SEMINAR: Global Constitutionalism and the Competence of the European Court of Justice

The seminar will first discuss some of the basic ideas of global constitutionalism and pluralism. It will then move to explore the competence of the European Court of Justice within this framework of analysis and study the position of the European Court of Justice in the international legal structure. The seminar will address cases of the European Court of Justice regarding its competence in international law issues, including cases concerning World Trade Organization (WTO) law and the case Slovenia v Croatia C-457/18. The seminar will in this context also discuss issues related to the arbitration and the border dispute.

The readings will focus on the judgments of the European Court of Justice on its competence and include readings on global constitutionalism. The seminar will feature invited guests who will contribute to the discussion.

It will be held in English, presumably in three sessions (altogether: 10 hours).

About the lecturer:

Dr. Damjan Kukovec earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Ljubljana School of Law (cum laude, average grade 9,9). Dr. Kukovec earned his master's and doctoral degrees at Harvard Law School, having won several awards for academic achievement. He practiced, among other places, at the Legal Service of the European Commission, the European Court of Justice and at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. He successfully pleaded numerous cases before the European Court of Justice. He has published in the fields of EU law, international trade and global governance, competition law and legal theory.

He has taught at Harvard Law School, at FGV Law School in Rio de Janeiro, at the EUI in Florence and at Kent Law School in Brussels and has lectured at several other universities worldwide. He is appointed Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor equivalent) at Middlesex School of Law, London.