

Vabilo na seminar / Invitation to a Seminar

Contemporary Criminal Law and Justice Challenges in Context



Are you interested in criminal law and/or criminal justice? Do you think graffiti are art or a nuisance or even a crime? What about emotions in criminal law: should they be avoided or recognised? Do you want to find out how trust in courts affects judicial legitimacy and what can be done to enhance it? Should the criminalisation of hate speech be reconsidered? What about headscarf-wearing and burkini: what do European values, if anything, have to do with it? And, finally, what has criminal law got to do with it? If these questions make you think, this seminar is for you.

When: 19, 23, 26 November and 3, 7 December 2018 (13h-16h on Mondays; 12h-15h on Fridays)

Where: Seminar room no. 4

Content outline: The seminar encompasses five thematic blocks which tackle contemporary challenges of the criminal law and justice in Europe: specifically, (i) the topic of judicial legitimacy (including the trust in courts) and the current rule-of-law challenges in the EU; (ii) issues regarding the criminalisation of incivilities (anti-social behaviour), i.e. of minor socially undesirable conduct, in a comparative perspective; (iii) the legally relevant conflict between values, norms and different cultures and legal moralism in criminal law and justice (with case studies, such as headscarf/burkini prohibitions); (iv) the influence of emotions/sentiment in criminal law, policy and justice; and (v) the (criminal-law) boundaries of the freedom of expression in the post-truth era.

The seminar adopts an interdisciplinary approach of the 'law in context', addressing legal phenomena critically from a variety of perspectives to illuminate the rationales for law and the interplay between law and the broader social setting in which the legal order operates. The context of the criminal law, criminal policy and justice will be drawn from the comparative-law discussions as well as from the wider social, socio-legal, psychological, economic and political context (primarily) in Europe. In addition to the knowledge of the current hot topics in criminal law, policy and justice in the EU, the seminar will thus stimulate interdisciplinarity in thinking about specific criminal-law issues.

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Registration: Interested students should register by sending a short email message (with their name and year of study) to Ms Darja Rabzelj (darja.rabzelj@pf.uni-lj.si) from the International Office (Mednarodna pisarna) by 12 November 2018 until noon. Early registration is advised, as places are limited. A certificate of attendance may be issued upon request.