

Blended intensive program "Navigating the Future of Human Rights: Challenges, Innovations & Advocacy in a Changing World"

28 April – 2 May, 2025

TIME	PROGRAM	NOTES
MONDAY (28 April)		
10.00-11.00	Welcoming and ice breaking	MRU LAB (address Didlaukio 55)
11.00-13.00	Digital Rights and Human Rights in the Digital Age Assoc. prof. dr. Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė	
13.00-14.00	Lunch and mingle	
14.00-15.00	Business and Human Rights Prof. dr. Lyra Jakulevičienė	
15.00-17.00	Environmental Law and Human Rights Greta Česnaitytė	
TUESDAY (29 April)		
09.45-12.00	Vilnius – European Green Capital. Visit to Vilnius municipality	Meeting point: in front of Vilnius municipality (address Konstitucijos pr. 3) <u>Please have your ID card/passport</u>
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	MRU LAB (address Didlaukio 55)
13.00-16.00	Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence Dr. Gintarė Makauskaitė-Samuolė	
WEDNESDAY (30 April)		
09.00-14.00	Field trip to Trakai (including lunch)	Meeting point: 8.30 in front of MRU; 9.00 in front of shopping mall CUP (address Upes str. 9)
14.30-16.00	The state of emergency in the European Convention on Human Rights and in German constitutional law Prof. Stefan Haack	MRU room I-414 (address Ateities 20)
16.15-18.00	Corporate responsibility for climate change Anhelina Andrieieva	
THURSDAY (1 May)		
10.00-13.00	Protecting the rights of the detained: legal safeguards & human dignity Assist. Prof. Dr. Ewa Dawidziuk	MRU LAB (address Didlaukio 55)
14.45-17.00	Visit to Lukiskes prison	Meeting point: in front of the entrance to Lukiskes prison (address Lukiskiu 6)
FRIDAY (2 May)		
10.00-12.00	Free speech vs. hate speech Assoc. Prof. dr. Laurynas Biekša	MRU LAB (address Didlaukio 55)
12.00-13.00	Lunch break	
13.00-15.00	Disinformation, fake news and deep fake Dr. Marcin Kowalczyk	
15.00-16.00	Wrap-up session	

PROFESSORS

Prof. Dr. Lyra Jakulevičienė



International legal scholar specialising in international and European Union law, human rights law in particular, for more than two decades. She is currently a member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights for Central and Eastern Europe. Since 2005, she has pioneered on business engagement in human rights issues in the Central and Eastern European region, fostered development of business networks and guidance and advised on development of national actions plans in this area, and co-initiated social labelling initiatives.

Ms. Jakulevičienė has served as a member of the Management and Executive Boards of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, and a co-arbitrator at the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. From 1997 to 2013, Ms. Jakulevičienė worked in United Nations organisations in Lithuania, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine. She is a Professor and the Dean of the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University in Lithuania.



Prof. Stefan Haack

Studied law at the University of Leipzig; 2001 doctorate; 2007 habilitation; 2009-14 university professor of public law at the University of Bonn; since 2015 holder of the chair of public law, in particular constitutional law, at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder).



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė

Serves as Associate professor at the Institute of International and EU Law at Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania), where she currently teaches various courses on Human Rights. For the period of 2014-2018 Dovile served as a legal expert for Lithuania on FRANET research network, she also participated in a number of research-led initiatives, including projects on the prohibition of forced evictions, protection of migrants' rights, freedom of religion, etc. Currently Dovile also works as an adviser in the Ministry of Justice, dealing with cases against Lithuania at the European Court of Human Rights.



Assist. Prof. Dr. Ewa Dawidziuk

Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law at SWPS University in Warsaw, Poland. Her research focuses on issues related to the functioning of various types of places of detention and human rights perspectives. She is both a teaching and research staff member at SWPS University and also works at the Office of the Polish Ombudsman. She is a member of the CPT (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture) representing Poland, as well as a member of the Codification Commission in Criminal Law.

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Laurynas Biekša**

Serves as Associate professor at the Institute of International and EU Law at Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania), he is also a practicing attorney-at-law with over 20 years of experience in the field of asylum law, migration and the European Convention on Human Rights. Representing the Lithuanian Red Cross, in 2002-2004 Laurynas was a member of the Executive Board of the European Council on refugee and Exiles (ECRE) and he has participated in many international researches organized by ECRE, the Odysseus Academic Network of Asylum, and Immigration Experts, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and other organizations. He is a former judge of the Court of Honour of Lawyers and a member of the Commission for the Revision of the Bar Association, and co-author of the book "The Law of the Bar".

**Marcin Kowalczyk, Ph.D.**

Researcher in the field of digital transformation. Author of the book entitled "Digital State" („Cyfrowe Państwo. Uwarunkowania i perspektywy”), PWN Publisher, Warsaw, 2019 – awarded by the Polish Information Technology Society (PTI) as the best scientific book of the year 2020. He is employed at the Faculty of Law and Administration of UWM in Olsztyn. A graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics (SGH) and the University of Warsaw: (American Studies Center; Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, UW – major: journalism and social communication, specialisation: media marketing and PR; additional studies in national security at the Institute of International Relations of the University of Warsaw, in cooperation with the Office of National Security and the Ministry of National Defence). Doctoral degree in political science from the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science of the University of Warsaw.

**Dr. Gintarė Makauskaitė-Samuolė**

International law researcher at Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania) and a legal practitioner in the field of digital services. Her work lies at the intersection of law and technology, with a particular focus on technology regulation, transparency, and the right to know.

**Anhelina Andrieieva**

Junior Associate at TGS Baltic, specialising in civil law and international arbitration. Anhelina has experience in arbitration proceedings conducted under the auspices of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration (VCCA), the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI), and the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI).

Outside arbitration, she is pursuing a PhD in insolvency law at Mykolas Romeris University, focusing on restructuring proceedings, the position of secured creditors, and the treatment of collateral.

She has authored articles and provided media commentary on insolvency law, international investment arbitration, and the intersection of corporate responsibility and human rights. In addition, Anhelina has participated in and judged several prestigious moot court competitions, including the Helga ECHR Moot, the PAX Private International Law Moot, and the Jessup Public International Law Moot."