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SCRISOARE DE INTENȚIE

Timișoara, 13 octombrie 2023

Domnule decan,

Vă rog să primiți prezenta scrisoare prin care îmi exprim intenția de a candida pentru postul de Membru în Consiliul Departamentului de Drept Public.

Titulară a cursurilor de Filosofie a Dreptului, Scriere Academică și Legal Methodology, sunt în același timp interesată de tema educației juridice. Până în prezent, am abordat această temă teoretic, rezultatele fiind o serie de publicații la edituri internaționale precum Springer sau Routledge. Poziția de membru în consiliul departamentului îmi va putea oferi suplimentar perspective mai practice despre organizarea studiilor de licență la drept și, în particular, despre obiectivele didactice și academice ale Departamentului de Drept Public.

Dincolo de obligațiile legale pe care le implică această poziție, îmi propun să dezvolt colaborări internaționale utile atât studenților cât și doctoranzilor dar și cadrelor didactice prin intermediul unor institute de cercetare sau academice precum re:constitution, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Center for Legal Education and Social Theory sau Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power.

Vă rog să regăsiți atașat candidaturii mele și un curriculum vitae actualizat.

Cu deosebită considerație,

Lect. dr. Alexandra Mercescu



Curriculum Vitae

Alexandra Mercescu

PERSONAL INFORMATION

• AREAS OF RESEARCH

(Comparative) legal theory, comparative public law, legal epistemology, legal methodology, legal education, populism, rule of law, Central and Eastern European legal cultures

• POSITIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 03/2020 – *Lecturer*
Faculty of Law / Department of Public Law, West University of Timișoara / Romania
- 2017 –2020 *Assistant Professor*
Faculty of Law / Department of Public Law, West University of Timișoara / Romania
- 2012- *Attorney-at-Law, Timis Bar, Romania*

At the West University of Timisoara, I teach comparative public law, philosophy of law and academic writing. Also, during the academic year 2019-2020 I acted as *Visiting Professor* at the Faculty of Humanities of the West University of Timisoara where I taught comparative law and legal translation.

I am an *Affiliated Researcher* at:

CLEST (Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory, Wroclaw University)
Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power
(Jagiellonian University)

I was invited as a *guest speaker* at:

The University of Kent (UK), Wrocław University (Poland), Rouen University (France)
ELTE Faculty of Law (Hungary), Groningen University (The Netherlands)

• EDUCATION

- 01/2021– 09/2021 Degree in “Droit de l’animal”
Aix Marseille Université
- 11/2011 – 09/2016 PhD in Comparative Law (*with highest distinction and “félicitations du jury”*)
École de droit de la Sorbonne/ Sorbonne University / France
under the supervision of Prof. Pierre Legrand
- 10/2010 – 06/2011 Master’s Degree “Globalization and Legal Pluralism”
(*ranked 1st and distinction awarded*)
École de droit de la Sorbonne/ Sorbonne University / France
- 10/2006 – 06/2010 Bachelor’s Degree in Law (*ranked 2nd out of 186 graduates*)
Faculty of Law / West University of Timișoara / Romania

• FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Comparing Apples with Oranges in Comparative Law: Methodological Narratives, Old and New, in Comparative Law” on the occasion of the *Intensive Doctoral Week (Semaine Doctorale Intensive)*
Sciences Po School of Law Paris / France

• OTHER ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2021– Reviewer for *The American Journal of Comparative Law*
- 2020 – Reviewer for “Archiwum Filozofii Prawa”, Polish Section of the *International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR)*
- 2017/2018 – National *Rapporteur* for the 20th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, on the topic “Teaching Comparative Law and Multicultural Classes”, Fukuoka, Japan;
- 11/2018 – Member of the editorial board of the Journal of the University of Latvia / Law, special number;

• MEMBERSHIPS OF RESEARCH CENTERS / SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 11/2020 – Member of the Coordinative Council of *Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power*
- 01/2019 – Member of CLEST (*Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory*)
- 05/2018 – Board Member, *Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (CEE Forum)*

• MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

Ongoing

With scholars from

The UK/Spain/France/USA

(The Kent Centre for European and Comparative Law, Kent Law School, the journal *dA. Derecho Animal (Forum of Animal Law Studies)*, Barcelona, Spain; the Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon, USA; the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Aix-Marseille University, France)

Main collaborator: Dr Simone Glanert

- Topic: comparative animal law
- Postgraduate workshop: Comparative Animal Law

Canada/Poland

(McGill University/Lazarski University)

Dr Mirosław M. Sadowski, Dr Cosmin Cercel

- topic: Comparatively Engaging Central and Eastern European legal culture(s)
- series of workshops bringing together 30 scholars from 20 countries, book to be published with Routledge in 2023:

Completed

With scholars from

The UK

(University of Kent)

Geoffrey Samuel (Professor, Dr) and Simone Glanert (Senior Lecturer, Dr)

- French (fluent, DALF certificate; PhD in French)
- German (intermediate, ÖSD certificate).

- **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

(in French)

Book :

Pour une comparaison des droits indisciplinée, Helbing Lichtenhahn Verlag, Basel, 2018.
Reviewed in *Journal of Comparative Law* 17(1):2022

(in English)

Book:

Rethinking Comparative Law, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, 2021 (with Simone Glanert and Geoffrey Samuel).

Edited books:

Law, Culture and Identity in Central and Eastern Europe: A Comparative Engagement (ed.), London, Routledge, 2023 (forthcoming, with Mirosław Sadowski and Cosmin Cercel);

Constitutional Identities in Central and Eastern Europe (ed.), Berlin, Peter Lang, 2020;

Articles and chapters:

"A Call to Impossibility: The Methodology of Interpretation at the European Court of Justice and the PSPP Ruling" 13(2) *European Journal of Legal Studies* 87 (2021) (with Dr Sorina Doroga).

"Non sequiturs in Constitutional Adjudication: Populism or Epistemic Deficit?", in Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz, Zoltán Szente (coord.), *Populist Challenges to Constitutional Interpretation in Europe and Beyond*, London, Routledge, 2021;

"Non-binding Sources in Law: On their Merits (and their Limits)", *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* (2021);

"Protests in Romania: Civil Society, Populism and Civic Constitutionalism" in *Constitutional Identities in Central and Eastern Europe*, Alexandra Mercescu (ed.), Berlin, Peter Lang, 2020, pp. 209-225.

"Change of Mind, Change of Style: Lawyers' Writing Manners", 15(3) *International Journal of Law in Context* (published by Cambridge University Press) 310 (2019);

"Should the European Court of Justice Develop a Political Question Doctrine?", *International Comparative Jurisprudence* [forthcoming] (with Dr Sorina Doroga).

"Teaching Comparative Law, Pragmatically (Not Practically)", *Law and Method* (2020);

"What Kind of Critique for Central and Eastern European Legal Studies? Comparative Law as One of the Answers", *Folia Iuridica*, vol. 89, 2019;

"Comparative Law in the Negative: How Not to Compare Now", 5(2) *Romanian Journal of*

DECLARAȚIE

Subsemnatul, lect. univ. dr. Alexandra Mercescu, cadru didactic la Facultatea de Drept din cadrul Universității de Vest din Timișoara, în calitate de candidat la funcția de membru în consiliul departamentului de drept public, declar pe proprie răspundere că nu am avut calitatea de lucrător al Securității sau de colaborator al acesteia, în înțelesul Ordonanței de urgență a Guvernului nr. 24/2008 privind accesul la propriul dosar și deconspirarea Securității.

Timișoara, 13 octombrie 2023

Lect. univ. dr. Alexandra Mercescu,

A large grey rectangular box redacting the signature of the lecturer. A blue ink mark, possibly a checkmark or a flourish, is visible below the box.