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Visiting Researcher: Mrs. Pinar Koçyiğit

The Center for International Affairs welcomes many visiting researchers every year, who in cooperation with a chair and a professor are conducting research in Bochum. Mrs. Koçyiğit arrived in February 2022 and is spending a year at Professor Windel's chair. With a DAAD scholarship, she continues her research at the Ruhr University Bochum for her doctoral thesis on the effects of bankruptcy decisions on litigation and the arbitration process.

Mrs. Pinar Koçyiğit graduated from the Legal Faculty of Istanbul University Faculty of Law in 2014. Subsequently, in 2018, she obtained her master's degree from the same university's Institute of Social Sciences, Department of Private Law. Her master's thesis dealt with the Jurisdiction of Consumer Courts in Turkey. In 2016 she started working at the Department of Civil Procedure and Enforcement-Bankruptcy Law of the Legal Faculty of Istanbul Bilgi University. Currently, she is a doctoral candidate at the Galatasaray University. A warm welcome to Mrs. Koçyiğit in Bochum!

Meet Our New Colleague!



In February 2022 the Center for International Affairs (ZfI) welcomed its new research associate, Ms. Ella Schönleben. Before joining the ZfI, Ms. Schönleben worked as a student assistant at both the Chair of Professor Puttler and the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV). She completed her first state exam in 2021. Her research focuses on public international law, especially international human rights law. She recently started a PhD project under the supervision of Professor Thielbörger.

Being a former moot court participant and coach, Ms. Schönleben believes that moot courts provide valuable legal tools and networking opportunities for law students. She competed in the first national HanseMoot Court, earning an individual award for being the best oralist in the finale, before going on to compete in the Jessup Moot Court. Since then, she has been an active coach and advisor to teams of the HanseMoot Court, Nelson Mandela Moot Court and Jessup Moot Court, many of whom received awards for their outstanding achievements. Additionally, she frequently serves as a judge at the faculty's "Art of Legal Argument" program. If you are interested in moot-ing or if you plan to participate in a moot court, she is happy to help you with your questions!

Ms. Schönleben is also our new ERASMUS+ coordinator and with that your contact person for all questions regarding academic exchanges. You can visit her in GD 1/125 or write her an e-mail at Ella.Schoenleben@rub.de. Welcome to the ZfI Ms. Schönleben, we are very happy to have you!

Congratulations to our Jessup Moot Court Team 2022!



Photo by: Mirko Raatz

The Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition is the largest public international law competition in the world with over 700 law schools participating from over 100 countries. Our faculty has competed in the Jessup since 2003. The 2022 Jessup problem addresses human rights on the internet, data theft, the secession of part of a nation's territory, and foreign election interference. Competing for Bochum are Paula Buchanenko, Christin Bücher, Cathrin Hambrock and Charlotte Schäfer. At the German National Rounds organized by the Max-Planck Institute for International Law in Heidelberg, our team finished among the Top 4 teams, qualifying Bochum for the International Rounds of the competition. On top of that, the team's written submission for the respondent won the Best Respondent Memorial Award. Congratulations for this outstanding achievement!

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Interpreting the Founding Documents of the United States

Over the Summer of 1787 something extraordinary happened in Philadelphia: a handful of delegates from 12 states gathered to discuss the future of their country. Their work resulted in the Constitution of the United States of America, the document that has served and continues to serve as the basis of the world's leading democracy. What happened in the halls and pubs of Philadelphia, who were the protagonists of this event, how did it come to that gathering, what preceded this convention and which products did the meeting yield?



The block course offered in the first week of August 2022 addresses these questions. By looking at the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the various drafts of different members of the Constitutional Convention, along with the Northwest Ordinance responsible for the expansion of the American territories, the course travels in time from 1776, through 1781 and onto the Summer of 1787 to see which questions arose, how they were discussed, and which solutions were chosen. Students participating in this course will be expected to read original texts of that time, to understand and discuss concepts included in the documents. The course is a mixture of lectures, reading exercises, and group exercises. It is an ideal course for those interested in the history of the United States of America, while it complements the core courses of the certificate program, especially those relating to the Constitution of the United States. Registration is open for this course in eCampus until July 28.

On the Certificate Program from our Students and Graduates



Our Certificate Program is as popular as ever! We asked some of our students and graduates about their motives on participating in the Program. These are some of their answers:

Philipp Terhorst:

"The Certificate Program serves as a good preparation for a semester abroad by practicing the English legal language. In addition, it is interesting to get to know a legal system that we are quite familiar with through movies or songs, but that we don't really know anything about."

Eda Kaygisiz:

"In addition to knowledge of the English legal language, the Certificate Program gives students the opportunity to gain a foothold in both the legal and international job market."

Maike Rabelt:

"By participating in the Certificate Program I wanted to get insights into other legal systems and thereby gain a deeper understanding of the German law."

Sonja Susann Schäfer:

"The diverse course programme gave me the opportunity to engage with international law issues in an authentic language."

Shirin Mahoor Gilani:

"After my bilingual A-levels, it was important for me to gain further qualifications."

Ugur Ince:

"I'm participating in the Certificate Program to improve my legal knowledge in another legal system."



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UNIC Opened Courses Catalogue



The Ruhr University Bochum is part of "UNIC" – an association of eight European universities since 2020. Within the framework of this "European University", the virtual and multidisciplinary UNIC Opened Courses Catalogue was established. It provides all UNIC students with the opportunity to participate in chosen online courses of all UNIC partner universities. As of now, our students at the Faculty of Law can participate in online courses held by the University of Zagreb in Croatia, as well as courses from the Turkish Koç University in Istanbul. Both universities offer various courses on interesting legal subjects, for example Air Law or European Transport Law. All courses are held in English, therefore it is possible to earn the language certificate, if the course is completed successfully. By participating in one of the UNIC Opened Courses students can get a taste of studying abroad and are able to make connections with foreign UNIC students.

Erasmus During the Pandemic – In Numbers



The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on international mobility. Due to travel restrictions and Covid regulations, studying abroad became increasingly difficult. At the beginning of the pandemic, in 2019/20, the Center for International Affairs received 37 Erasmus applications for a semester abroad. Apart from five withdrawals, 32 students actually went abroad. One year later, in 2020/21, there were about 40 applications, but 21 students withdrew their application, most of them because of Covid-19. In the academic year of 2021/22 the number of applications was reduced by half - only 21 students applied for a stay abroad and at the end there were 19 students actually going. While the number of students going abroad decreased steadily, the number of students coming to Bochum increased over time. In 2019/20 there were only seven incoming students, but in 2020/21 we had 15 and in 2021/22 there were – and are – a total of 20 students staying and studying in Bochum.



The Legal Master's Degree at the Ruhr Uni- versity Bochum

Foreign lawyers, who graduated law school in their home country may pursue an LL.M. at the Legal Faculty of the Ruhr University Bochum. The application deadline for interested candidates is May 31 of any given year in order to start studying in the fall of that same year. The Committee of the LL.M. Program admits the applicants based on prior educational and language qualifications, as well as references. Those, who may enroll can pick and choose their courses from the regular legal curriculum of the Faculty. Each student is supervised by a professor of the Legal Faculty. Students must participate in the introductory course on German law and complete another 20 SWS (weekly hours per semester) worth of courses, including a paper and its defense. Language of the program is German. Once all courses are completed, students have up to three months to write a final thesis, which is graded by their supervisor and a second examiner. The LL.M. program is a wonderful opportunity to gain deeper insight into the German legal system and grow both personally and academically.

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English-Language Course Catalogue Winter Term 2021/2022

| Title of the Course | Name of the Professor | Course ID Number | Type | Day | Time | Registration Deadline |
|---|--|------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Introduction to American Law | Dr. Beke-Martos | Nr. 060300 | On-site, HGB 50 | Tuesday | 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. | 07.04.22 23:59 |
| US Constitutional Law II: Fundamental Rights | Dr. Beke-Martos | Nr. 060301 | On-site, HGB 40 | Tuesday | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | 07.04.22 23:59 |
| Interpreting the Founding Documents of the United States | Dr. Beke-Martos | Nr. 060311 | On-site GD 04/153 | August, 1-5, 2022 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | 28.07.22 23:59 |
| Introduction to International Dispute Settlement | Mr. Wuschka | Nr. 060303 | On-site GD 1/148 | June, 17+18+24+25, 2022 | 8.15 – 9.45 a.m. | 09.06.2022 23:59 |
| US Contract Law | Mr. O'Connolly | Nr. 060304 | On-site GD 1/148 | April 26, May, 3+10+17+24+31, 2022 | 8.30 a.m. – noon | 21.04.22 23:59 |
| Literature & Jurisprudence in the 21st Century | Dr. Prochownik, Ms. Wolski | Nr. 060124 | Zoom Video Course | Monday | 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. | 07.04.22 23:59 |
| Law, Democracy and Disagreement | Dr. Oliveira de Sousa | Nr. 060317 | Zoom Video Course | Thursday | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | 07.04.22 23:59 |
| U.S. Intellectual Property Law | Mr. Hanrahan | Nr. 060306 | Zoom Video Course | Monday | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | 07.04.22 23:59 |
| International Legal Dialogue | Prof. Dr. Windel | Nr. 060173 | Hybrid F3/314 | To be announced | To be announced | 07.04.22 23:59 |
| Analytical Legal Philosophy | Prof. Dr. Magen | Nr. 060006 | On-site BF EG/22 | Monday | 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. | |
| Summer School on Corruption, Data and the Sustainable Development Goals | Prof. Dr. Dijkzeul | Nr. 060316 | On-site BF/4th floor | 08.-10.08.2022 | 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. | 29.06.2022 23:59 |
| IHL Law Clinic | Prof. Dr. Thielbörger, Timeela Manandhar | Nr. 060308 | On-site, BF 4.46-4.47 | Further information: https://www.ifhv.de/teaching/bochum-ihl-clinic | | 07.04.2022 23:59 |
| International Environmental Law in the Anthropocene | Prof. Dr. Scholtz | Nr. 060309 | Hybrid | Details online | Details online | 06.06.2022 23:59 |

Registration is open in eCampus!
For updates please visit our website

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