

I. 1. Introduction of the Postgraduate Doctoral School of Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

The history of the Postgraduate Doctoral School and process of its formation

Establishing Széchenyi István University's Postgraduate Doctoral School of Faculty of Law and Political Sciences meant a long awaited, worthy completion of Győr's legal education with its more than two-century old tradition, as its activity and mission are strongly connected to the objectives of the ones of Győr's legal education. The Royal Law School that by that time had been operating for over sixty years was raised to the rank of Royal Law School by Queen Maria Teresia in 1776. The institution that operated until 1892 could call such outstanding figures of Hungarian science and public life as Ferenc Deák, Wise Man of the Nation, earl Lajos Batthyány, Antal Reguly and Kálmán Mikszáth its members.

After the cessation of the Royal Law School, we had to wait a century until legal education started again in Győr. Based on a 1995 agreement, the then Széchenyi István College and Eötvös Loránd University's Faculty of Law and Political Sciences established a mutual educational institution and division, where year by year nearly a hundred law student was educated as students of ELTE; hence, graduated students obtained ELTE's degree. After having reintroduced legal education, accreditation of an individual legal education's structure, among frames of an individual institution became the institution of Győr's declared objective. The Parliament decided on the establishment of Széchenyi István University in 2001, under which, besides starting (reintroducing) legal education with its own rights, doctoral educational systems, accreditation of doctoral schools also became possible.

Hence, in Győr's legal education 1st January, 2002 was a milestone from two points of view. On the one hand, Széchenyi István University was born on that day, on the other hand, – based on Hungarian Accreditation Committee's full accreditation, without reserves and conditions – the new institution's Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences could manage law students' education in its own rights. Among the frames of the accredited Faculty, immediately began the two discipline's cooperation and an elaboration of mutual research program.

The multidisciplinary social sciences doctoral education opened for graduates, as well - entitled "Economy, law, regionality and society in integrated Central-Europe" – started in 2004 at Széchenyi István University (nr. 2003/7/II/1/1. HAC provision). As its fairly wide range of research program's name indicates, Multidisciplinary Social Sciences Postgraduate Doctoral School undertook the cognition and scientific investigation of cooperative possibilities between Central and Eastern Europe, of encouraging and hindering factors, and of economic, social and institutional relationships, and

– in broader sense – legal and political environments surrounding them.

On 1st July, 2007, two individual organisational units - Kautz Gyula Faculty of Economics and Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences – replaced Faculty of Law and Economics, among which education of lawyers and economists was managed in separate organisational units. After the separation and start of graduate education with their own rights, accreditation of a doctoral education with its own rights was a justifiable desire in both institutions. However, all in all, the three years educational and research activity done among multidisciplinary frames can be regarded as successful, after the separation of the faculties, establishing an own doctoral education emerged on both sides, and the appearance of 33/2007 (III.7) Government Regulation on the procedure of establishing doctoral schools, and the viewpoint of the Hungarian Accreditational Committee on the requirements of establishing and operating doctoral schools – issued after March, 2007 – gave topicality to it.

As closing the process, the Hungarian Accreditational Committee, followed by a thorough investigation, with decision nr. 2008/3/VIII/2/129. ratified the establishment of our Postgraduate Doctoral School in 2008, its theme and measures in the disciplines of national and legal sciences (according to the classification of the Hungarian Accreditational Committee) due to which doctoral education could start in September, 2008 with the first class and with taking over students who were accepted by the predecessor Multidisciplinary Social Sciences Postgraduate Doctoral School. According to the provision of the Hungarian Accreditational Committee, accreditation is valid until 31st October, 2015.

Objectives of Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

However, the Postgraduate Doctoral School is an individual organisational unit within Széchenyi István University but via its strong cooperation with Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences it is committed to improve national (and international) legal sciences, the Faculty's personnel requirements and to increase its international fame. Furthermore, the Faculty regards ensuring supplies of high-standard professors, hence, establishing quality legal education for a long time as its objective.

For successfully and continuously completing all these objectives, there was possibility only via a system of conditions that is based on complex and strict quality criteria. According to its founding members, the Postgraduate Doctoral School is characterized by high-quality, constitutive cooperation, intensive mutual research and effective tendering activity of the most well prepared professors, the most outstanding native, Hungarians outside the country's territory and foreign PhD students, and all of the Postgraduate Doctoral School's students and lecturers started and have been doing their activity in such spirit.

So far a strong objective has followed the history of the Postgraduate Doctoral School, this is being the realization of an educational form which is practice-oriented, in many ways completed with tutorial educational elements; our significant objective is to open towards practice, which means involving representatives of classic legal professions (judges, attorneys, lawyers, professionals of public administration) on the level of education and students, as well. In the doctoral education besides classic doctoral themes of legal sciences, national studies (such as political sciences, administrative and organisational sciences) also play significant part.

Doctoral education also offers research themes that are theoretical-like and support practice, all in all, via culturing other methodological topics it helps to improve research promptitudes and capabilities and to make these more high-quality. The personnel that consists of qualitative professors and supervisors is a guarantee for the Postgraduate Doctoral School's students to actively and successfully participate in national and international scientific social life. The number of students makes recognition of consultation with supervisors more significant and strengthening a kind of more tutorial role possible, which today can be regarded as a more and more indispensable condition and factor for improving efficiency.

Our doctoral education wishes to summarize its basically scientific-research activity in a way that knowledge cumulated as its result - via our professors and students' mediation - can be used in practice as well, and in a given case it would serve as a worthy assistance for legal practice, too. We believe that theoretical and practical aspects of research areas complete each other and their high-level combination improves research competencies, hence, it ensures theoretical and practical susceptibility of professionals to recognize, understand and solve problems of national and legal science. Last but not least, the exceptional possibilities of the Postgraduate Doctoral School are also strongly strengthened by its uncommonly advantageous geographical location (regarding Győr's location it is undoubtedly true the many times said proposal that it can be found in the centre of Budapest-Vienna-Bratislava triangle) and the excellent regional relations' physical and - maybe it is not exaggeration to state this that - spiritual closeness coming from this, we acquaint this advantages with students and we strive to ensure access to them. We got into touch with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and professors teaching public law at Leuven University. We regard frontier scientific cooperation, Hungarian professors and PhD students' cooperation from the neighbouring countries and getting into touch with frontier (Bratislava, Cluj Napoca, Novi Sad) professors and students of Hungarian origin as our mission.

According to the mission of the founding members, the institution's personnel conditions, educational and research activity, measure- and quality assurance system, moreover, national and international relations have appropriate guarantee regarding that our Postgraduate Doctoral School of Faculty

of Law and Political Sciences have risen among the most well-recognised and acknowledged scientific workshops of postgraduate educations in Hungarian higher education. The Postgraduate Doctoral School's five-year existence, its first "real jubileum", is an excellent opportunity to review its achievements.

Prof. Verebélyi, Imre - head of the Postgraduate Doctoral School



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Postgraduate Doctoral School of the Széchenyi István University
(from Queen Maria II Theresa)*

I. 2. Data and our Success – in Numbers

The official name of the Doctoral School: *Széchenyi István University, Postgraduate Doctoral School of Law and Political Sciences*, identifier: 187.

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Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=191&di_ID=171

Head of the Postgraduate Doctoral School: *Prof. Dr. Verebélyi, Imre* DSc., professor of law.

Secretary:

- 2008-2012: *Dr. Smuk, Péter* PhD., senior lecturer, later associate professor;
- 2012- : *Dr. Kecskés, Gábor* PhD., senior lecturer.

Assistant:

- 2008-2011: *Horváthné Körmendi, Katalin*;
- 2011-2013: *Csizmarik, Eszter*;
- 2013- : *Szalay, Orsolya*.

Number of core members: 7 members.

The Doctoral Council consists of 7 core members, 6 members and further invited guests.

Field of science and branch of the field: humanities, law and political sciences.

Accredited degree: PhD.

Qualification of the Hungarian Accreditational Committee: qualified till 31 October 2015.

Enrolment (number of students according to the divisions: scholarship holders, correspondents, individual qualification):

- 2008: 1 scholarship holder, 12 correspondents.
- 2009: 3 scholarship holders, 9 correspondents.
- 2010: 3 scholarship holders, 3 correspondents.
- 2011: 10 correspondents, 3 students with individual qualification.
- 2012: 4 scholarship holders, 4 correspondents.
- 2013: 4 scholarship holders, 6 correspondents, 1 student with individual qualification.

Number of graduation and PhD degrees: 16 degrees.

In years:

- 2008: 2
- 2009: 1
- 2010: 1
- 2011: 4
- 2012: 7
- 2013: 1

I. 3. Core Members, Supervisors and Lecturers

Core members

The main duty and respectful task of the core members is to guarantee and maintain the quality of the education with continuous supervisory activities. Pursuant to the laws in effect, at least 7 *core members* (all of them are em-

ployed by the Széchenyi István University) can establish and maintain a post-graduate doctoral school. The short curriculum vitae of them follow now.

Core members between 2008 and 2012

- Prof. Verebélyi, Imre (head)
- Prof. Lamm, Vanda
- Prof. Szigeti, Péter
- Prof. Vavró, István
- Prof. Lenkovics, Barnabás
- Dr. Patyi, András
- Dr. Sulyok, Gábor

Core members since 2012 (Dr. Patyi, András had been appointed as the rector of an other university, thus, the composition of the Doctoral Council has changed)

- Prof. Verebélyi, Imre (head)
- Prof. Lamm, Vanda
- Prof. Szigeti, Péter
- Prof. Vavró, István
- Prof. Lenkovics, Barnabás
- Prof. Sente, Zoltán Zsolt
- Dr. Sulyok, Gábor

The biographies of the core members follow.

Prof. Verebélyi, Imre DSc. (1944)

Professor, head of the Postgraduate Doctoral School. He is an expert on administrative law and management studies. Besides his teaching activity, he was vice-president of the International Science of Public Administration Committee, located in Brussels. He was director of National Institute of Public Administration for a decade and a half, where he led experiments on local and central organization of States and carried out applied research and development tasks. He participated in the technical preparation of Hungarian public administration's transition in various state managerial positions (Deputy Minister of Administration, Government Commissioner, Prime Minister's Commissioner), then in solutions of initial start-up and tasks of further development. As an exceptional envoy of administration and as a delegated minister, he carried out administrative and management work at OECD and other European institutions. He is the editor-in-chief of the journal entitled *Új Magyar Közigazgatás* [New Hungarian Administration]
Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10008955>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=2173

Academician Lamm, Vanda, full member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1945)

Professor, academician, former head of department (Department for Public and Private International Law of Széchenyi István University), former director of the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (and its successor, the Institute for Legal Studies of the Centre for Social Sciences). She has been a university professor for more than three decades (Miskolc University and Széchenyi István University), she deals with public international law and nuclear law. She regularly does expert activity for various international organizations; she was member of CEDAW for 3 years. She is the honorary president the Presidium of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, honorary president of International Nuclear Law Association, Vice-President of the Institut de Droit International and the OECD-NEA Nuclear Law Committee and Secretary-General of the Hungarian Branch of International Law Association. She is deputy-judge at the OSCE, member of the Presidium of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Permanent Court of Arbitration located in Hague and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=1189973>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=2179

Prof. Vavró István DSc. (1936)

Professor emeritus, professor of sciences of justice statistics, director of researches on criminology statistics. Main stages of his carrier that started in 1958 are the Central Statistical Office and Ministry of Justice, where he was head of department for 8 years. Between 1993 and 2005, he was member of the National Statistical Council. He has thought in Győr from the re-start of legal education. He is member of various scientific councils, for instance the Demographic Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Legal Professional Exam Committee and he is founding member of the Hungarian Society of Criminology.

Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10005202>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=2184

Prof. Szigeti, Péter DSc. (1951)

Head of department (Department of History of Law), professor of law and state theory, scientific advisor of Institute for Political Sciences of the Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He was the President of the National Electoral Committee. He has taught for thirty years and has dealt with social science research, besides he was deputy-director responsible for general and scientific affairs at the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. His main research field is synthetic legal interpretation, legal phenomena – legislation, implementation of rights and transaction – are embedded in contextures of social life. Founding member of the Hungarian Political Science Association and the Condorcet Circle, he was editor and editor-in-chief of several journals (*Leviatán*, *Eszmélet*).

Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10018525>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=2178

Prof. Lenkovics, Barnabás CSc. (1950)

Professor, head of Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedural Law, one of the organizers of the education of civil law in Győr in the 1990s. His main research area is property law, property rights and fundamental rights in civil law. For years, he was carrying out research by the support of the Széchenyi Professorial Scholarship. Between 2001 and 2007, he was commissioner for fundamental rights. The Hungarian Parliament elected him as judge of the Constitutional Court in March, 2007.

Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10006828>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=4315

Dr. Sulyok, Gábor PhD. (1976)

Habilitated associate professor of the Department of Public and Private International Law of Széchenyi István University; for years, he was vice-dean for academic affairs of Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. He is senior research fellow and former executive director at the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (and its successor, the Institute for Legal Studies of the Centre for Social Sciences). Field of research: humanitarian intervention, international peace and security, human rights, humanitarian intervention, United Nations, sources of international law, history of international law. He is member of the Hungarian Branch of the International Law Association, the Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem Hungarian Branch, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Public Body, the United Nations Association of Hungary and the

European Society of International Law. He is also member of the editorial board of *Közjogi Szemle, Állam- és Jogtudomány, Föld-rész: Nemzetközi és Európai Jogi Szemle* and the editorial staff of *Jog-Állam-Politika*, the editorial board of *Journal of Jurisprudence and Legal Practice (Czech Republic)*, the advisory board of *Pro Futuro* and the editorial board of the *Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law*.

Publication: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10001460>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=4344&lang=EN

Prof. Patyi, András PhD. (1969)

Till 2011 (for the time, he was our core member) he was head of department (Department for Administrative Studies), professor. He was vice-dean for educational then scientific affairs at the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. Now, he is the rector and professor of National University of Public Service. He was former main advisor to more judges of the Constitutional Court and former judge at the Supreme Court of Hungary; besides he was notary of a district of Budapest for nearly a decade, he was also head of department at the Office of Commissioner for Fundamental Rights. Fields of research: administrative jurisdiction, administrative procedural law and fundamental rights at the level of local government. He is member – inter alia – of the Committee of Law and Political Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the European Group of International Institute of Administrative Sciences and editorial boards of several journals.

Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10013253>

Doctoral homepage http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=2177

Prof. Szente, Zoltán Zsolt DSc. (1966)

Core member since 2012, professor, former research fellow at Department of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of József Attila University. He was senior research assistant at National Institute of Public Administration (since 2007, ECOSTAT), in he was also visiting lecturer at Police College and senior research fellow at the Research Group of History of Law of ELTE-Hungarian Academy of Sciences cooperation. Fields of research: parliamentary law, European constitutional history, constitutional theory, constitutional interpretation, public administration studies, relations of central and local governments, corruption. He is an expert of Council of Europe in issues attached to local governments, where he prepared several reports for the organization.

Publications: <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10014771>

Doctoral homepage: http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=192&sz_ID=8563

Members of the Doctoral Council - besides the core members:

Prof. Finszter, Géza DSc., professor (ELTE)

Dr. Stumpf, István CSc., judge of the Constitutional Court

Prof. Patyi, András PhD. professor, rector (NKE)

Prof. Lévainé Fazekas, Judit CSc. professor, dean (SZE Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences)

Dr. Révész, T. Mihály CSc. associate professor (SZE Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences)

Dr. Szegedi, András PhD., head of department, associate professor (SZE Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences)

Supervisors

Our PhD students carry out their researches under the professional supervision supplied by our supervisors, which is inevitably necessary for gaining the PhD degree. For the time being, our Postgraduate Doctoral School has *24 PhD subjects and 18 supervisors* (high majority of them are employed by the Széchenyi István University).

Lecturers

The course-based structure of the whole doctoral education system is closely linked to the personality of lecturers, who hold courses promoting methodology issues as well as specific subjects in order to strengthen the research activity of the PhD students. By fulfilling these courses, a PhD student can obtain such abilities, skills which are essential in carrying out the chosen PhD research subject, and without these skills and knowledge, the completion of the thesis would be an unreal enterprise. For the time being, our Postgraduate Doctoral School has *32 lecturers* (high majority of them are employed by the Széchenyi István University). Inter alia, the lecturers include experts from abroad, such as *Orton, Frank* (former judge of the Swedish Supreme Court, former ombudsman of Bosnia-Herzegovina), *Prof. Silagi, Michael* – professor of law from Germany – and *Dr. Korhecz, Tamás* (former minister of the government of Vojvodina province), who hold courses in our Postgraduate Doctoral School regularly.

I. 4. Doctoral Courses, Research Topics

The courses and research topics of the Postgraduate Doctoral School involve the methodological education having been considered crucial during the research activities as well as the branches of law and political sciences and all the relevant domains of the management studies. Accordingly, this is the method thereupon a doctoral school could maintain its quality and success within the whole spectrum of research profile.

Course-list (mandatory and facultative courses)

- *A bírói jogvédelem alkotmányos alapjai és szerepe a modern közigazgatásban* (Constitutional Basis and Role of Judicial Protection in Modern Administration)
- *A büntetőjogi felelősség alapelvei; hasonlóságok és különbségek más jogágakkal; nemzetközi tendenciák* (Basics of Accountability in Criminal Law – Similarities and Differences with other Branches of Law, International Tendencies)
- *A fegyveres összeütközések jogának büntetőjogi aspektusai* (Criminal Law Concerns of Armed Conflicts)
- *A jogorvoslás eszközei és hatásmechanizmusa a hatósági eljárásban* (Means and Effect-mechanism of the Right of Remedies in the Procedure of Authorities)
- *A jogrendszer fogalma és tagozódásának jog- és államelméleti alapjai* (Legal and Theoretical Fundamentals of the Classification of Legal System)
- *A kommunikációs jogok fejlődéstörténete* (History of Development of Communication Rights)
- *A központi és a helyi közigazgatás* (Central and Local Administration)
- *A magyar állam és jogfejlődés az újkortól a XX. század közepéig* (The Development of Hungarian State and Law from the New Age to the Middle of the 20th Century)
- *A magyar államélet klasszikusai Eötvöstől Bibóig* (Classics of Hungarian State Theory from earl József Eötvös to István Bibó)
- *A nemzetközi béke és biztonság alapkérdései* (Basic Issues of International Peace and Security)
- *A nemzetközi gazdasági és pénzügyi intézmények* (International Economic and Financial Institutions)
- *A nemzetközi jog intézményrendszerének fejlődése* (Development of the System of Institutions within Public International Law)
- *A társadalomtudományi kutatások módszertana* (Methodology of the Research within Social Sciences)
- *Alapjogok a magánjogban* (Fundamental Rights in Private Law)

- *Államelméleti kutatósze minárium: szinoptikus államelmélet – alkalmazások* (Research Seminar: Synoptic Theory of State – Applied Theories)
- *Az alkotmánybíráskodás modelljei* (Models of Constitutional Judicature)
- *Az európai integráció fejlődése* (Development of the European Integration)
- *Elektronikus kereskedelem* (E-Commerce)
- *Fejezetek az európai büntetőjog történetéből* (Chapters from the History of European Criminal Law)
- *Jog és irodalom* (Law and Literature)
- *Jogracionalizáció és jogfejlődés* (Rationalization of Law and Development of Law)
- *Jogszabály-előkészítés, reguláció és dereguláció* (Preparation of Laws, Regulation, Deregulation)
- *Magyar alkotmányosság és parlamentarizmus 1989-2008* (Hungarian Constitutionality and Parliamentarism 1989-2008)
- *Mediation in Civil Law Processes*
- *Nemzetközi bűnügyi együttműködés az Európai Unióban* (International Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the European Union)
- *Nemzetközi fuvarjog* (International Law of Carriage)
- *Nemzetközi versenyjog* (International Competition Law)
- *Orvosi jog* (Medical Law)
- *Összehasonlító alkotmányjog* (Comparative Constitutional Law)
- *Összehasonlító jog* (Comparative Law)
- *Problems of the State Succession of Central and Eastern Europe*
- *Személyiségi jogok a médiában* (Right of Privacy in the Media).

Research topics

- legal theory - philosophy of law
- synoptic constitutional theory
- development and features of constitutionality
- problems of institutionalization of the collective basic rights
- parliamentarism, parliamentary law
- political systems, democratic control of the government
- legal sources
- fundamental rights in the private law
- relation between civil law and public law
- European competition law
- international transport law
- E-commerce and consumer protection
- fundamental rights in criminal law
- international criminal cooperation
- the connection between the demographic changes and crime

- application of statistical methods through the examination of crime
- bioethics, criminal law and medical science
- criminal law codification in Hungary in the 19th century
- the constitutionality of the public administration in the modern constitutional state
- the central organization and operation of public administration
- the basic lines of the municipality administration
- the control of public administration
- the role and features of remedy in the judicial procedures
- media law
- international protection of human rights
- law of peaceful settlement of international disputes
- basic issues of conservation and restoration of international peace and security
- the development of European integration
- fundamentals of the policies of EU.



Beyond science – a community is under formation

I. 5. Partners and Programs

Partners

The Postgraduate Doctoral School endeavours to cooperate with Hungarian partners and all the relevant professional research units from the field of law and political sciences. Both the inter-relations of institutions and the personal liaisons of our core members and lecturers have useful and fruitful network of contact of potential partners in Hungary and abroad, as well. The results and outcome of this network of cooperation are the growing number of common events, study tours, field trips organized by the partners; be-

sides, the other forms of scientific cooperation prove the fruitfulness of these contacts. The Postgraduate Doctoral School and the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences undersigned several cooperation agreements with partners from the Central and Eastern European region.



Ceremonial signing of a trilateral agreement on behalf of the Dr Lazar Vrkatić Faculty of Novi Sad, the Postgraduate Doctoral School and the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences



Partners on behalf of the Faculty of Law from Novi Sad and the Hungarian National Council of Vojvodina/ Presentations of our students at the Hungarian National Council in Vojvodina

As for the activity and mission of the Postgraduate Doctoral School, we consider the following partnership with universities and research units as the most important ones:

- *Comenius University (Slovakia)*
- *Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Italy)*

- *Dr Lazar Vrkatić Fakultet za pravne i poslovne studije (Serbia)* – cooperation agreement with the Postgraduate Doctoral School
- *Goerg-August-Universität Göttingen, Juristische Fakultät (Germany)*
- *Masaryk University (Czech Republic)* – cooperation agreement with the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- *Moscow State Law Academy (Russian Federation)*
- *Österreichisches Institut für Europäische Sicherheitspolitik (Austria)*
- *Pôle Européen d'Administration Publique (France)*
- *Universität Passau, Juristische Fakultät (Germany)*
- *Universität Potsdam, Juristische Fakultät (Germany)*
- *Université de Montpellier 1, Faculté de Droit (France)*
- *University of Białystok (Poland)* – cooperation agreement with the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- *University of Nagoya, Graduate School of Law (Japan)*
- *Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Právnická Fakulta (Czech Republic)*
- *Ústav Státu a Práva, Akademie věd České Republiky (Czech Republic)*
- *Vysoká Škola v Sládkovicove, Fakulta Práva Janka Jesenského (Slovakia)* – cooperation agreement with the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- *Wiener Universität, Juridicum – Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät (Austria).*



Novi Sad panorama – as we see it



Group photo in Novi Sad



Plenary hall of the assembly of Vojvodina province/ Chamber of the government of Vojvodina province

Programs

Conferences and summer-winter seminars, schools

Since its establishment, our Postgraduate Doctoral School has organized several conferences with special regard to promoting the participation of the PhD students from other doctoral schools in Hungary and from the partners abroad. The events always focus on actual issues which were considered to be challenging for the public and the scientific community, as well. We are certain that these events, the professional feedback can significantly improve

their researches, and provide an excellent forum for contact-building.

The programs regularly begin with plenary sessions, where our professors and other esteemed experts deliver general presentations, keynote speeches. The afternoon sessions are for PhD students in numerous panels, sections based on the research fields. We regularly organize sections in English language, where the representatives of our partners can take part. The papers of the presentations are regularly published.

We organized events – inter alia – on the issues of the requirements of quality legislation, on the apropos of 20 years of Hungarian constitutionality, on the subject of medium-level public administration, on the autonomous region of Vojvodina – with special regard to the EU-accession and minority rights and on the Transformation of the Hungarian legal system. Most of them were supported by the EU-project entitled *TÁMOP-4.2.2/B-10/1-2010-0010*.



Conference at the Postgraduate Doctoral School

We organized more summer and winter seminars, also by the financial support of *TÁMOP-4.2.2/B-10/1-2010-0010*. The 2012 summer seminar (July 2012) focused on the *effects of the economic depression to the law and state in Central and Eastern Europe*, while the 2013 winter seminar (early March 2013) dealt with the *EU Impacts on Central and Eastern European States with special regard to law, politics, economy and society*. These events offer excellent fora for thinking together and discussion for young people coming from Europe. We are waiting for PhD-students and young researchers to apply from all over Europe. Noted lecturers, experts and professors help to discuss the legal, political and economic aspects of these issues, whilst these events include cultural programs.



Participants of the 2012 Summer Seminar



Introduction – right before the Winter Seminar

Project entitled TÁMOP

The activity of the Postgraduate Doctoral School was supported by a significant sum of money in 2012 from the obtained budget of Széchenyi István University under the aegis of the project entitled „*Talent Management and Development of Scientific Research Units at the Széchenyi István University*” (number: TÁMOP-4.2.2/B-10/1-2010-0010).

The great sum of money has been spent via transparent ways and according to the requirement of reasonableness. Thus, the Postgraduate Doctoral School – inter alia – supported:

- the dissemination of scientific results achieved by the PhD students;
- the cooperation between the students and the supervisors;
- the publication of studies of the students and their participation at conferences;
- major research projects attained by leading professors;
- the publication of monographs, volumes and other collection of studies;
- conferences, summer and winter seminars, study tours and field trips;
- the development of the Hungarian and international partnership of the Postgraduate Doctoral School;
- the development of the library, the subscription to the *HeinOnline* online database with temporary effect;
- the extension of the course-list;
- and the development of the infrastructure of the Postgraduate Doctoral School.

We evaluate the project as a huge success.



Plenary session of a conference (presidium)

Field trips

Field trip in Warsaw

In October 2012, numerous doctoral students of the Postgraduate Doctoral School of Law and Political Sciences took part in a field trip in Warsaw. The trip was partly financed by a project entitled TÁMOP-4.2.2/B-10/1-2010-0010.

In accordance with the Postgraduate Doctoral School's philosophy and professional aims, besides creating and improving relationships with foreign institutions of higher and scientific educations and strongly cooperating with well-noted researchers, its aim was to survey the operation and come to know bodies responsible for foreign law-making and public administration.

Participants held seminars in form of loose conversations, where, besides numerous Polish and Hungarian public policy and topics of law, topics like European integration, legal and political aspects of the economic crisis were also discussed in English, together with *Wawrzyniec Konarski*, professor of law and political sciences, then with *Jarosław Kuisz*, professor of the University of Warsaw, editor of a Polish online periodical, entitled *Kultura Liberalna*.



Field trip in the Polish lower chamber, the Sejm and at the Warsaw City Hall

Participants also visited the Heinrich Böll Foundation and got detailed insight into the operation and tasks of the Polish upper and lower House. The introduction of Sejm and the Senate was assisted by a parliamentary expert of a leading Polish party and also by the lower house MP, *Pyotr Pizek*. The group discussed the actual issues of the Hungarian and Polish parliamentary law in a fraction room, which is dedicated to the 2010 tragedy in Smolensk.

At the city hall in Warsaw, the deputy-leader of the major's Cabinet Room, *Ewelina Kozak* presented the Polish governmental system and Warsaw's special situation in the Polish public administration. As the trip's closure, participants had the opportunity to visit the University Library, where they searched for books according to their scientific field of interest in one of the greatest libraries in Central Europe.



Our delegation in the committee session room of the Sejm

Field trip in Cluj-Napoca

In 2013, the delegation of the Postgraduate Doctoral School visited the Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca and Sapientia-Hungarian University of Transylvania. When choosing the date, the fact that Hungarian Political Science Association took its XIX. conference between 30th May and 1st June played a crucial role, this is being one of the most noted annual conference of political sciences. The delegation met with *Prof. Marcus, Andrei*, vice-rector of the Babes-Bolyai University, also the head of the complex doctoral council embracing 29 doctoral schools and with the secretary of the doctoral council, *Todorut, Aurel*. At this discussion, the participants could gain information on the operation of the complex doctoral research unit of 29 doctoral schools; then the Hungarian and Romanian doctoral education and experiences were introduced, with special regard to the systematic is-

sues, duration of the education, process of gaining PhD title and requirements of further promotion.

Thereafter, the delegation visited *Prof. Soós, Anna* vice-rector and in charge of the education in Hungarian, with whom the representatives of our Postgraduate Doctoral School were discussing on general issues on the experiences of higher education.



At the Babes-Bolyai University – discussion on experiences