

Annual Departmental Report (2017-2018)

During the 2017/18 academic year, members of the department continued to maintain an intensive commitment to lecturing and examining a wide range of compulsory and elective study units in the courses offered by the Law Faculty and by other Faculties of the University of Malta. At the same time the Department as a whole co-organised a conference on *Religious Marriages in the Mediterranean* with Prof. Susan Hirsch (George Mason University) and the Muslim Marriages Research Group of the University of Amsterdam, represented by Dr Ibtisam Sadegh. This conference was held on the 20th-21st March and hosted by the Department and the Mediterranean Institute of the University of Malta. It managed to attract around 20 mostly foreign scholars who presented a range of interesting papers and a follow-up publication of some of the papers presented is currently being finalised. Through Dr Kurt Xerri, the department also co-organised (with the University of Bremen and the University of Amsterdam) and hosted the "*TENLaw Follow Up Conference 2018*" focusing on tenancy law. This attracted 30 foreign scholars and was held on the Valletta Campus from the 11-12 October 2018.

The Department also organised three Public Seminars throughout 2018. On the 14th February, the Department co-organised a Public Seminar in conjunction with the Parliamentary Secretariat for Social Accommodation, held in the Phoenicia hotel, entitled "*Looking Ahead: The Future of Housing*", and addressed by Igor Costarelli (Università Milano Bicocca). On the 20th March the Department organised and hosted a public lecture, opened by the President of Malta, in which Prof. Annalies Moors of the University of Amsterdam talked about: *Problems with Regularising Religious Marriages*. On the 2nd July the Department launched the publication: "*Renting Residential Property in Twenty-First Century Malta: Does the law provide a level playing field?*". This monograph was written by Dr Kurt Xerri LL.D. Ph.D. who was employed in October 2017 as full-time lecturer in the Department. It was launched during a seminar co-organised between the Department of Civil Law and the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Accommodation. During the seminar a keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Sergio Nasarre Aznar, who holds the Chair in Housing at the University of Tarragona in Spain on: "*European Lessons in Tenancy Law Reform*".

Throughout the 2017/18 academic year, Dr David Zammit and Dr Kurt Xerri dedicated a lot of time to the running of the Law Clinic, which had been formally launched in May 2017. Dr Mary Muscat invested substantially in the organisation of client interview role plays and moot courts for all the students following the Masters in Advocacy. The Department also benefited greatly from the support of two excellent scholars who acted as Visiting Examiners: Prof. Sergio Nasarre Aznar and Prof. Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi from the University of Groningen. Finally special thanks go to Mr Brandon-Lee Caruana who gave a solid, intensive and professional contribution as Department Secretary.

A. CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

DR DAVID E ZAMMIT (HOD):

- 24th November 2017: Helped organise and attended the Seminar ‘Concurrent Liability and the Doctrine of Non-Cumul: the Franco-Maltese experience’, which was organised by the Judicial Studies Committee of Malta and the École Nationale de la Magistrature of France. Presented two papers: one entitled ‘The Non Cumul Rule: a key to understanding Malta’s Mixed Jurisdiction’ and another, with Annunziata Rapillo entitled: ‘The Evolution of Non Patrimonial Damage: comparing Italian and Maltese Contract and Tort Law.’
- 1st December 2017: Attended de ‘Xornada de Internacionalizacion’ organised by the Facultade de Ciencias Xuridicas et do Traballo of the Universida de Vigo, Spain. Presented a paper on ‘Subsidiary Status: a tool for venacularising EU law in Malta?’
- 15th December 2017: Attended the conference entitled ‘Advocating for Human Rights: Preparing for the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ organised by the Human Rights Programme of the University of Malta together with the President’s Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society. Presented a paper entitled: ‘Towards an Ethnography of Maltese Refugee Rights Activists’ with Dr Amalia Susana Creus (Open University of Barcelona).
- 18th December 2017: Attended the Seminar on “Danni punitivi, danno tanatologico e funzioni della responsabilità civile in Italia e a Malta”, organised by the “Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria”, Italy. Presented a paper on Punitive damages and damages when death ensues in Malta.
- 15th March 2018: Attended the Annual Consumer Law Conference organised by the Department of Commercial law of the University of Malta and the Chamber of Advocates (Malta). I presented a paper entitled: ‘Compensating for Moral Damage in Civil and Consumer Law: a Case of Convergent Evolution?’
- 20-21st March 2018: Organised a conference at the University of Malta on “Religious Marriages in the Mediterranean” with Prof. Susan Hirsch and Dr

Ibtisam Sadegh, and I presented a paper entitled: “‘The Maltese Marriage Question’: Pope versus Privy Council in 19th Century Malta.”

- 11-12th April 2018: Attended as representative of the Legal Clinic at the University of Malta the ‘Training on Professional Legal Aid to Victims of Hate Crime and Hate Speech’; co-organised by the People for Change Foundation and held in the Skautský institute, the Old Town Prague.
- 5-6th July 2018: Attended the Final Conference of the Jean Monnet Project ‘Individual Status in the Process of European Integration’ held in Brussels and organised by the University of Perugia together with the Regione Umbria EU Office. Gave a presentation on ‘Citizenship by Investment’.
- 14–17th August 2018: Attended the conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), organized at the University of Stockholm, and presented a paper entitled ‘Inhabiting the Humanitarian/Security Nexus in Malta’.
- 20-21st September 2018: Attended the annual conference of the European Network for Clinical Legal Education and held in the University of Turin, Italy. Presented a paper entitled: ‘Clinical legal education in Malta: learning from experience and identifying the challenges.’

DR CLINTON BELLIZZI:

- Over the course of the last Academic Year I took part in a conference organised by the European Law Institute in Trier, on the 17th and 18th May, on "Planning Cross-Border Succession".
- Through the Notarial Council we also organised a seminar on the General Data Protection Regulation for the Notarial Profession and was involved in drawing up a detailed Handbook for the Notarial Profession on the GDPR.
- I am also on the Steering Committee of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union for the Legal Training Seminars being organised under the auspices of the European Commission for the period 2018-2020.

DR DANIEL JOHN BUGEJA:

- Thursday 28th September 2017 Block Chain Seminar
- Saturday 27th January 2018 Cohabitation Seminar
- Wednesday 25th April 2018 GDPR Seminar
- Wednesday 17th October 2018 Tax Seminar
- Thursday 18th October 2018 Moneyval Anti Money Laundering Seminar

DR PATRICK GALEA:

- Attended a legal conference on banking and commercial law in Vienna in October 2017.

DR MARIELLA MIZZI

- I participated in most conferences, seminars, and public talks organized by the Notarial Council of Malta.

DR MARY MUSCAT:

- Seminar entitled Translating Europe Workshop, 14th October a.m, at Dar l-Ewropa, Valletta, organised by the European Commission. Gave a presentation on: "The use of Legal Maltese in Police work."
- HR Conference, Faculty of Laws, Valletta Campus, December 2017. Presentation entitled: "Page 13 and Human Rights advocacy in Malta"

DR IBTISAM SADEGH:

- 16 March 2018: Attended Navigating Displacement and Humanitarian Responses Symposium at the University of Amsterdam,
- 20-21 March 2018: Organised a conference at the University of Malta "Religious Marriages in the Mediterranean" with David Zammit and Susan Hirsch, and I presented a paper entitled 'Problematizing Interfaith Marriages in Ceuta, a Spanish Enclave on the north African Coast.'
- 14 – 17 August 2018: Attended the conference of European Association of Social Anthropologist (EASA), organized at the University of Stockholm, and I presented a thesis chapter 'The Mestizos of Ceuta: Marriage, Mixing and Blending of Ethnoreligious Boundaries'
- 20 – 21 September 2018: Attended the conference "Multiculturalism, Integration, and Conflict", conference organized by UNED and Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, in Campus Universitario de Ceuta. I presented my research in Ceuta, 'Matrimonios Mixtos en Ceuta' and acted as discussant to two other papers.

DR KURT XERRI:

- "From Theory to Practice: Reforming the Maltese PRS", paper presented in the Bremen Summer Workshop on Housing Law and Policy, Bremen University, 24-25 May 2018.
- 20-21st September 2018: Attended the annual conference of the European Network for Clinical Legal Education and held in the University of Turin, Italy.
- 12 June 2018: Attended the European Workshop on Housing, Dublin,

B. LECTURES/PUBLIC TALKS/OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**DR DAVID E ZAMMIT (HOD):**

- 18th December 2017: launched the International Research Project "Vulnerable Subjects. Means of Protection and Civil Liability", together with Prof. Angelo Ferraro -Reggio Calabria University

- 5th January 2018: lectured a group of students following the Masters in European Private Law at Reggio Calabria on Compensating for Moral Damage in Maltese Tort Law.
- 14th February 2018: Introduced the talk delivered by Igor Costarelli, during the seminar co-organised by the Department of Civil law and the Parliamentary Secretariat for Social Accommodation
- 20th March 2018: Introduced and acted as discussant for the Public Lecture given by Prof. Annalies Moors on 'Problems with Regularising Religious Marriages'.
- 2nd July 2019: Gave a short talk introducing the publication "Renting Residential Property in Twenty-First Century Malta;" for which I wrote the Foreword together with Prof. Sergio Nassarre Aznar.
- 4th July 2019: Acted as Visiting External Examiner at the University of Salerno for Annunziata Rapillo's viva voce examination in relation to her PhD dissertation on: 'Le nuove frontiere della Responsabilità Civile: I Danni Punitivi'.
- 24th July 2019: Helped to organise and facilitate a Round-table discussion in the framework of the Human Rights Programme of the University of Malta. This took the form of an informal confidential discussion with prominent politicians and policy-makers on the current, most urgent, human rights challenges encountered in relation to migrants and asylum seekers in Malta and the adjacent region.
- 12th October 2018: Delivered a speech closing the "TENLaw Follow Up Conference 2018"

DR MARY MUSCAT:

- Successfully submitted a tender to CEPOL (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training) with colleagues Mr Paul Caruana (Academy of Disciplined Forces and Dept of Criminology, UoM) and Dr Odette Vassallo (Director, Centre for English Language Proficiency at UoM) for teaching English to EU police officials. This course was held in Malta for the first time; it previously was assigned to the Irish Garda. Course took place in October 2017 and I lectured on European Models of Policing, Data Protection and the GDPR.
- Officially appointed OSCE trainer for hate crime awareness for law enforcers (TAHCLE), having attended training at the Academy for the Disciplined Forces in October 2017.
- Academic peer reviewer with NCFHE; have audited STC Higher Education in Pembroke (October 2017), Jobsplus (July 2018) and AFM (September 2018).
- Collaboration with People for Change on hate crime awareness, having attended a training seminar as their representative in Prague in April 2018 and later collaborated on the ENAR Shadow Report for Malta with Dr Jone Elizondo-Urrestarazu and Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci (Faculty of Laws) in September 2018.

- Lectured extensively at the Academy for Discipline Forces during the academic year in Criminal Law (police recruits and prison officer cohort), and in Transgender issues and prison procedure (in-service prison officers),
- Drafted in-service training for ERA enforcement officers
- Drafted training on eco-offence enforcement for the new LESA recruits.

DR IBTISAM SADEGH:

- November 2017: Acted as Visiting Lecturer in the study-unit Key Debates in Law and Society at the University of Malta.

DR KURT XERRI:

- "Understanding Mechanisms to Secure Obligations", delivered as part of the ILS Course on Security, on 17 September 2018.
- "The changing role of private rentals in Malta: Causes and Consequences", delivered during the MIM Business Breakfast: Malta's Rental Market: A bubble set to burst?, Corinthia Hotel, Attard, 19 September 2018.
- "The Pre-1995 Rental Regime in Malta", delivered to the Building Industry Consultative Council, Valletta, 11 September 2018.
- Contributed to the organisation of a Public Seminar in conjunction with the Parliamentary Secretariat for Social Accommodation entitled "*Looking Ahead: The Future of Housing*", addressed by Igor Costarelli (Universita Milano Bicocca), Phoenicia Hotel, Valletta, 14 February 2018
- Contributed to the organisation of the "TENLaw Follow Up Conference 2018" in collaboration with the University of Bremen and the University of Amsterdam, Valletta, 11-12 October 2018.
- Contributed to the organisation of the book launching ceremony of "*Renting Residential Property in Twenty-First Century Malta: Does the law provide a level playing field?*", Valletta, 2 July 2018.

DR SANDRA HILI VASSALLO:

- I gave a lecture at the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society on the 18th June 2018 on the occasion of World Refugee Day. This lecture was based on my Masters thesis submitted to the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta in 2018.

C. PUBLICATIONS

DR DAVID E ZAMMIT (HOD):

- Zammit, David Edward, "The Maltese': In Victorian Eyes," *Isles of the left*, June 6th 2018: <http://www.islesoftheleft.org/the-maltese-in-victorian-eyes/>

- Co-authored, together with Judges Giannino Catuana Demajo and Lawrence Quintano, the Malta chapter of the *European Yearbook of Tort Law 2016* published by E. Kärner, & B. C. Steininger (2017) Berlin, New York: Walter De Gruyter GmbH & Co. KG.
- Finalised a paper on 'Subsidiary Status'; which has been accepted for publication in Antonio Bartolini, Valentina Colcelli and Roberto Cippitani (eds.) *Dictionary of Statutes within EU Law* in Springer International Publishing, Forthcoming, 2019.
- Finalised the chapter on 'Human Dignity in Malta', co-authored with Dr Mary Muscat, which has been accepted for publication in Paolo Becchi and Klaus Mathis (ed.), *Handbook of Human Dignity in Europe*, Springer International Publishing, Forthcoming, 2019.
- Finalised the chapter on 'Immoral Contracts in Malta', co-authored with Dr Kurt Xerri, which has been accepted for publication in Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi (ed.) *Immoral Contracts in European Private Law*, as part of the Common core of European Private Law Series, Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming, 2019.
- Co-edited with Dr Ivan Mifsud, the inaugural issue of the *Mediterranean Human Rights Review*, Vol. 1 No. 1 (2017): <https://www.um.edu.mt/laws/mjhr>
- Robert Suban & David E. Zammit, "Promoting the integration of third-country nationals through the labour market: Combating discrimination in Employment: The case of third-country nationals in Malta", in *Mediterranean Human Rights Review*, Vol. 1 No. 1 (2017): <https://www.um.edu.mt/laws/mjhr>
- Sadegh, Ibtisam & Zammit, David E. "Legitimizing a Muslim Marriage in Malta: Navigating Legal and Normative Structures," *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, Volume 7, Issue 3, 1 October 2018, Pages 498–518

DR DANIEL JOHN BUGEJA:

- In my capacity as President of the Notarial Council I chaired and was directly involved in the drafting of Act 34/2018 regarding the amendments to Chapter 55 of the laws of Malta - Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives Act and LN 155/2018 regarding the Notarial Code of Ethics.

DR PATRICK GALEA

- I continued my research activities in property and trust law, with various works in progress for publication.

DR MARY MUSCAT:

- Chapter entitled "Human Dignity in Malta", co-written with Dr David Zammit, to be published by Springer-Verlag as part of a joint project with the Univ of Lucerne (Prof Paolo Becchi)

- Chapter 53 entitled “Policemen” in a Springer-Verlag publication called “Dictionary of European Statutes”, a joint project with the Univ of Bologna, Prof Antonio Bartolini
- Finished drafting a monograph entitled *Migration Law* for Walter Kluwer Publishers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

DR IBTISAM SADEGH:

- “Legitimizing a Muslim Marriage in Malta: Navigating Legal and Normative Structures,” with David Zammit published in Oxford Journal of Law and Religion (2018).

DR KURT XERRI:

- K. Xerri, Maltese Law of letting and hiring: Lessons from the past and solutions for the future, *Revista electronica de Direito*, (Universidade do Porto, 2017:3).
- K. Xerri, The Need for Stronger Awareness of Housing Rights in Malta, *Mediterranean Human Rights Review*, (Faculty of Laws, 2017), p. 172-187.
- K. Xerri, Renting Residential Property in Twenty-First Century Malta: Does the law provide a level playing field? (Department of Civil Law, University of Malta: BDL Publishing, 2018)

DR MARISA VELLA:

- I led the publication of the Malta Chapter of the Delos Guide to Arbitration; which can be downloaded from: <http://camilleripreziosi.com/en/news-resources/4/3542/camilleri-preziosi-contributed-to-the-delos-g>

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This annual report for the Department of Criminal law covers the period September 2017 till August 2018.

Annual General meeting held on the 20/10/18, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta.

Members Present:

Dr Stefano Filletti (Acting Head)

Dr Stephen Tonna Lowell

Mag Aaron Bugeja

Excused:

Dr Leonard Caruana

Dr Chris Soler

Mr Justice V De Gaetano.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters discussed:

1. Reassignment of Duties

Lecturing duties were reassigned following student feedback to maximise on lecturing successes.

The overall reviews were positive.

Duties were reassigned also in the light of the retirement of CJ Emeritus Hon.S.Camilleri.

2. Tutorials & Practicals

Tutorials and more importantly practicals were reviewed.

3. Additional Units

It was decided that a new elective will be offered to cater for specialised criminal laws including drugs laws and ingenere. It was also agreed that Extradition law would be removed from B.A. 1st year law and included in this elective.

Dr Stefano Filletti

Head Department of Criminal Law

Faculty of Laws

Annual Departmental Report (2017-2018)**1. PURPOSE:****1.1. The department focuses on the lecturing, tutoring and research in:**

- Environmental law,
- Law relating to the sustainable development and sustainable resource management
- Development Planning law
- Climate change law,
- Occupational Health and Safety Law
- Food Safety Law
- Heritage law
- Animal Rights law
- Aspects of policy making related thereto.

1.2. Affiliations and Achievements:

- Acts as the representative of the Academy of Environmental law and the Environmental law Commission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in Malta of which the Unit is already a member.
 - Co Chairs the Pan European Academic Forum of Legal Experts on Climate Change Adaptation
 - Coordinates the International Master Programme in Ocean Governance launched in September 2013
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- Coordinates the International Master in Laws in Energy Law, Environmental Law and Climate Change Law
- Benefits from an ERASMUS mobility programme with the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium in lecturing and research on Environmental and Energy Law, Aalborg University Denmark, Utrecht, Netherlands and Insubria Milan.
- Regularly publishes legal works in Malta and abroad on legal research carried out.
- Seeks internship programmes as practical legal training for students specializing in the legal fields above mentioned at both public and private entities that have an interest in the topics. A list of potential candidates is referred to below. The Department strives to academically address and in so doing promote legal research that may be commissioned by the same.

The Environment and Resources law Department was set up just before the beginning of the academic year 2010/2011. The decision to set up this new Department within the Faculty of Laws has been prompted by the vast developments on a national, European and International level in the legal framework addressing the topics mentioned above. The regulation of these sectors is horizontal in nature and impinges upon all of the major legal streams and human activities. The entire mass of norms that fall under Environment and Development Planning law has introduced specialized legal regimes that complement and at times supersede the *lex generalis* under which, they originated. This enables the Faculty of Laws to keep abreast with the demand for legal learning and research in these legal fields, as they evolve from statutory sources as well as case law. This would consequently benefit and contribute to the development of the other existing Departments. There is a strong and steady demand for academic learning in the legal fields mentioned in 1.1. not only within the Faculty of Laws, where the subject has been offered since 1994, but also from other faculties and institutes at University as the subject is essentially horizontal. A list of the said University of Malta institutions that request such services is included below.

The proliferation of national legislation on environment and planning law reflects the changes the country is undergoing as a Member of the European Union. The environmental

acquis communautaire is the second largest chapter constituting 22% of the whole *acquis* not including related legal instruments addressing for example energy issues. Apart from the bulk of laws involved, most of these laws are subject to specialized legal regimes that have no link with other legal fields.

The Strategic Educational Pathway Scholarships (STEPS) Programme, has identified environmental studies as one of its priority areas. Indeed environmental studies particularly *in the field of renewable energy resources*, the earth sciences and planning development are on the increase in Malta as everywhere else in the world. The Department is gearing itself up to support this influx of interested applicants by offering study units that train students in understanding the legal framework that supports innovation and developments in this field of academic study.

2. LECTURING

2.1. Study Units the ERL Department is Responsible for either in Full or in Part.

- ERL2000 - Principles of Environmental Law (4 ECTS)
- ERL2001 - Development Planning Legislation (4 ECTS)
- ERL3000 - Principles of International Environmental Law (4 ECTS)
- ERL5000 - Climate Change and International Law (5 ECTS)
- ERL3004 - Occupational Health and Safety Law (2 ECTS)
- INL 3001- Principles of International Law (10 ECTS)
- ECL 5010 - Environmental Policy of the European Union (2 ECTS)
- SERM - Joint Masters in Sustainable Resource Management (Shared)
- EST 3130 - European Environmental law and Policy (EDRC) (4 ECTS)
- OHSA – CLS1309 Environmental Health Management Policy: Legislation and Supervisory Skills (4 ECTS)
- MSC 5202 – Sustainable development, Law and Policy (Shared)
- ISS 5004 - International Environmental law and Environmental Diplomacy (ECTS 8)
- ISS 5012 – Environmental law and Environmental Diplomacy (ECTS 6)
- IEN 5019- The Science and Management of Climate Change (shared)
- EMP 2002 The Law of the Sea and the Regulation of Oceans (shared)

- EMP 2003 Environmental Law and Policy (shared)
- EMP 2007 Waste Management: Key Concepts (shared)
- EMP 2008 Waste Management: Key Concepts and Challenges in the Maltese Context (shared)
- EER 5203 Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CEER

2.2. Lecturing Load for members of the ERL Department in the different Study units.

Faculty of Laws

ERL 2000 Principles of Environmental Law – 4 ECTS	42 hrs
ERL 2001 Development Planning Legislation – 4 ECTS	28 hrs
ERL 3000 Principles of International Environmental Law - 4 ECTS	42 hrs
ERL 5000 Climate Change and International Law – 5 ECTS	35 hrs
ERL 3004 Occupational Health and Safety Law – 2 ECTS	14 hrs
INL 3010 Principles of International Law	16 hrs
ECL 5010 Environmental Policy of the European Union	14 hrs

Other Faculties and Institutes

EDRC: EST 3130 European Environmental law and Policy (4 ECTS)	28 hrs
OHSA: CLS1309 Environmental Health Management Policy - (shared)	10 hrs
CEER: MSC 5202 Sustainable development, Law and Policy – (Shared)	10 hrs
ISSI: ISS 5004 Int. Env. law and Env. Diplomacy (ECTS 8)	56 hrs
ISSI: ISS 5012 – Environmental law and Environmental Diplomacy	42 hrs
IES: IEN 5019 The Science and Management of Climate Change	8 hrs
EMP 2002 The Law of the Sea and the Regulation of Oceans	2 hrs
EMP 2003 Environmental Law and Policy (shared)	7 hrs
EMP 2007 Waste Management: Key Concepts (shared)	4 hrs

EMP 2008 Waste Management: Key Concepts and Challenges
in the Maltese Context (shared)

4 hrs

EER 5203 Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CEER)

12 hrs

3. RESEARCH

3.1. List of Research Projects

Research within the Forum of European Legal Experts on Adaptation to Climate Change supported by the University of Leuven Belgium and the European Commission DG CLIMATE ACTION. Role of the Forum is to provide a think tank amongst leading academics in European Universities to build a legal framework on climate change adaptation.

Research within the Climate Change Platform at the University of Malta. The role of the platform is to identify any research and studies being carried out by the Universities Faculties, Institutes and Centres to promote collaboration and coherence.

A Legal Assesment on the Ownership of Waste for WASTESERV.

A Policy Paper on Noise Pollution for the Ministry for Tourism, Culture and the Environment

A Programme for Estate Management and its Legal Implications, Institute for Sustainable Development

A Programme for a Masters on Ocean Governance in Collaboration with Institute for Earth Systems and International Oceanographic Institute

A Study on the Regulation of Reprotoxins under Malta's Occupational Health and Safety Law (EU Commission)

A Study on Ship Source Pollution in Malta for DG ENV of the EU

A study on Eco Crime Directive in Malta for DG ENV of the EU

A study on Access to Justice and Citizens Rights in Malta for DG ENV of the EU

A study on Suplhur Emissions for DG ENV of the EU

A Study on Energy efficienc: the verification of compliance of national legislative measures for DG ENV of the EU

A Study on Development of a multilingual campaign toolkit for raising awareness and motivation to manage psychosocial risks in Europe's micro and small enterprises for DG ENV of the EU

A Study on Radio active Waste Legislation and Implementation in Malta for DG ENV of the EU

A Study on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Legislation in Malta for DGENV of the EU.

A Study on Noise Pollution for MESDC.

A Study on Ocean Governance and Climate Change for MFTP

3.2. List of Papers and Dissertations Supervised By the Department for 2017/2018

TERM PAPER ON A LEGAL SUBJECT (2017/2018) (LL.B.)

Borg Nicole:

A Legal Assessment of the Waste Shipment Regulation in Malta

Brincat Aimee:

The Role and Functions of the Environment and Resources Authority under the new Environment Protection Act following the Demerger from the Planning Authority.

Galdies Clara:

Keeping to our Commitments: Does the Climate Action Act provide the adequate legal framework for Malta to implement its obligations on climate action?

Vassallo Nicole Robyn:

The Water Framework Directive's effect on the regulation of sustainable water management in Malta.

LL.D. THESES

Micallef Sean Paul:

An Analysis of the Legal Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in Malta

MASTER OF ART IN OCEAN GOVERNANCE DISSERTATIONS

Cosmin Chivu:

The New Implementation Agreement on BBNJ: Pushing the Boundaries of International Law on the High Seas?

Jin Bowen:

Cooperation measures for governance of shipping in the Arctic: China's perspective

Wang Jue:

Assessing the Progress towards the Seven Ocean Literacy

Zhou Jing:

Carbon Trading in Shipping: An Exploratory Analysis of Economic Costs and Benefits

4. CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS.

Prof Simone Borg attended the following Conferences where she delivered Papers and Presentations:

As a Chair for the Panel on Climate and the Ocean at the Sustainability College Bruges Meeting on Climate Law

As Academic Invitee of the EU Commission for DG CLIMA The EU Climate Adaptation Strategy, speaker at the Stakeholder Dialogue Meeting in Brussels, January 2018.

As a participant at the Cambridge International Law Forum on the Role of Non State Actors, University of Cambridge April 2018.

As a key speaker at IMLI Conference on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction, IMLI, Malta

As a Panelist at the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium, Presentation and Paper on an Integrated Approach towards Climate and Ocean Governance, July 2018.

As a Key Speaker at Nantes University Colloquium on Ocean Law presentation and Paper on the Ocean Climate Change and Benthic Marine Biodiversity Loss, October 2018

As a Panelist at the Maritime Summit 2018, on the IMP Greenhouse Gas Strategy for Energy Efficient Ships.

5. STAFF

Drs Grima, Attard are pursuing their PhD studies.

The staff of the ERL dept is now composed of :

Prof Simone Borg, Assoc Prof, Head of Department, Full Time

Dr Louise Farrugia, Assist Lecturer Full Time currently serving as Casual Lecturer due to official post

Dr Chris Attard, Assist Lecturer Full Time

Dr Martin Fenech, Part Time

Dr Jotham Scerri Diacono Part Time

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The Department has continued to consolidate and move forward. In 2018 it worked to consolidate the introduction of a new additional LLM programme in European Business Law, which commenced in September 2015. In October we had the reached the highest number of applicants for the LL.M stream, over 12 students. We have also launched the new MA in European Legal Studies intended for post graduate students who do not have an undergraduate degree in law. This attracted over 15 applicants. Members were active in research and participation in conferences and network meetings in Malta and abroad. The Department continues to run two LLM programmes, and a significant range of electives at LLB and LLD level in addition to the compulsory courses in European Union Law. It also services other Faculty of Laws programmes as well as other Faculties and Institutes. There were no changes in staff during the past year.

During the academic year 2017/18, the Department also updated its website and set up an official Facebook page. Various meetings with the administration were held to market the Department's postgraduate programmes. The Department applied for EU funding on a Project dealing with EU Criminal Law (Hercules value EUR 80k which were awarded as well as is currently working on a publication of the implementation of EU law in Malta to be published in the UK).

Dr. Natasha Buontempo, Assistant Lecturer

Teaching duties 2017/2018

A. Lectures

ECL5035-SEM1-A: Labour Law in the EU, EST1020-YR-A: The Legal Order of the European Union, EST1022-SEM1-A: Law of the Institutions: General Principles of European Union Law, EST1023-SEM2-A: Enforcement of European Union Law, ECL 2000 Introduction to EU law and ECL 2001 EU Law

B. Tutorials: EU Law

C. Dissertations

She supervised and examined a number of dissertations at LL.M and LL.D level

2. Ph.D. Progress

She is in her fifth year (part-time). So far she have written four chapters and have undergone four interim reviews at the University of Strathclyde with positive reports from my supervisors and three annual reviews also with positive feedback. This year she

produced the fourth (Proportionality as interpreted and applied by the ECtHR) and the fifth chapter (Proportionality in EU law).

The plan is that she will submit her final draft around summer 2019.

She has also successfully obtained 20 credits as part of my Ph.D. training at Strathclyde. The minimum number of credits required is 15.

3. Papers written/being worked on:

- National Expert researching Operational Restrictions in the Retail Sector in a study submitted to the European Commission (EU).
- She has written two papers based on her Ph.D. studies and these were published in *Id-Dritt*, a publication of GHSL (UOM): 'Stages in the Principle of Proportionality' and The 'Principle of Subsidiarity in the doctrine of the ECtHR'.
- She is currently refining chapters 4 and 5 of her Ph.D. thesis.
- She has submitted a paper to GHSL publications entitled 'Stages in the Principle of Proportionality'.
- She is also contributing a paper to the Hercules project as well as to the publication about the Implementation of EU law in Malta.

4. Seminar/Conference Attendance:

- She attended FIDE steering committee for the upcoming annual conference in which our department will be presenting their findings on their allocated studies.

5. Other work

She was appointed deputy chair for the Maltese presidency duration in the Council Working Party on fundamental rights with particular participation in the adoption of the Istanbul Convention. She attended the working party approximately once monthly for the duration of the Maltese Presidency.

She has been appointed a Member on the Human Rights Programme as a substitute for Professor Xuereb and has attended regular meetings and planning activities for the Programme.

Dr Ivan Sammut

Participation in Networks and Projects

Active member in SECOLA

Fellow of European Law Institute

a) Member of EU Administrative Law Committee – European Law Institute 2013

b) Member of the Committee dealing with Prevention and Settlement of Conflicts of Exercise of Jurisdiction in Criminal Law - European Law Institute 2013

Member of the American Society of Comparative Law

Active member of the American Society of Comparative Law

Associate research fellow at the IALS of the University of London

Participation in conferences

Conference in Innsbruck, Austria organised as a final part of Unalex project (November 2017);

Visiting Lecturer University of Zurich, April 18

Research visit Institute of Small States Liechtenstein

Participated in the FIDE 2018 Congress in Portugal in May 2018

Visited the College of Europe in Bruges June 2018

Visit at the IALS Library University of London August 2018

Publications, Reports

Sammut I 'The Translation of EU trademarks – a special type of Intellectual Property Translation', *International Journal of Legal Discourse*, De Guyter, Vol.3 Issue 1, 2018, p.3

Sammut I 'The effect of Multilingualism in the EU on European Legal Translation', *The International Journal for the Rule of Law, Courtroom procedures, Judicial linguistics and Legal English* Vol. 2 Issue 1, April 2018, p.30-52

Sammut I 'The Context for European Private Law – Comparative Law, Legal Transplants & Mixed Legal systems, *The European Legal Forum* Munich, 1-2018 p.1-12

Forthcoming publications

Article at the Loyal University Law Review

Book chapter on EU Migration,

4 other journal articles under review

Other activities/Funding

Committee Member of the Assoċjazzjoni Maltija Għall-Istudji tad-Dritt Ewropew (AMSDE).

Teaching

Taught a range of subjects at undergraduate, LLD, and Masters' level.

Supervised LLD, MA, LL.M, theses, examiner and chairman of several boards of examiners.

Supervised Ph.D. thesis – Dr Katrin Algroff, Dr Natalino Caruan De Brincat, Dr Simon Busuttil

Dr Mireille Martine Caruana

Teaching:

Over the course of the past 4 years Dr Caruana developed and ran new courses on Information Technology law and the law of e-Commerce in the EU, at both undergraduate (LLB) and masters (LLM) level.

In the past academic year (2017-8), she was sole lecturer on the following undergraduate courses:

ECL 4013 EU Technology Law;

ECL 4014 E-Commerce Law in the EU.

She also delivered some lectures on the ECL2001 European Union Law course.

She also acted as study-unit coordinator and ran the bi-weekly seminars on the following Master level courses: ECL5068 E-Commerce Law and Policy in the EU and ECL5043 EU Information Technology law.

Supervision:

During 2017-8 Dr Caruana was supervisor on a number of LLM dissertations and LLD theses.

Examining duties:

She acted as examiner on all the mandatory courses on EU law (ECL2000, ECL2001, ECL3004 and ECL5069).

She acted as examiner on a number of LLD theses, LLB term papers and LLM dissertations submitted for 2016-7.

She acted as Chairperson on the examining board of an MA in law by research.

She also acted as examiner for the IES, for one undergraduate (bachelor) and one postgraduate (masters) dissertation.

Research:

In May 2018 she attended the International Federation for European Law (FIDE) Congress for which she acted as national rapporteur for Malta on the report on *the Internal market and the digital economy*.

She co-authored a paper on 'Cybercrime in the EU with a Special Focus on Directive 2017/1371 / The Threats posed by Cybercrime to the EU's Financial Interests' (with Dr Shaun J. Borg) (forthcoming) as a contribution to the Hercules project coordinated by the head of Department Dr Ivan Sammut.

Administration:

Mireille is the co-ordinator of the LLM in European and Comparative Law, the specialised LLM in European Business law stream, as well as the new MA in European Legal Studies. She is also currently a member representing the Department of European and Comparative Law on Faculty Board.

Other:

At its meeting of 26 October 2017 Senate appointed Mireille as a member on the new **University Research Ethics Committee** (UREC), for the period 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2019.

She was also appointed as a member on the Board of the new **Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies** (CDLT), in the context of which she is responsible for the Faculty of Laws' contribution to a new masters (MSc) programme in blockchain and DLTs and is in the process of designing and developing the following new study-units:

ECL5074 Cryptocurrencies, Distributed Ledger Technologies and the Law (LLM, MSc);

DLT5120 Regulating blockchain and DLTs: An introduction to the law and policy aspects (MSc).

During this period she also took classes in French language at the Alliance Francaise de Malte and successfully passed the level “B2” exam in June. She is pursuing learning French (now in the ‘C1’ level class) to aid her research in terms of language proficiency.

Following this presentation, she wrote up an article entitled ‘The reform of the EU data protection framework in the context of the police and criminal justice sector: harmonisation, scope, oversight and enforcement’ which has been accepted for publication by the *International Review of Law, Computers and Technology* – a limited number of copies are available for download at Taylor & Francis Online:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/yJwR8n6FmtwyEQxNfUkT/full>

She has also acted as national rapporteur for Malta on the report for the International Federation for European Law (FIDE) on *the Internal market and the digital economy*. She submitted this report to the general rapporteur at the end of September 2017.

During this academic year Mireille also acted as referee for an article that was submitted for publication to *Id-Dritt*.

Administration:

Dr Caruana is the co-ordinator of the LLM in European and Comparative Law, and the specialised LLM in European Business law stream.

She is also currently the representative (together with the head of department) of the Department of European & Comparative Law on Faculty Board.

Dr Jelena Agranovska

Teaching

During her second year with the Department of EU and Comparative Law, she has taken on teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and have delivered lectures on the following study-units (co-taught in collaboration with my colleagues from the department): ECL5069 Advanced EU, EST2060, ECL3004 European Union Internal Market Law in Semester 2, ECL2001 European Union Law, EST1020 the Legal Order of the European Union, and ECL 5063

During both Semesters she has delivered tutorials for study-unit ECL 2001 EU law: 3 tutorial sessions of 2 hours each in Semester and Semester 2.

Supervision/examination of student research

For the following study units she have assisted in setting up of exam papers and have acted as an examiner, assessing the final grades in accordance with an established procedure - EST1020; ECL2001; ECL5069; ECL3004; EST2060

Additionally she has acted as an examiner for the following LLM study units - ECL5034 European and Comparative Business Enterprise Law; ECL5049 The Law of the EU Institutions; ECL5037 EU Financial Services Law.

She has accessed students’ assignments (Erasmus essays, LLM dissertations, LLB dissertations and LLD theses), generated examiners’ reports and participated in examination of theses and dissertations. She provided assistance to students when they had questions as regards to term papers and dissertations.

Academic Research academic work

Dr Agranovska of a core team on the EU funded project under the Hercule III Programme. For this project she is both an editor and a contributor for Latvia. She has engaged in

recruitment of the national contributors and conducted interviews/briefing via the Skype, as well as meetings with specialists from Latvian Ministry of Justice. For her report on Latvia she had to conduct an extensive research, since Criminal Law is not her field of expertise. She has managed to successfully present a case-study on Latvia during the international Workshop held on the 5th of October at Valletta campus (which she have co-organised).

She is a member of an editorial team on a project (an edited volume on implementation of EU law in Malta) which is an initiative by our Department. She have engaged in enlistment of the contributors, drafting of a book proposal, soliciting with prospective editors. For this volume she is also a contributor of two academic articles.

She has acted as a reviewer of academic contributions for It-Dritt and for the Institute for European Studies.

Dr Agranovska participated in the day-to-day academic administration of the department: specifically, she have researched into the area of potential stand-alone study unit to be delivered by an external academic (Blockchain and DLT regulation), maintained our social media presence on Facebook, engaged in marketing of events and LLM programmes, distributed our LLM flyers in foreign Universities, updated and improved the website for our department and the Faculty of Laws through the use of University Web Content Management System (CMS), prepared, uploaded and managed course material on the VLE. She has been the initiator for organisation of Lecture Capture recording for lectures delivered by our Department (proved to be an effective tool for lecture delivery and teaching improvement).

She has organised and assisted in creation of marketing material (booklets and posters) for our Masters programmes and well as promotion and distribution of the said materials. She have engaged with the Newspoint and created three adverts to dissimilate research undertaken at our Department. She has also approached THINK magazine to discuss an article to be published in the Spring issue 2019.

She has initiated a conclusion of an institutional agreement with two foreign Universities: Latvia – Turība Law School and Hungary - Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

Conferences and further self-development activities

In order to broaden and deepen my expertise in marketing she have taken a of course organised by the University on the Social Media Marketing.

A number of conferences, which she has attended during the academic year 2017/18, broadened her knowledge on a wide variety of subjects, which has aided to further her research interests. For example: a conference in Innsbruck, Austria organised as a final part of Unalex project (November 2017); FIDE Congress in Estoril, Portugal in May 2018 (for which she has also contributed a report), seminar on Insolvency Law delivered at the Chamber of Advocates (which she have initiated and also helped to organise).

She also become a partner for the COST network (organised by academics from Berlin School of Economics and Law and from Maastricht). COST is an EU-funded networking activity which allows the networking of research on a European level.

She has organised academic visits to our Faculty for Prof Michael Schillig, King's College London and Prof Tihamér Tóth, Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest, Hungary as well as have also organised a seminar on Insolvency at the Chamber of Advocates delivered by Prof Michael Schillig. Currently she is organising Prof Schillig's forthcoming visit to the University - he will be our visiting academic. Likewise she has secured Prof Schillig's delivery

of a day-long seminar on Cryptocurrency regulation in EU. This event is currently being organised in conjunction with the MUHC.

As a Walking ambassador at the UoM she has also attended a number of meetings, participating in discussions on how to promote and improve walking routes to and from the University.

Signed: Dr Ivan Sammut Date: 30th October 2018

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The highlight of this year for the Public Law department was probably the first ever symposium held, for Constitutional Law students, in February 2018. Basically, all of the LLB1s were placed in one of twelve groups, and were given a topic to study. Each group consisted of around twenty students, and over the months October to February these had to research their chosen topic with a view to making a twenty minute presentation on the same, at the symposium. The symposium was held at the Assembly Hall, and as stated, twelve presentations of twenty minutes each were made. The symposium was attended not only by the LLB1s but also by their lecturers and by Dr John Stanton from London City University, who was on an Erasmus visit. The presentations were of a particularly high standard, indicating that the students truly put in the required effort and rose to the challenge. There was obviously even time for questioning and comments, and plenty of coffee breaks between the twelve presentations. The symposium was considered a success and arrangements were made for the system to be not only repeated, but extended to Administrative Law in the next academic year. The symposia in future will be held later in the year and will count for a maximum of 10% of the final exam mark.

Dr John Stanton, as part of his Erasmus visit, also delivered a lecture in which he compared the English and the Maltese constitutional law systems. We were also graced by another visitor: Prof Guillaume Tusseau from the Ecole de Droit Paris, who lectured on “The Mutations of French Constitutional Culture”.

Another first, was a joined presentation by Dr Ivan Sammut and Dr Ivan Mifsud, to Pro Rectors Baldacchino and Zammit, on *Faculty of Laws Vision 2030*. This was well received and follow up discussions were, and are still being, held.

On the other hand, the low point was probably the loss of the services of Dr Roberta Avellino Pule', who wished to contribute further to the Faculty of Laws, but felt compelled to choose between her academic interests on the one hand, and her professional work. Efforts were made to find the resources to employ her, even as a research assistant, but these failed because the funds were simply not available. This led to her resigning completely, from the Faculty of Laws.

The Department participated in the workings of the Human Rights Programme of the University. The Programme continued to be chaired by Dr Austin Bencini, with Dr Ivan Mifsud joining the Programme as a member. The Department of Public Law even sponsored the December 2017 conference and contributed towards the costs of a round table held in July 2018 on migration.

The Department also undertook to sponsor an GhSL publication of summaries of important judgements related to Private International Law; the very creation of this publication was a suggestion of Dr Alex Sciberras Trigona, which suggestion the GhSL accepted and organised volunteers to work on.

Members of the Public Laws Department published some articles and made other scholarly contributions:

- Dr Sylvann Aquilina Zahra contributed to the *International Comparative Legal Guide (ICLG)* Malta chapter, 2018 and 2019 editions;
- Dr Tonio Borg contributed an article on *Juridical Interest in Constitutional cases*, published in *Id-Dritt(GHSL)*
- Dr Ivan Mifsud contributed a chapter to a book to be published by the University of Nantes, *“Elected Officials and Money: an Analysis of the Material Conditions of Statutory Electoral Mandates”*
- Dr Jacqueline Tanti Dougall contributed *“The Package Travel Insolvency Fund Regulations- The Maltese Perspective* in the book entitled *“The New Package Travel Directive”* published by Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies (ESHTE), Portugal and the INATEL Foundation on the initiative of Prof. Carlos Torres

Members of the Public Law Department also attended and participated in a number of seminars, conferences and other international events:

- Dr Tonio Borg attended a conference entitled *“Identity, Security, Democracy: Challenges for Public Law”* in Hong Kong, organised by the international Society of Public Law;
- Dr Paul Cachia attended *“How European is European Private international Law?”* held in Berlin;
- Dr Joseph Bugeja attended a legal workshop *“EMU Choices-The choice for Europe since Maastricht”* in Orebro Sweden organised by the Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies. His study *“The assimilation of the EU’s economic, fiscal and monetary governance acquis in the Maltese legal framework”* will be published next year;
- Dr Jacqueline Tanti Dougall attended a conference on sustainable Tourism law organised by the Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies (ESHTE)

Dr Austin Bencini went on an Erasmus Exchange visit to Padova University, while Dr Tonio Borg presented his PHD and successfully defended it in October 2018.

Ivan Mifsud
Head, Department of Public Law

26.10.2018

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Introduction

The Department of Commercial Law has faced another busy and challenging year, during which it offered lecturing programmes at both under-graduate and Masters levels and organized a number of public activities on commercial law subjects.

The Commercial Law Department seeks to preserve the good reputation built over so many years by illustrious predecessors in office and to maintain high standards of teaching and academic performance. The Departmental academic staff includes the leading professionals and recognized experts in their respective fields, be it shipping, competition law or company law. Students receive the best possible academic preparation backed by practical experience at the highest level. The Department relies on the able University administrative staff led by the Faculty Office for its day to day management.

Today commercial law examines more than ever before how business activities can be carried out and by whom, and how these activities and operators are regulated. Regulation of commercial activities is expanding and is playing an ever more important role in conditioning how business is carried out and by whom and under what conditions and restrictions. Study units examine how specific business activities are carried out and regulated in Malta: from basic notions of commercial law such as traders and acts of trade, to company law, financial services, aircraft and shipping law and financing, as well as consumer protection and fair competition. Some subjects are fairly traditional and well-established while others are new and only recently introduced. Study units are periodically revised and refreshed to reflect changes in law and international developments. The Department updates its programmes as commercial law evolves and changes and as new laws are passed by Parliament.

Objectives, relevance and the future

During 2018, the Department continued to play a relevant role which tried to be relevant and useful to students, to society and to the University generally. It has collaborated as necessary with other Departments and Faculties through lecturing and participation at seminars. The Department strives to provide teaching at very high standards and to analyse and promote initiatives aimed for the country's development and to inform the general public on commercial law issues as they develop.

The Department's philosophy is that it is not sufficient for academics to support businesses and business development but it is more important to look at the broader picture of what is best for the public and the general community's well-being. With this aim in mind, all Commercial Law courses offered by the Department are open to the public. Regrettably few members of the public actually avail themselves of this massive opportunity.

Over the past few years, Department has managed to re-assert its presence and has played a relevant role both within and outside the University walls. This contrasts with past years where the Department was absent from public life and kept too low a profile. During these past years, high-level talks, seminars and conferences involving participation by Department members and other experts in the field, have regularly been organized with significant success and publicity. Members of the Department are regularly invited to address seminars and conferences organized by various professional entities and associations on various commercial law subjects and developments. Joint collaborative efforts with FEMA, the Chamber of Advocates, the Malta Institute of Accountants and the Malta Stock Exchange continue with success.

The Department's academic programmes are no longer centred on the Commercial Code as used to be the case in the past. Commercial law today is much more extensive with much more state intervention than ever before. It is much more than acts of trade, keeping of books of accounts, unfair competition and marine insurance. Today, as already remarked earlier, commercial law includes sophisticated new rules, largely derived from the European Union, on competition and consumer protection, on financial services regulation, shipping and aviation. The teaching carried out by the Department has had to adjust and evolve accordingly.

Public conferences and seminars

Various successful conferences were held during the current year in conjunction with the Chamber of Advocates.

The first conference was held on the 15th March 2018 to commemorate the Annual World Consumers Day celebrated on that very day. The attendees were happily more than in the previous year and numbered around fifty. Thanks to the European Commission representation in Malta a member of the EC Directorate participated at the seminar and made a useful and expert contribution.

The second conference was the Annual Company Law Conference held on the 2nd November 2018, which once again proved highly successful with about 160 participants and the event was reported in the press.

Another event was a successful seminar on Corporate Insolvency and EU State Aid was organized jointly with the Malta European Law Association with the presence of Prof M A Schillig from King's College in London was held at the Chamber of Advocates on the 21st February 2018.

On the 23rd May 2018, the Department joined with the Chamber in a well-attended conference on MIFID II: benefits, challenges or opportunities?

In all these events, Departmental lecturers participated fully.

During 2018, Dr. Ann Fenech spoke on shipping law at numerous international fora including the Marine Money Forum in Monaco on how Maltese law protects mortgagees, at the University of Split on the international recognition of judicial sales, as a representative of the CMI on the need for an international convention on the recognition of judicial sales before the United Nations Committee on International Trade Law in New York and on arrest of ships at the Spanish maritime law association meeting in Madrid. In November of this year, Dr Fenech was elected Vice President of the CMI by the General Assembly held at the IMO in London. This is a three year term and is the first time any Maltese person has occupied this post. The CMI is responsible for the drafting of the vast majority of international maritime conventions. She has been given the specific responsibility of co-ordinating all CMI efforts at UNCITRAL for a new convention on the international recognition of judicial sales

Teaching staff resources and commitments

The undersigned is a full-time member of staff for the past three years after having served on a part-time basis since 1994.

Dr Tiziana Filletti is the second full time member of staff, since October 2017.

The Department relies heavily on part-timers who are fortunately true experts and leading professionals in the subjects which they teach and we are grateful to them. Most lecturers are committed and provide an excellent service to students and the University. However, it is to be re-stated that number of lecturers who enjoy a Council appointment should contribute more to the Department's responsibilities and amplify their presence and participation in University life and activities.

No new permanent staff was recruited under a Council appointment during this last year and none are planned for the coming year.

The Departmental secretary is Ms Claire Gouder.

The Students

The same concerns expressed in last year's report have to be re-affirmed today. The increase in the number of law has exercised a negative impact on the quality of the relationship between lecturers and students and also on student participation during lectures. Students remain largely passive and lack confidence to participate more actively in the lecture-room and few carry out independent reading or study. They seem unduly obsessed with class notes and past papers. Students generally do little independent reading or research and few show interest in analysing current legal and political issues. Student participation in the lecture-room remains generally unsatisfactory. The large number of students scares away valid lecturers seeing the obligation to correct hundreds of scripts for which payment is minimal.

Money Matters

The Department once again manages to undertake initiatives practically without being a financial burden on University finances. Nonetheless the annual budget allocated to the Department is delusory and barely covers the cost of scripts, toners, paper and sundry stationery for use by the Department.

Teaching activities

In the year under review, the Department carried out its lecturing duties which were fulfilled in line with the respective University course descriptions and study unit commitments. Very few lectures were cancelled or postponed and action was immediate action was taken to reduce any inconvenience to students. Problems are often encountered in securing examiners willing to undertake the role of examiners to correct exam scripts. This point has already been made in earlier Reports. Especially with large classes, the correction task is viewed as tedious, thankless and unrewarding.

Where appropriate, study units were updated and refreshed.

Happily the consumer protection study unit, which for two years running was not offered due to lack of appreciable applications, will this year be held as sufficient applications have been received.

The Masters Programme in Financial Services

The Department offers only one Masters programme but it is a valuable asset which deserves to be protected and promoted. For more than ten years, the undersigned has continued to coordinate the Masters programme in Financial Services. This is offered annually both on a full-time and on a part time basis. With the able assistance of fellow coordinator, Mr Peter J Baldacchino, relentless efforts are made to ensure it maintains a high standard. Mr Baldacchino heads the Department of Accountancy and continues to be a very supportive FEMA programme co-coordinator on the Board of Studies.

The evening Masters programme in financial services was originally launched in 1996 and has continued to be offered annually without fail. Last year, this report regretted recorded that the number of applications had fallen considerably. Possibly this apparent decline was due to the relatively high fees charged and to new competition by Masters programmes offered both the University itself (especially the Masters in Banking and Finance and in Accountancy) as well as by other foreign institutions for which the Maltese government grants assistance and scholarships. Fewer accountants and law students than before seem to be applying for the course. In order to meet this challenge and in pursuance of the University's stated direction that the law courses should be more internationalized, the course was opened to up to accept students from a wider range of related and relevant

disciplines like criminology, business studies and diplomatic studies. With this objective, amendments to the course by laws were drawn and approved at Faculty Board level last year. These reforms have thankfully ensured that this Masters programme is sustainable and fresh. Lecturers were directed to follow a more comparative and internationalized approach than before in order that the course may be attractive and accessible to foreign students. This year the programme started with 22 students including five foreign students – a remarkable figure seeing that not one advert was issued for this course by University, as opposed to other highly advertised Masters programmes.

All important decisions affecting or arising out of the course are taken by the Board of Studies. This Board meets regularly and minutes are duly kept. Despite repeated reminders, students have not nominated their representatives to sit on the Board of Studies.

As from next year, study-units dealing with the three pillars of financial services, namely banking, insurance and securities, shall for the first time since the inception of the course become all non-elective units.

New non-visiting lecturers were successfully engaged during the year to manage the banking regulation unit.

Disciplinary and plagiarism cases

No big disciplinary issues or plagiarism have been identified during the year.

Commitments

Since 2004, the undersigned ceased to serve on the Senate-appointed University Research Ethics Committee.

He coordinates and lectures in the study unit on Regulatory Issues arising from the Regulation of Business offered every three years by the Faculty of Theology in its Masters in Business Ethics Programme.

He also coordinates and lectures, with other colleagues, in a study unit (ACC 5962) which provides accountancy students with an extensive introduction to financial services law and regulation and to dissolution and winding up of companies. The study unit is run by FEMA as part of its MA Accountancy programme.

During 2014, the Head of Department and Dr A Galea Salomone attended practically all meetings of the Faculty Board and served as necessary in meetings and on Faculty sub-

committees. The undersigned, also attended most Heads of Department and Dissertations Committee meetings.

In conjunction with the Faculty of Engineering, the Department delivers a study unit on Maritime Law for Engineers at MSc level. The initial work was directed by Dr Ann Fenech and Dr Clarie Demarco. The study unit (CML 5043) is offered once every two years.

A new study-unit named “Advanced Company Law” has been drawn up for undergraduate law students. This new non-elective unit restored and re-asserted the importance of company law studies after a few years where it suffered from an unfortunate reduction of the lecturing hours as a result of the restructuring of the law courses. It will be offered during the third year of legal studies starting from this academic year.

External examiners

During 2013 the External Examiners were appointed for a selection of LL.D and Masters in Financial Services theses in accordance with the relevant University rules. The external non-visiting examiners were ably assisted by Faculty staff in the examination of the theses allocated following their choice of preferred topics.

Prof Luca di Donna was appointed for the under-graduate law course while Prof Ian Fraser has accepted to serve as external examiner for the Masters course.

Judicial Studies Committee

Every year the Department organizes a full day seminar on commercial law subjects to the members of the judiciary as part of their continued professional training. In April 2017, the undersigned delivered a lecture on whistleblowing law and practice. For next year two separate sessions on consumer protection and market abuse have already been scheduled.

Some final remarks

- Examiners assisting the department are a very useful indeed vital part of the administrative machinery which enables the University to function. Examining is a laborious and unrewarding task under any circumstances but becomes an even greater burden when the number of students is large and the quality of the work is

low. Examiners have complained about the lack of appreciation for their efforts and some have withdrawn indefinitely from accepting further engagements, a great loss for the Department and our students.

- The quality level of students is not improving; most students seem not to even read newspapers and admit it freely. The general ignorance of history, even recent history, is deeply disturbing. With a few exceptions, students seem largely uninterested in knowing let alone understanding and analysing the past, what is currently going on around them and the global issues.
- Some lecturers should strive harder to provide a better qualitative service to University, the Department and its students, and go beyond mere lecturing and corrections. A small number of examiners take too long to forward exam questions or to correct the scripts, or both. There is no doubt that with more participation and enthusiasm by its members, the Department's general performance and activities can be significantly improved and updated. New non-resident visiting lectures as well as guest speakers were engaged during the year in order to enhance the service provided to students.
- In truth everybody involved could do better and all should make a better effort to find more time and space for Departmental and University matters and scholarship.

DAVID FABRI

HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL LAW

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Selected Recent Publications:

- Maltese National Report on Migration, Law and Migration Panel, International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL), Springer Verlag (in publication).
- “Elisabeth Mann Borgese, Gender and the Law of the Sea” in *Gender and the Law of the Sea* (in publication by Brill Jan 2019 as No 88 in the Oceans and the Law of the Sea Series).
- Currently writing article (with Dr Felicity Attard) for publication in Benedict’s Maritime Bulletin on human rights and irregular migration (publication date Jan 2019)

Editing:

- Member of Board of Editors of the Comparative Maritime Law Journal
- Member of Board of Editors of the Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution

International Meeting / Conference Submissions:

- International Conference: Exploring the Human Element of the Oceans: The Gender Implications of the Law of the Sea
University of Milano-Bilocca (2017)
 - Speaker at International Workshop on Human Rights and the Law of the Sea, Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S Naval War College and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 13-14 February 2018.
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Projects:

- Planning the publication of other volumes in the Maltese Legal System dealing International law, with Professor David Attard.
- With the University of Ferrara: Member of organizing committee for the establishment of a joint masters in law programme on the prevention and suppression of international crime at sea (2015-present)
- With University of Milano-Bilocca: Preparation of joint proposal under the MSCA-ITN call of the European Commission to be submitted in January 2019; Co-ordinating University: Università degli Studi di Milano-Bilocca.

The project, entitled "Human Oceans Professional Experts" (HOPE) would aim at training early stage (doctoral) researchers to amalgamate an in-depth knowledge of law of the sea, maritime law, and other legal and policy fields that relate to the human element in maritime activities and sea uses.

Member of the International Scientific Committee of the 1st International Shipmasters' Congress on "Future Skills Requirements for a Digitized Maritime Industry," to be held Sept 2019.

Collaboration with Third Parties:

- IMO, International Maritime Law Institute, Guest Lecturer
- People for Change Foundation, Senior Consultant
- International Maritime Organization
- University of Ferrara
- Università degli Studi di Milano-Bilocca
- International Ocean Institute
- Malta Maritime Law Association
- International Academy of Comparative Law
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malta
- European Migration Network, Malta
- International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations (IFSMA)

PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Maltese Legal System on Human Rights Jurisprudence in Malta, Volume II, Part C, to be published by Malta University Press

The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance was published by Oxford University Press in the summer of 2018 and comprises three volumes - Volume I: UN and Global Ocean Governance; Volume II: UN Specialized Agencies and Global Ocean Governance; and Volume III: IMO and Global Ocean Governance

OUTLINE OF COLLABORATION WITH THIRD PARTIES

International Foundation for the Law of the Sea (IFLOS), Hamburg;

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malta

Office of the Prime Minister, Malta

Director, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta

International Maritime Organization (IMO) Technical Cooperation Division, UK

Elected Vice-President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), Hamburg

Member, Seabed Disputes Chamber (ITLOS)

Member, Chamber of Summary Procedure (ITLOS)

Member, Chamber of Marine Environment Disputes (ITLOS)

Member, Library Committee (ITLOS)

Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), Malta;

International Ocean Institute (IOI), Malta;

IMO Council, UK

IMO Legal Committee, UK

PROJECTS INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Human Rights Research

Planning the publication of other volumes in the Maltese Legal System dealing with civil law, criminal law and international law

CONFERENCES ATTENDED ABROAD

Addressed the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee

Addressed the BBNJ Workshop which was organized by IMLI and the Malta Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion

Keynote Speaker at the Workshop on Human Rights and the Law of the Sea organized by IMLI and Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College

IFLOS lecture on 'Maritime Zones' (2018), Hamburg

DR FELICITY ATTARD

Assistant Lecturer

Selected Recent Publications:

- Currently two major articles in the pipeline for publication in the United States. The first dealing with the legal status of the shipmaster and shipowner in international law, and the second presented in conjunction with Professor Vella de Fremeaux on the application of human rights at sea.
- Most research undertaken in the past academic year was focused on my Ph.D. which is in the final stages.

Seminar and Meeting Submissions:

- Guest Speaker, Presentation on International Maritime Law on Search and Rescue, delivered at Rescue at Sea Seminar organised by UNHCR Cyprus and the Cyprus Joint Rescue Coordinator Center, Larnaca, Cyprus, 16 November 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, Lecture on the Irregular Migration by Sea and its Impact on International Shipping, The International Ocean Institute Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas, University of Malta, Msida, 8 November 2017.
- Participant, Workshop on Human Rights and the Law of the Sea, Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 13-14 February 2018.

Collaboration with Third Parties:

European Law Students Association:

- Workshop Leader, ELSA Malta, How to Sessions on Assignment Writing and Research, October 2017.

- Speaker, ELSA Malta 'Let's Talk – A One-to-One Brain Storming Session', November 2017.
- Guest lecturer, European Law Students Association Summer School on Maritime Law, August 2018.

International Ocean Institute:

- Assessor, Policy Simulation Exercise, The International Ocean Institute Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas, 7 December 2017.

Conferences, Seminars, Symposiums, Workshops and Lectures attended:

- Lecture, Development and Entry into Force of IMO Conventions, delivered by Admiral Frederick Kenney, Director of Legal and External Affairs at the International Maritime Organization, held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 23 October 2017.
- Lecture, Resource Guide on the Law of the Sea, delivered by Ms. Elzbieta Mizerska-Dyba, Head of Library and Archives at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 6 November 2017.
- Lecture Series on the Law of Treaties, delivered by Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Professor of International Law at Queen Mary University of London, held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 8-9 November 2017.
- Malta Maritime Law Association, Seminar: New Frontiers in the Maritime Environmental Law Sector, held at the Chamber of Commerce, Valletta, 23 November 2017.
- Lecture, The Duty to Render Assistance at Sea – Implications for Shipping Contracts, delivered by Professor Richard Kilpatrick Jr., Assistant Professor of Business Law at Northeastern University in Chicago, held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 6 December 2017.
- Lecture, Ship-Boarding, delivered by Professor James Kraska, Chairman and Howard S. Levie Professor at the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College, held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 12 December 2017.
- Lecture, State Responsibility, Professor James Kraska, Chairman and Howard S. Levie Professor at the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Msida, 14 December 2017.
- Proliferation Security Initiative Workshop, Armed Forces of Malta in collaboration with the US European Command and Counterproliferation Division from USA, Hay Wharf Base, Floriana, 14 December 2017.
- Symposium to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Malta's Initiative on the Law of the Sea at the United Nations General Assembly – Perspectives on Global Ocean Governance: Where do we stand and where do we go from here?, Malta Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion, Aula Magna, University of Malta, Valletta, 15 December 2017.
- Seminar on 'How can Academics and Students at UoM be involved further in the EMN?', European Migration Network, held at the DB San Antonia Hotel, Qawra, 26 June 2018.

Projects:

University of Milano-Biocca (Italy):

Human Oceans Professionals Project:

- Collaboration with the University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) for a proposal to be submitted to the MSCA-ITN call of the European Commission, which aims at creating a network of universities and non-academic subjects, from Italy and other Countries. Each of the participating entities will contribute to the training activities in different ways, including through seminars, series of meetings, summer schools, conferences, supervision of research activities, internships etc. The project should start in Autumn 2019 and last for 4 years.

University of Ferrara:

- Member of organising committee for the establishment of a joint masters in law programme on the prevention and suppression of international crime at sea (2015-present)

Annual Departmental Report (2017-2018)

1. Contribution in Law Courses offered by the Faculty of Laws

The Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law continued to contribute to the Bachelor of Laws Hons (LL.B. Hons.), Master of Advocacy (M. Adv.) and Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree courses as well as to other degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Laws, Faculty of Theology, the Department of Criminology, Faculty of Social Well-Being, and the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. This entailed lecturing, supervising and examining study-units, including supervising theses, dissertations and term papers.

The Department is composed of the following ten academic members of staff:

Prof Kevin Aquilina (Head of Department) (Full-time Resident Academic - Professor)
Prof Frances Camilleri-Cassar (Full-time Resident Academic – Associate Professor)
Dr Daniel Bianchi (Full-time Resident Academic – Assistant Lecturer)
Dr Jeanne Pia Mifsud Bonnici (Part-time Resident Academic – Lecturer TR4)
Dr Michael Frendo (Visiting Senior Lecturer – T1)
Dr Anne Louise Ellul Cachia Caruana (Visiting Senior Lecturer – T4)
Dr Francis Zammit Dimech (Visiting Senior Lecturer – T2)
Dr Michael Tanti Dougall (Visiting Senior Lecturer T1)
Dr Paul E. Micallef (Visiting Senior Lecturer – T1)
Dr Ian Gauci (Visiting Lecturer – T1)

2. Professor Kevin Aquilina

2.1 Participation in Academic Boards and Committees

The Head of Department is the Dean of the Faculty of Laws and *ex officio* member on Senate, is a member of Senate's Programme Validation Committee and Senate's Students' Charter Committee. He also attended regularly the meetings of the University Doctoral Committee, the Students Request Committee and the University Assessment Disciplinary Committee. He chaired several Faculty Committee and Heads of Departments meetings and chaired other Faculty Committees. He participates in meetings of the College of Deans.

2.2 Research Output

During this academic year Professor Kevin Aquilina has written the following publications:

2.2.1 Books (Sole Author)

(i) *The Rule of Law à la Maltese*, Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Msida, Malta, December 2017, pp. 192.

(ii) *Constitutional Law in Malta*, Kluwer Law International BV, The Netherlands, 2018, 288pp.

2.2.2. Books (Co-Edited)

(iii) *Legislative Drafting and Statutory Interpretation: Comparative Perspectives from Malta, Canada and Nigeria* (co-authored with Mike Donaldson and Tonje Clinton Jaja), Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Msida, Malta, 142 pp.

2.2.3 Papers Published in International Peer Reviewed Journals

(iv) 'Editorial: Application of ICT in Legislative Drafting and Law Reform Projects', *International Journal of Legislative Drafting and Law Reform*, Vol. 6, June 2017, pp. 1-2.

(v) 'Legislative Drafting and Statutory Interpretation in the Maltese Mixed Legal System', *International Journal of Legislative Drafting and Law Reform*, Vol. 6, June 2017, pp. 29-42.

(vi) 'Limitations in attributing state responsibility under the Genocide Convention', *Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 17, Issue 1, 2018, pp. 123-139 (co-authored with Dr Klejda Mulaj).

(vii) 'The Legal Fiction of a Genuine Link as a Requirement for the Grant of Nationality to Ships and Humans – The Triumph of Formality over Substance', *International and Comparative Law Review*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2017, pp. 167-191 (co-authored with Dr Gotthard Mark Gauci).

2.2.4 Papers Published in Maltese Peer Reviewed Journals

(viii) 'The Multidimensionality of Privacy: Joseph A. Cannataci's *The Individual and Privacy*', *Id-Dritt*, Vol. XXVIII, May 2018, pp. 57-65.

(ix) '*The Malta Government Gazette: A Chronicle of History in the Making*', *Id-Dritt*, Vol. XXVIII, May 2018, pp. 447-469.

2.2.5 Book Forewords

(x) 'Foreword' in Professor Raymond Mangion, *Legislatures and Legislation in Malta, 1914 to 1964*, Department of Legal History and Methodology, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Msida, Malta, 2017, pp. ix-xi.

(xi) 'Foreword' to Professor Frances Camilleri-Cassar, *Academic Research Methods For The Law Student: A Practical Guide*, Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Msida, Malta, 2018, pp. i-iii.

(xii) 'Foreword' to the Consensus Statement of End of Life Care approved by the Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, Faculty of Laws and Faculty of Theology of the University of Malta as part of an Erasmus+ project, University of Malta, Msida, April, 2018.

2.2.6 Council of Europe's Audiovisual Media Observatory's IRIS – Legal Observations of the European Audiovisual Observatory

(xiii) 'New Media and Defamation Act for Malta', *IRIS*, Issue No. 7, July 2018, p. 26.

2.2.7 Popular Press

(xiv) 'Human rights work still "relevant"', *The Sunday Times of Malta*, 29 October 2017, p. 43.

(xv) 'Mob rule vs the rule of law', *The Malta Independent*, 2 November 2017, p. 28.

(xvi) 'Demicoli v. Malta: Part Two', *The Malta Independent*, 6 November 2017, p. 28.

(xvii) 'Appointment of two state officers', *The Malta Independent*, 20 November 2017, p. 28.

(xviii) 'Mutiny in the Opposition ranks', *The Malta Independent*, 24 November 2017, p. 32.

(xix) 'When a Subsidiary law breaches a Primary Law'. *The Malta Independent*, 29 November 2017, p. 28.

(xx) 'The rule of law *à la maltaise*', *The Malta Independent*, 20 December 2017, p. 28.

(xxi) 'Pirotta's multifaceted and eventfully packed *Fortress Colony*', *The Malta Independent on Sunday*, 3 June 2018, p. 29.

(xxii) 'Legal uncertainty and disproportionality', *The Malta Independent*, 4 June 2018, p. 24.

3. Professor Frances Camilleri-Cassar:

3.1 Research output

3.1.1 Book (monograph)

(i) Camilleri-Cassar, F. (2018) *Academic Research Methods for the Law Student: a practical guide*, Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Malta.

(ii) Book presentation to Professor Alfred Vella, Rector, University of Malta, Malta (24 April 2018).

(iii) Book launch at the Old University, Valletta, Malta. Judge Professor David J. Attard, Chancellor, University of Malta was the invited key note speaker (11 May 2018).

3.2 Back-cover synopsis

3.2.1 Synopsis for the back cover of the twenty-eighth volume of *Id-Dritt*, Ghaqda Studenti tal-Ligi, University of Malta, Malta (2018).

3.3 Peer-reviewed policy report

3.3.1 Camilleri-Cassar, F. (2018) 'Malta country note' in *International Review of Leave Policies and Research 2018*, eds. S. Blum, A. Koslowski, A. Macht and P. Moss.
Available at: http://www.leavenetwork.org/lp_and_r_reports/

3.4 Paper presentation

3.4.1 'The right to time: unequal working hours and the failure of gender equality policies', *International Network of Leave Policies and Research*, Toronto, Canada (13-14 July 2018).

3.4.2 "Research methodology and skills in qualitative and quantitative studies' to post graduate psychiatry specialists, Mount Carmel Training Centre, Malta (15-16 December 2017).

3.5 Lectures and course co-ordination

- (i) CRL1008 Family Violence Law
- (ii) CRL2008 Child Trafficking Law
- (iii) CRL3000 Gender and Deviancy Law
- (iv) LHM3000 Research Methods
- (v) CRL4000 Policy and Crime Prevention Law
- (vi) MCT4002 Labour Unions, Collective Bargaining, and Equality Law
- (vii) LAW5001 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing
- (viii) LAW5012 Professional Practice for Advocates
- (ix) SCI5034 Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

3.6 Other initiatives linked with course co-ordination

- 3.6.1 Public seminar in collaboration with the Commissioner for Children, in connection with the module CRL2008 Child Trafficking and the Law (10 May 2018).

3.7 Membership

Board of studies / Board of examiners, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Malta.

Chair, Research Ethics Committee, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta, Malta.

World Bank Group, Women, Business and the Law.

International Editorial Board, Studi di Sociologia, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy.

Editorial Board, Families, Relationships and Societies, Policy Press, University of Bristol, UK.

International Network of Leave Policies and Research.

Social Policy Association, UK.

4. Dr. Daniel Bianchi

4.1. Teaching Workload

- MCT4001 European Health Care Law (Study-unit coordinator).
- MRT5721 Bioethics, Law and Policy

4.2. Academic Boards and Committees

- Faculty Board – Faculty of Laws, University of Malta.
- Faculty Research Ethics Committee – Faculty of Laws, University of Malta.

4.3. Research

- Research during the academic year 2017/18 was primarily dedicated to on-going doctoral (PhD) research under the auspices of the University of Manchester.

4.4. Other

- National Contact Point – European Association of Health Law.

5. Dr Paul Edgar Micallef

5.1 Publications

5.1.1 Peer reviewed articles

“An effective regulatory enforcement and sanctions regime post the Federation of Estate Agents Case: the issues” in Id-Dritt Volume XXVIII, 93-117.

Case Comments: “The Provision of Publicly Available Directory Information Services in Malta – Melita Limited v L-Awtorita ta’ Malta dwar il-Komunikazzjoni – judgment dated 20 July 2017 of Malta’s Administrative Review Tribunal” in Utilities Law Review, Volume 21, Issue 5, 222-223.

Case Comments: “Unfair Competition in the LPG Market in Malta – Liquigas Malta Limited v William Mifsud u Jason Mifsud u Easygas Malta Limited – judgment dated 31 May 2017 given by the First Hall of the Civil Court” in Utilities Law Review, Volume 21, Issue 5 , 223.

Case Comments: “Access to the infrastructure for the provision of cable television services and compliance with the principles of natural justice – Midi plc v Malta Transport Authority and Melita Cable Plc – judgment of the First Hall of the Civil Court of 17 November 2017.” in Utilities Law Review, Volume 22, Issue 1, 24-25.

Case Comments: “Withdrawal of notification of concentration between Apax Partners MidMarket SAS and Vodafone Malta Limited” in Utilities Law Review, Volume 22 Issue 1, 25.

Case Comments: “Vodafone Malta Limited v Malta Communications Authority (mobile termination rates – Administrative Review Tribunal judgment of 11 January 2018.” In Utilities Law Review, Volume 2 Issue 1, 25-27.

5.2 Memberships

Member of the Enforcement Steering Group (BEUC) since September 2016
Member of the International Association of Consumer Lawyers

Professor Kevin Aquilina
Head of Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law
20th September, 2018