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Georgian delegation visits Faculty of Laws

4th May 2023 Prof. Ivan Sammut, Deputy Dean and Head of the Department of European & Comparative Law, Professor Patricia Vella de Fremeaux, Head of Department of International Law, Dr. Felicity G. Attard, Lecturer in the Department of International Law met a delegation from the Tbilisi State University and the Batumi State Maritime Academy to discuss possible areas of cooperation. The delegation was composed of Professor Dr. Irine Kurdadze, Director of the International Law Institute, Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University, Professor Tamar Zarandia, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University, Professor Dr. Eka Siradze, International Law Institute, Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University, and Ms. Mary Chakvetadze, Manager for International Relations and Cooperation with Partners, Batumi State Maritime Academy.



The delegation was also informed of the Department of International Law and the Department of European & Comparative Law's research interests. It was agreed that both sides would work to cooperate in establishing closer links supporting staff and student mobility programmes.

University Students' Council honours Judge Professor David J. Attard

On 6th May 2023 the Chancellor and Founding Professor of the Department of International Law was awarded the Kokka Onorarja. This award is given to University alumni who have achieved outstanding careers. Professor Attard received the award from KSU President, Ms Alexandra Gaglione in the presence of Acting President of Malta Professor Frank Bezzina, Academic Registrar Dr Colin Borg, student leaders and parents. Ms. Gaglione spoke of Professor Attard's academic achievements together with his national and international contributions.



During this ceremony, held at the Couvre Port, Birgu, deserving students and organizations received Kokka awards for their outstanding service to the community.

Talk on criminal law reforms

On 8th May, Dr Stefano Filletti and the Dean Dr Ivan Mifsud were invited, and contributed to the public consultation exercise organised at University on *Riforma fis-Sistema tal-Kumpilazzjonijiet u Rinviji*, in which a number of points were raised, praising the initiative but also offering some suggestions for improvement. The three law student organisations were present and even actively contributed to the discussion.

Agreement signed with Ministry for Public Works and Planning¹

On Tuesday 23rd May, in the presence of the Hon. Minister for Education Dr Clifton Grima and the Hon. Minister for Public Works and Planning Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi, an agreement was signed between the University of Malta and the Ministry for Public Works and Planning, according to which



agreement the Faculty of Laws will be researching, compiling and analyzing construction legislation in Malta, and presenting a report on the same to the

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Ministry. The plan is to also disseminate the contents of this report as widely as possible amongst stakeholders, the idea being to ensure that as many people as possible who are in one way or another involved in the construction industry are aware of the rules, understand them, and apply them correctly.

Faculty of Laws delegation visit to the Netherlands

Dr David Zammit, Prof Ivan Sammut and Ms Rowena Leontinjevic paid a short working visit to the Netherlands between 23 and 26 May 2023, where they had various meetings with educational establishments on behalf of the Faculty of Laws.



In The Hague they met with several publishers and discussed the potential of Maltese academics publishing in the Netherlands. The main focus of the trip was a visit to Leiden where they met with representatives of the University of Applied Sciences. The main item discussed was the forging of Erasmus exchanges for students and staff (academic and administrative). Present of the meetings in Leiden was the Maltese ambassador to the Netherlands, HE Dr Mark Pace who is a lawyer by profession. Ambassador Pace is instrumental in forging collaboration between our Faculty of Laws and Dutch educational

establishments. Besides Erasmus, the meeting also focused on internship possibilities and other areas for cooperation. The trip ended with a visit to the University of Groningen which is one of the most popular exchange universities among Maltese law students. The Faculty members met with representatives of the Law Faculty as well as attended the Common Core Conference on Private Law.

Attendance of FIDE Congress

The members of the European and Comparative Law Department attended the FIDE (International Federation of European Law) Congress in Sofia Bulgaria between 30 May and 3 June, where they had the opportunity to meet in person several academics and judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union including the President Professor K Lenaerts.



Established in 1961, FIDE brings together the European law associations of each Member State, as well as of candidate countries and Norway and Switzerland. As the common umbrella organization, it is highly acknowledged by many as having a remarkable role on the development and shaping of both European legal framework and culture. The topics dealt with at this year's congress were the Rule of Law in the European Union, Public Procurement and Social Policy.

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.