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Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law | Skopje, North Macedonia

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

10:00–10:30 | Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:30–10:40 | Opening Remarks

Prof. Dr. Dragan Gocevski
Vice-Dean for Science and International Cooperation
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

10:40–11:15 | Keynote Address

Prof. Russell A. Miller
J.B. Stombock Professor of Law
Washington and Lee University School of Law, USA

11:30–13:30 | Parallel Conference Sessions – Part I

13:30–14:00 | Coffee Break

14:00–15:30 | Parallel Conference Sessions – Part II

15:30 onwards | Conference Lunch and Networking

PRESENTATION GUIDELINE

Each paper presentation is limited to **8 minutes**, followed by a moderated discussion and Q&A session.

PANEL I | CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW: DEMOCRACY, JUDICIAL PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE

11:30–13:30 • Conference Room I [NOVA SALA NNS] • Chair: Dr. Dragan Gocevski

01 Dr. Tanja Karakamisheva Jovanovska, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The human right to democracy: democratic belonging, personal identity, and national self-determination

02 Dr. Ana Pavlovska Daneva, Full Professor | Dr. Konstantin Bitrakov, Assistant Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Winning in administrative court, waiting for justice – administrative (non)compliance and the limits of judicial control in the Republic of North Macedonia

03 Dr. Ivana Shumanovska Spasovska, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Legal mechanisms for strengthening the efficiency of the administrative judiciary

04 Dr. Katja Štemberger Brizani, Assistant Professor
Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana
Mandatory green public procurement as a regulatory model: the Slovenian experience

05 Dr. Ana Đanić Čeko, Associate Professor
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek
Administrative-environmental issues in the legal regulation of green urban areas – Croatian and European views on the green urban perspective

06 Dr. Marko Krtolica, Associate Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Making voting easier: the design and effects of alternative voting mechanisms in Europe

07 Dr. Dragan Gocevski, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Determinants of efficiency in the legal protection provided under administrative law in North Macedonia

08 Dr. Katerina Shapkova Kocevska, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Efficiency assessment of basic courts in North Macedonia: a DEA approach

09 Dr. Dunja Duić, Associate Professor
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek
Aspects of digitalisation in European court jurisprudence

10 Dr. Katerina Buchkovska, Assistant Professor
International Balkan University, Skopje
Nationalism in a Changing World Order: Radical Politics and the Challenges to European Democracy

PANEL II | CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN PRIVATE LAW AND THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS
11:30–13:30 • Conference Room II [NASTAVNICKI KLUB] • Chair: Dr. Tina Przheska

01 Dr. Dejan Mickovik, Full Professor | Dr. Angel Ristov, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The child's right to express an opinion in European legal systems

02 Dr. Lazar Jovevski, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Labour – Is There Hope for the Future?

03 Dr. Tina Przheska, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The role of the European Court of Human Rights in the protection of property rights in post-socialist legal systems

04 Dr. Tea Lalevska, Assistant Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The significance of ad hoc representation in contemporary legal systems

05 Dr. Shkurte Kadri, Assistant Professor
Mother Teresa University
The legal regime of predial servitudes in Macedonian and comparative law

PANEL III | CORPORATE, LABOUR, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL LAW: EUROPEAN AND TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

11:30–13:30 • Conference Room III [DEPOZITNA] • Chair: Dr. Elena Neshovska Kjoseva

01 Dr. Goran Koevski, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
EU Inc. as the twenty-eighth corporate regime: a new paradigm of European company law?

02 Dr. Aleksandra Maksimovska Stojkova, Full Professor | Dr. Elena Neshovska Kjoseva, Associate Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Taxing the untaxed? Platform income, the digital economy and the limits of tax equality

03 Dr. Stephen Minas, Professor
Peking University School of Transnational Law
Economic relations between the Western Balkans and China: from conflicts of norms to legal pluralism

04 Dr. Aleksandar Ristovski, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The EU directive on adequate minimum wages: a paradigm shift in EU wage-setting, or walking on the edge of legislative competence?

05 Dr. Helga Spadina, Associate Professor
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek
The effects of AI on the labour market: autonomous agents and the employment law

PANEL IV | DOCTORAL AND EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH I

11:30–13:30 • Conference Room IV [STARA SALA NNS] • Chair: LL.M Tea Micevska, Teaching Assistant

01 LL.M Miroslav S. Marković, Teaching Associate, PhD candidate
Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac
The principle of sovereignty in contemporary international law: challenges and transformation in the 21st century

02 LL.M Tea Micevska, Teaching Assistant
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Judicial Approaches to Covert Audio Recordings as Evidence in Civil Proceedings

03 LL.M Zorana Antovska
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Political communication in the process of European integration: media framing, disputes, and public trust in North Macedonia

04 LL.M Tomáš Obšitoš, PhD Candidate
Faculty of Law, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
The Development of the Case Law of the Court of Justice of the European Union on Cross-Border Insolvency Proceedings Following the Adoption of Regulation (EU) 2015/848, with Particular Reference to Insolvency-Related Actions

05 LL.M Mia Georgievska, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
From intermediaries to international actors: the role of AI-driven online platforms in international public law

06 Sara Simunoska, Teaching and Research Fellow
Faculty of Economics, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Dynamic Capabilities Theory for Regulatory Adaptation: A Conceptual Framework for the EU Cyber Resilience Act

PANEL V | CRIMINAL LAW, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

14:00–15:30 • Conference Room V [KRIVICNO KLINIKA] • Chair: Dr. Aleksandra Gruevska Drakulevski

01 Dr. Aleksandra Gruevska Drakulevski, Full Professor | Dr. Aleksandra Deanoska Trendafilova, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Criminal-law response to femicide in the Republic of North Macedonia

02 Dr. Divna Ilikj Dimoski, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The erosion of the presumption of innocence – how the right to presumption of innocence turns into "illusion of innocence" in practice

03 Dr. Ante Novokmet, Full Professor
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek
Illegally obtained evidence between procedural efficiency and the protection of fundamental rights: Croatia's 2026 reform

04 Dr. Vedran Kruljac, Lecturer
University North
Criminal law protection against ethnic hate speech on the internet: a comparative analysis of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia

PANEL VI | DOCTORAL AND EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH II

14:00–15:30 • Conference Room IV [STARA NNS] • Chair: LL.M Katerina Zhateva

01 LL.M Natalija Darkovska, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Historical development of administrative contracts in the legal system of the Republic of North Macedonia

02 LL.M Dragan Petrushevski, Judge, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
The standards of the European Court of Human Rights on the disciplinary liability and dismissal of judges and their application in the Republic of North Macedonia

03 LL.M Aida Hoxha, PhD candidate
South East European University (SEEU), Tetovo
Administrative decision-making in higher education: legal standards, transparency and accountability

04 LL.M Katerina Zhateva, Teaching Assistant | Dr. Biljana Petrevska, Full Professor
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Digital transparency of groups of companies under Directive (EU) 2025/25

05 LL.M Gezim Idrizi, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Share Deal and Asset Deal in Macedonian Law: A Comparative Study of the Transfer of a Business

06 LL.M Dušica Popović, PhD candidate
Union University Faculty of Law, Belgrade, Serbia
The Right to Take Leave from Work in an Era of Global and Social Change

07 LL.M Sofija Volchevska | LL.M Marko Vidachek | LL.M Luka Petrović
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Skopje | Faculty of Security | Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac
Institutional Mechanisms for the Protection of Workers' Rights: The Court, the Ombudsman and Alternative Dispute Resolution

08 Ilija Manasiev, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Contemporary Challenges of Artificial Intelligence and Administrative Law

09 Sofija Dashtevska, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Manuel Castells' Theory of Communication Power in the Digital Era: Regulation of Social Media and Public Discourse in North Macedonia

10 LL.M Viktorija Kostadinoska, PhD Candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Journalistic Discourse and Respect for the Presumption of Innocence in North Macedonia

PANEL VII | DOCTORAL AND EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH III

14:00–15:30 • Conference Room III [DEPOZITNA] • Chair: Dr. Julija Brsakoska Bazerkoska

01 LL.M Aleksandar Tumanovski, PhD Candidate
Lawyer
Pre-Trial Detention without Concrete Facts: Abstract Reasoning of the Grounds for Detention

02 LL.M Aleksandar Sofronijoski, PhD Candidate
Basic Public Prosecution Office in Skopje | Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law
Contemporary Trends in Money Laundering Methodology: Typological Evolution, Regulatory Responses, and Prosecutorial Challenges in the Legal System of North Macedonia

03 LL.M Katerina Paneva, Public Prosecutor's Counsellor, PhD candidate
Faculty of Law, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
From technological capability to punishable preparation: operational advancement, intent and dual-use cyber conduct

04 LL.M Sara Goran Anastasovska, PhD candidate
Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Tax evasion in the Republic of North Macedonia: a legal, institutional, judicial and statistical analysis

05 LL.M Nicolae Dodoacă, PhD Candidate
Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest
Modern Forms of Slavery

06 LL.M Vijayalaxmi Khopade, Lawyer
Pune, Maharashtra, India
Caste-Based Atrocities and International Human Rights Law, Its Criminal Accountability through Penalization in View of Indian Diaspora

07 LL.M Lucija Strojan, PhD Candidate
Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana
Private Law and Protection against Discrimination: A Slovenian Perspective