

Winter School

Legal Protection against Discrimination in South-East Europe

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Countries of the Balkans have introduced special laws protecting against and preventing discrimination. Slowly, a system of a broad range of stakeholders preventing and protecting against discrimination is evolving. One key task of this system is to guarantee access to justice for individuals who have experienced discrimination and support them in getting their rights restored. The five-day Winter School promotes knowledge and skills which are key in this system of preventing and protecting against discrimination and comparing the different systems of the Balkans at a regional level.

Aims

The Winter School will provide you with an overview about the concepts, forms, areas and grounds of discrimination defined at international and European level and from a comparative perspective of South-Eastern European countries. You will gain insights into protection mechanisms against discrimination, procedural aspects of discrimination cases and possible remedies for persons affected by discrimination. Practitioners will share their experience in promoting the protection against and the prevention of discrimination with you. You will get the opportunity to actively involve yourself in discussions and workshops aiming at the practical application of theoretical knowledge gained during the lectures.

The program is based on the idea that discrimination is a system that creates and reproduces stories of norm and normality and uses real or perceived differences to label human beings. Discrimination creates hierarchies and results in unjust distributions of power and privileges. As discrimination hampers prosperity and curbs the development of individuals and societies, legislation protecting against and preventing discrimination has been established.

Who can apply

The Winter School is open to 3rd, 4th and 5th year law students at the Law Faculties of Belgrade, Mostar, Niš, Osijek, Podgorica, Priština/Pristinë, Rijeka, Sarajevo, Skopje, Split, Štip, Tirana, Zagreb and Zenica who have an interest in learning more about the mechanisms of discrimination, about how to protect individuals against discrimination and to prevent future discrimination. Considering the interactive learning experience, the number of participants will be limited.

Learning outcomes

After this Winter School, you will ...

- have increased your awareness on prejudices and stereotypes,
- be able to understand and define concepts, forms and grounds of discrimination
- be able to identify different forms of discrimination,
- be able to interpret and apply legal provisions protecting against and preventing discrimination,
- have increased your knowledge on international, European and national legal sources in South-East Europe,
- have increased your knowledge on protection mechanisms against discrimination and procedural aspects of discrimination cases,
- be able to identify organizations/institutions pertinent for combating and preventing discrimination,
- be motivated to apply the knowledge and skills gained.

Topics covered

Lectures	Workshops
Definition and elements of discrimination	Prejudice, stereotypes, hate speech
Forms of discrimination (direct and indirect)	Case-law analysis on forms of discrimination (EU and national)
International and EU source	Comparative analysis EU vs. national and national vs. national
Justification	Positive action measures
Discrimination based on specific grounds: age, disability, gender, religion, political beliefs, nationality, migration, sexual orientation	Experience of NGOs
Discrimination in specific areas (private, public, administrative, criminal law, labor law, etc.).	Experience of NGOs
Protection against discrimination	Strategic litigation
Procedural aspects	Preparation of writs
Sanctions	Role of independent body – Commissioner for the Protection of Equality

Teaching staff

The courses will be taught by renowned lecturers of the SEELS Network which are experts in their respective fields. Since the lecturers come from different law faculties from the SEE region, the participants will have the unique opportunity to experience different teaching methods, and obtain deeper insight into the regional contexts. Additionally, participants in this event will be able to deepen their knowledge on relevant topics related to anti-discrimination, as well as to collaborate, work and study in a mixed international community.

More detailed information on the lecturers and the lectures themselves will be shared in the agenda and program of the Winter School, which will be disseminated to all participants.

Format, fees and practical information

One intensive week with several teaching formats – lectures, workshops, discussions and presentations in smaller and larger groups – all with an emphasis on interactive learning.

There will be **no participation fee, travel and accommodation costs will also be covered**. The applicants may find more detailed instructions on the organization of the travel in the Call for Application. The accommodation, lectures and all related activities will be organized by the South East European Law School Network.

You will enjoy the vibrant city of Belgrade so it is wise to bring some pocket money.

Application procedure

Eligible for participation are to 3rd, 4th and 5th year law students at the Law Faculties of Belgrade, Mostar, Niš, Osijek, Podgorica, Priština/Pristinë, Rijeka, Sarajevo, Skopje, Split, Štip, Tirana, Zagreb and Zenica who have an interest in learning more about the mechanisms of discrimination, about how to protect individuals against discrimination and to prevent future discrimination.

There are no restrictions as to the number of candidates that can apply from a particular Faculty of Law, in that sense every young academic who meets the requirements has the right to be a candidate. However, as the number of available positions is limited, the Steering Committee of the project will make a selection and only the selected ones will be available to take part to the winter school.

Each application shall include:

1. completed application form
2. completed template of the candidate's curriculum vitae (please use EUROPASS format – available at - <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>)
3. scan of passport
4. letter of recommendation

Deadline for submission of applications is December 21, 2017.

All applications must be sent in **English language**, in electronic form to the following addresses:

coordinator@seelawschool.org, assistant@seelawschool.org

For more details on how to apply please follow the instructions in the Application Form and the information available on our web site under this link: www.seelawschool.org or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/seelawschool>. The same information will be also available on the websites of your respective faculties.

More information on the call itself will be available in the Call for Application which will be published on our website www.seelawschool.org or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/seelawschool>. The same information will be also available on the websites of your respective faculties.

Organizers

The **Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM)** is a center of competence for Human Rights work. We have been involved in education on human rights for a broad range of target groups for 25 years and we have developed and implemented an elective course on anti-discrimination at the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna. <http://bim.lbg.ac.at/en>

The **South East European Law School Network (SEELS)** is the first academic network of its kind that brings together 12 active distinct Law Schools from South-East Europe. SEELS is established with the aim of improving cooperation between the Law Faculties in the region, supports the strategic development of the Law Faculties and addresses students, academic staff and legal professionals. Through the development and introduction of new joint programs and activities in the area of education, further professional training, research and publishing in the field of law the SEELS members are able to offer attractive and specialized courses and programs and thereby facilitate regional mobility of scientists, students, researchers and lawyers. <http://www.seelawschool.org>

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