

Course Name : Selected Topics in Law and Security							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 505	C	Fall	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	6.00
Lecturer		Ada Güven, PhD					
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Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Master					
Description		This course provides a new and exciting way of exploring the changing dynamics of the law. The course is designed to cover a broad spectrum of topical issues, which are set within the framework of a common theme. This course enables the student to conduct constructive debates related to each week's topic and present before the class.					
Objectives		The main objective of this course is to explore the changing dynamics of the law at national and international level. By covering a broad spectrum of topical issues, this course seeks to engage students to study and discuss most recent topics in law. Furthermore, the course is intended to give an orientation regarding the most important topics that can be chosen and elaborated for a graduation thesis.					
Core Concepts		1- Human rights and Covid-19 2- Law and technology 3- The right of competition 4- European Law					
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	An introduction to the Albanian Judicial Reform: the Need for a judicial reform This week will discuss the necessity of 2016 judicial reform. It will be focused on the analytical document and highlight main problem identified. Grupi i Ekspertëve të Nivelit të Lartë, ‘Analize e Sistemit të Drejtësisë ne Shqiperi’ (2015) http://www.reformanedrejttesi.al/sites/default/files/dokumenti_shqip.pdf						
2	Albanian Judicial Reform: Expectation and realities This week will analyse the Albanian Judicial Reform six year after implementation. It will discuss realities and expectations.						
3	EU Integration of Albania: opening the negotiations what next? This week will discuss the opening of negotiations with the EU. It will explain what this process means and why it is so important. In the end, a simulation game will be done concerning one chapter of EU acquis.						
4	Contemporary issues in Criminal law in Albania. This week will focus on the problems affecting the criminal law and criminal procedure law, of the Republic of Albania. Ersi Bozheku and Enida Bozheku, ‘The Reform of the Albanian Legal System Between Challenges and Problems, With Particular Focus on the Criminal Justice Issues’ Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies 2021, 10(6) 248						
5	Contemporary issues in Civil law in Albania. This week will focus on the problems affecting the civil law and civil procedure law of the Republic of Albania.						
6	Contemporary issues in Constitutional law in Albania. This week will focus on the problems affecting the constitutional law of the Republic of Albania.						

7	Covid – 19 and Human Rights I. The crises unfolding with the COVID-19 pandemic are challenging the whole spectrum of rights enshrined in international human rights treaties. With the rapid spread of the coronavirus among prisons, detention centres and medical facilities, as well as rising reports of discrimination, abuses, derogations and income losses, special measures and international collaboration to protect the most vulnerable groups are urgent and paramount. This class will be focus on the restriction of human rights as a result of the COVID-19. A reference will be made to the Council of Europe and ECtHR cases. Council of Europe, 'Respecting democracy, rule of law and human rights in the framework of the COVID-19 sanitary crisis: A toolkit for member states'. Available at: https://rm.coe.int/sg-inf-2020-11-respecting-democracy-rule-of-law-and-human-rights-in-th/16809e1f40; Morten Kjaerum, Martha F. Davis, Amanda Lyons (eds) 'COVID-19 and Human Rights' Routledge 2021
8	Covid – 19 and Human Rights II. The crises unfolding with the COVID-19 pandemic are challenging the whole spectrum of rights enshrined in international human rights treaties. With the rapid spread of the coronavirus among prisons, detention centres and medical facilities, as well as rising reports of discrimination, abuses, derogations and income losses, special measures and international collaboration to protect the most vulnerable groups are urgent and paramount. This class will be focus on the restriction of human rights as a result of the COVID-19. A reference will be made to the Council of Europe and ECtHR cases. Council of Europe, 'Respecting democracy, rule of law and human rights in the framework of the COVID-19 sanitary crisis: A toolkit for member states'. Available at: https://rm.coe.int/sg-inf-2020-11-respecting-democracy-rule-of-law-and-human-rights-in-th/16809e1f40; Morten Kjaerum, Martha F. Davis, Amanda Lyons (eds) 'COVID-19 and Human Rights' Routledge 2021
9	The Future of Law: emerging new Technology The rapid rise of technology has raised a host of legal and ethical issues that are distinctive to the 21st Century. In this class we will provide an overview of how emerging technologies fit within the existing legal frameworks, and how the frameworks will change to adopt the benefits. Lilian Edwards, Burkhard Schafer, Edina Harbinja, Future Law: Emerging Technology, Regulation and Ethics Edinburgh University Press 2020
10	AI Act in EU This week will focus on the AI Act in the EU. The European Commission's proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act attempts to regulate a wide range of AI applications, aligning them with EU values and fundamental rights through a risk-based approach. The lesson will be focused on the impact that AI has on fundamental rights. Artur Bogucki, Alex Engler, Clément Perarnaud, Andrea Renda, The AI Act and Emerging Eu Digital Acquis: Overlaps, gaps and inconsistencies CEPS 2022
11	EU Competition law and Digital Market Act. This week will discuss the recent Regulation that regulated the online platforms in the EU (DMA).
12	Cybersecurity, digitalization, and personal security Warning: Connect safely With the Internet becoming an increasing part of everyday life, individuals, businesses, hospitals, institutions and governments are having to contend with a growing number of cyber attacks. In this class will be discussed about the Cybersecurity, digitalization, and personal security Warning. A special emphasise will be paid on the issue how to stay safely on the internet. Doug Cahill, 'Enabling Cybersecurity in the Age of Digital Transformation' White Paper. Available at: https://advance.biz-tech-insights.com/whitepaper/ESG-Enabling-Cyber-Security-Dec-2017.pdf
13	The role of intelligence services in matters of security and the fight against crime
14	Investigation of criminal offenses in the computer field and presentation of evidence in court
15	National standards of financial investigation aimed at confiscation of proceeds of crime.
16	Final Exam

Prerequisites	The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.
Literature	• Lilian Edwards, Burkhard Schafer, Edina Harbinja, Future Law: Emerging Technology, Regulation and Ethics Edinburgh University Press 2020 • Council of Europe, 'Respecting democracy, rule of law and human rights in the framework of the COVID-19 sanitary crisis: A toolkit for member states'. • Morten Kjaerum, Martha F. Davis, Amanda Lyons (eds) 'COVID-19 and Human Rights' Routledge 2021 • Artur Bogucki, Alex Engler, Clément Perarnaud, Andrea Renda, The AI Act and Emerging Eu Digital Acquis: Overlaps, gaps and inconsistencies CEPS 2022 • Vedder A, Schroers J, Ducuing C, Valcke P, eds. Security and Law: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Public Security, Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Security. KU Leuven Centre for IT & IP Law Series. Intersentia; 2019:129-160. doi:10.1017/9781780688909.006
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Course Outcome	
1	Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to understand better the relations between law and technology.
2	Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to understand better the impact of Covid 19 on human rights.
3	Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to understand better 2016 judicial reform and its impact on establishing an efficient judiciary system
4	Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to understand better the conflict in Ukraine from the international law perspective.

Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies	Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms	0	0	
Quizzes	0	0	
Projects	0	0	
Term Projects	0	0	
Laboratory	0	0	
Class Participation	0	0	
Total in-term evaluation percent			0
Final exam percent			100
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	4	64
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	3	42
Duties	0	0	0
Midterms	0	0	0
Final Exam	1	40	40
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			146
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5.84
ECTS			6.00