivista di Biodiritto*, No. 2.
31. **Игновска, Е.** (2016). "Алтернативен (договорен) имотен режим во брачна и вонбрачна заедница" [Alternative Property Regimes in Marital and Non-Marital Partnerships]. *Годишник во чест на проф. д-р Јане Миљоски*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 395–405.
32. **Игновска, Е.** (2016). "Етички и правни аспекти на примената на новите репродуктивни технологии" [Ethical and Legal Aspects of the Application of New Reproductive Technologies]. *Годишник во чест на проф. д-р Петар Манговски*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 213–231.
33. **Ignovska, E.** (2015). "The Right to Respect for Private and Family Life of Children Born to Single Mothers by Choice." *Iustinianus Primus Law Review*, Vol. 11.
34. **Verschelden, G. & Ignovska, E.** (2015). "Het verbod tot vaststelling van de bloedschennige afstamming doorbroken" [Breaking the Ban on Investigating Incestuous Filiation]. *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten (TJK)*, 2015/1, pp. 67–78.
35. **Ignovska, E.** (2014). "Sperm Donors as Assistors of Reproduction in Single Women." *Global Bioethics*, Routledge, Vol. 26, No. 4.
36. **Verschelden, G. & Ignovska, E.** (2013). "De rechterlijke toetsing van het belang van het kind bij het onderzoek naar het vaderschap" [Judicial Review of the Best Interests of the Child in Paternity Disputes]. *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten (TJK)*, Vol. 2, pp. 155–164.
37. **Игновска, Е.** (2013). "Трансхуманизам: Унапредување или повреда на човечката природа" [Transhumanism: Enhancement or Infringement of Human Nature]. *Годишник*

во чест на проф. д-р Љиљана Спировиќ-Трпеновска, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 167–187.

38. **Игновска, Е.** (2011). "Родителските права и обврски со примената на новите репродуктивни технологии" [Parental Rights and Responsibilities in Assisted Reproduction]. *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Никола Матовски*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 997–1012.
39. **Игновска, Е.** (2011). "Концепти за настанување на родителското право со примената на новите репродуктивни технологии" [Parental Concepts and Assisted Reproduction]. *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Ѓорѓи Марјановиќ*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 829–842.
40. **Игновска, Е.** (2010). "Глобализацијата – прогрес, регрес или негација на семејниот живот" [Globalisation and its Impact on Family Life]. *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Томислав Чокревски*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 840–847.
41. **Игновска, Е.** (2010). "Жените на еволутивната скала на Балканот и нивната рефлексија врз семејството и разводот" [Women on the Evolutionary Trajectory in the Balkans]. *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Владимир Митков*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 863–873.
42. **Игновска, Е.** (2009). "Биоетиката и нејзините правни дилеми: Уделот на правото во комплексниот состав на биоетиката" [Bioethical Dilemmas: The Legal Contribution to Bioethical Complexities]. *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Тодор Цунов*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 732–742.
43. **Игновска, Е.** (2009). "The Value of Life of the Embryo Created In Vitro During Divorce Dispute: Ethical Deliberation." *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Тодор Рушков*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 381–394.
44. **Игновска, Е.** (2007). "Перспективи за хармонизација на европското граѓанско право од областа на семејното право" [Perspectives Towards Harmonizing European Family Law]. *Зборник во чест на проф. д-р Панта Марина*, Правен факултет Скопје, pp. 748–756.
45. **Игновска, Е.** (2006). "Издржување на брачните другари по разводот на бракот во Македонија и во некои земји од Е.У." [Maintenance Between Spouses After Divorce in the Republic of Macedonia and Comparatively]. *Евродијалог*, бр. 9, стр. 171–185.

## Legal Blogs & Opinion Pieces

- **Игновска, Е.** (2020). "Случајот Олури против Северна Македонија – одложена правда е оспорена правда" [The Oluri v. North Macedonia Case: Delayed Justice is Denied Justice]. *Justice Observers*.
- **Игновска, Е.** (2018). "Приватен и семеен живот на истополовите партнери во Република Македонија" [Private and Family Life of Same-Sex Partners in the Republic of Macedonia]. *Res Publica*.
- **Игновска, Е.** (2017). "Породилно отсуство од 18 месеци може да ги дискриминира и мајките и татковците" [18 Months of Maternity Leave Could Discriminate Against Both Mothers and Fathers]. *Res Publica*.
- **Ignovska, E.** (2017). "Paradiso and Campanelli v. Italy: Lost in Recognition. Filiation of an Adopted Embryo Born by a Surrogate Woman in a Foreign Country." *Strasbourg Observers*.

## VI. Institutional Networks & Professional Expertise

- **Certified Legal Tutor:** Licensed tutor for the Council of Europe's **HELP (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals)** program. Actively involved in the translation, adaptation, and delivery of legal education modules from English to Macedonian.
- **National Reporter & Network Member:** National Reporter for **FL-EUR (Family Law in Europe Academic Network)**. Authored the comprehensive *Report on the Legal Protection and Empowerment of Vulnerable Adults in North Macedonia*.
- **Academic Networks:** Active participant and coordinator within the **CEEPUS Bioethics Network**.