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Three foreign Judges visit the UM

On 9th October 2023 the Faculty of Laws hosted Judge Vlad Neagoe from Romania, Judge Nicola Schmidt-Nissen from Germany and Judge Magdalena Wlodarczyk from Poland, who were on an exchange visit in Malta. While Judge Neagoe and Judge Wlodarczyk preside over criminal cases, Judge Nicola Schmidt-Nissen decides civil cases and even serves as a mediator in civil matters. They were accompanied by Madam Justice Consuelo Scerri Herrera, Madam Justice Joanne Vella Cuschieri and Ms Pamela Seychell. From the University's part, the Dean was accompanied by Prof. Kevin Aquilina and Judge Lawrence Quintano.



During their visit, our guests toured the Faculty of Laws & Theology Library, and the Rare Books Section of the UM Melitensia where Mr Matthew Cuschieri and Ms Antida Mizzi showed them some of of the collection. They also briefly addressed the M.Adv. students during their LAW5012 General Advocacy Skills lecture.

Faculty of Laws Academic Calendar

The Faculty of Laws has now published its Academic Calendar for AY 2023-2024. It is being reproduced below for your convenience:



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FACULTY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024

September/October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024
25 Sept - Commencement of new academic year for continuing students 29 Sept – Faculty Board meeting 9 - 12 2 October - Opening Ceremony Freshers 3 - Dean and H_oDs , Introductory Meeting with Freshers 10.15 5 - Commencement of lectures for new intake	10 - Faculty Board meeting 14.00 – 17.00 13 - Graduation Mass 18.30 22 -UG Graduation Ceremony 14.00	1 - LLM Int. Law BoS SEM1 meeting 6 - Dean's Awards 10 - 12 7 - Faculty Christmas Lunch 13.00 15 - LLM EU BoS SEM1 meeting 20 - Commencement of Christmas Recess	3 - End of Christmas Recess 8 - Deadline for handing in Exam Papers for the January and September Exam Sessions 9 - H_oD BoS SEM1 meeting 12 - MAFS BoS SEM1 meeting 12 - Faculty Board Meeting 14.00 -16.00 15 - Deadline for SEM1 assignment submission 15 - MAdy BoS SEM1 meeting 15 - 19 - Revision week
January 2024 cont.	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024
19 - MNot BoS SEM1 meeting 19 - MAHRLP BoS SEM1 meeting 22 - Commencement of SEM1 Exam Session 26 - DLProc BoS SEM1 meeting 26 - MA Law BoS SEM1 meeting	9 - End of SEM1 Exam Session 12 - Commencement of SEM2 16 - H_oD Meeting 14.00-16.00	8 - Faculty Board meeting 9 - 12 12 - PG Graduation Ceremony 13.00 and 16.00 25 - Commencement of Easter Recess	7 - End of Easter Recess 19 - Faculty Board meeting 14.00-16.00 19 - LLM Int Law BoS SEM2 meeting
May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	September 2024
17 - H_oD meeting 14.00-16.00 20 - Deadline for handing in Exam papers for June and September Exam Sessions 24 - MAFS BoS SEM2 meeting 27 – MAdy BoS SEM2 meeting 27 - Deadline for SEM2 assignment submission 27 - 31 Revision week 28 - H_oD BoS SEM2 meeting 31 - MA Law BoS SEM2 meeting	1 - 28 - SEM2/YR Exam Session	4 - MNot BoS SEM2 meeting 4 - DLProc BoS SEM2 meeting 8 - MAHRLP BoS SEM2 meeting 19 - LLM EU BoS SEM2 meeting	2 - 14 - Supplementary Exam Session 13 - Faculty Annual Seminar 9.00

Said calendar may be subject to small changes due to unforeseen circumstances cropping up, in which case you will be advised of such changes through the usual channels of communication.

Upcoming events

The Dean reminds you that all members of academic staff are encouraged to attend the graduation mass and / or the actual graduation ceremony (vide calendar dates above; and inform Ms Nellie Garcia if you plan to attend). Full timers are even more encouraged to so attend one if not both of these events; we should share the special day with our students. You may also wish to note the Dean's Awards ceremony on 6th December at 10.00 at ALT; as academics you are all welcome to attend, but if you plan to do so kindly inform us in advance via email to laws@um.edu.mt so that we will reserve you a place.

Christmas Staff Lunch

All Academics are invited to the annual Faculty of Laws' Staff Lunch, which this year will be held on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 1300, at Ferretti Restaurant, Birzebbuga. If you are interested in attending, please inform Mr Russell Gixti at Faculty Admin main office. Cost is €30, and must be paid

in advance (Mr Grixti is collecting the money) **by 16th November 2023**. To view the menu, kindly refer to the email sent out by the Faculty of Laws; if you have not received it but are interested in attending, send an email as soon as possible to laws@um.edu.mt.

Congratulations on PhD Graduations

The Faculty of Laws congratulates Dr Ibtisam Sadegh, Dr Joseph Bugeja and Dr Louise Spiteri on graduating PhD from the Universities of Amsterdam, Groningen and Imperial College London respectively.



Dr Sadegh wrote her thesis on *Convivencia, Crossing Borders and Boundaries: Muslim-Christian Couples in Ceuta*, Dr Bugeja studied and wrote about *Effective Remedies in Public Procurement: The Case for Enhanced Harmonisation* and Dr Spiteri's thesis is about *Liability for Climate Change Damage: The case for Insurance as a Supporting Mechanism*.

The Faculty of Laws is extremely proud of our Colleagues' achievements and look forward to further publications and research in their areas of expertise and beyond.

Have you got any news to share? If you have any item of relevance to this newsletter, feel free to inform us about it. You may contact any member of the editorial board, these being Prof Tonio Borg, Prof Ivan Sammut, Ms Rowena Leontijevic and Dr Ivan Mifsud. The Board reserves the right to refuse to publish an item submitted to it for its consideration.