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- Lecturer, Ph.D. (ELTE), LL.M. (Harvard)
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External lecturers

Boldizsár Nagy Ph.D. (ELTE), honorary professor of the Faculty of Law

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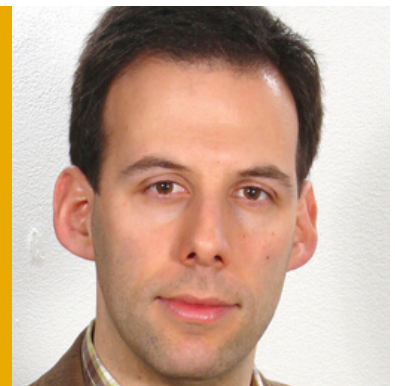
Melinda Vittay | Prof. dr. Gábor Kardos LL.M.

Personal News



Pál Sonnevend, the Head of Department took over as Dean of ELTE Law School in July 2019. Previously, Prof. Sonnevend served as a Vice-Dean for International Relations from 2010. As Dean, he intends to broaden the forms of providing skill-based learning experience to students and to strengthen a service-based approach at the Faculty. Prof. Sonnevend also aims at reinforcing international cooperation.

Gábor Kajtár successfully defended his habilitation in December 2019. His thesis concerned the fragmentation of attribution in international law. Dr. Kajtár analysed the various attribution standards in the fields of the use of force, international humanitarian law, the law of immunity, state responsibility, responsibility of armed non-state actors and international investment law. The publication of the approximately 350-page manuscript is currently in process.



This year saw two Ph.D. thesis defences at the Department.

Katalin Sulyok defended her dissertation in October 2018. Her thesis on the '**Scientific Engagement of International Courts and Tribunals in Environmental Disputes**' has been later awarded the Wheaton (J.B. Scott) Prize of the Institut de Droit international. The thesis will be published as a monograph by Cambridge University Press in late 2020.

Viola Vincze successfully presented her research on '**The Legality of the Use of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems in the Conduct of Hostilities**' in April 2019.

Gergő Balázs, student teaching assistant, has completed a summer internship at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. He also presented his findings as a speaker at the MPIL Agora talks. His research project on self-defence in response to embassy attacks was supported by the New National Excellence Programme's grant.



Lectures and Conferences



ESIL-ELTE Joint Workshop, 16-17 May 2019

Our Faculty hosted a joint workshop with the European Society of International Law on the topic of **'Attribution, causality and evidentiary rules: Mere technicalities or the heart of the matter? Secondary rules of primary importance'**. The two-day workshop was opened by Professor **Eyal Benvenisti**, Whewell Professor of International Law at University of Cambridge. Organizers were **Başak Çalı, Marko Milanovic, Katalin Sulyok and Gábor Kajtár**.

Lecture at the Lauterpacht Centre, Cambridge

Gábor Kajtár presented his research findings at the LCIL Visitors' Roundtable in a presentation entitled **'Attribution in International Law - E pluribus unum?'** in February 2019.



CEENRG

Cambridge Centre for Environment,
Energy and Natural Resource Governance

Lecture at the C-EENRG Center, Cambridge

Katalin Sulyok was an invited speaker at the C-EENRG Seminar Series, University of Cambridge, where she gave a talk entitled **'Scientific Engagement of International Courts in Environmental Disputes - Challenges and Solutions'** in February 2019.

Lectures on the Rule of Law

Prof. Pál Sonnevend gave the keynote speech on the **'Demokratiesicherung als Wesen der europäischen Garantien des nationalen Rechtsstaats'** at the 2018 Yearly Congress of the German Section of the International Commission of Jurists in Hamburg. A week later, he delivered a talk at a conference on the European Convention on Human Rights at the University of Vienna concerning **'Die Bewehrung der Demokratie durch Rechtsstaatlichkeit'**. In July 2019, he spoke at the 25. Würzburger Europarechtstage on the topic **'Rechtsstaat und Demokratie: Wie lässt sich ein europäisches Minimum bestimmen?'**.



International Conciliation

In October 2018 **Prof. Sonnevend** gave a presentation entitled **'The Relationship between the OSCE Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union'** at the colloquium of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe on the **'Effectiveness through Flexible Procedures - International Conciliation in a Wider Context'**.



Research Projects



The First Hungarian Commentary to the ECHR

With the coordination of **Prof. Pál Sonnevend**, members of the department partake in the writing of the first Hungarian commentary to the European Convention of Human Rights. The commentary seeks to increase awareness of the ECtHR's case-law among judges and practitioners in Hungary by providing a concise overview of the Strasbourg jurisprudence. The commentary, which has a special focus on cases from Hungary, is forthcoming with Hungary's top ranked academic legal publisher, HvgOrac in late 2020. The underlying research project has been supported by Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.



Secondary Rules of International Law Book Project

The contributions presented at the **ESIL-ELTE Joint Workshop** in 2019 are now being transformed into an edited volume intended for the ESIL Book Series. The book will examine some doctrinal and practical questions relating to the various interpretation international judicial fora afford to secondary rules of international law. The volume will discuss issues of attribution, causality, standard of review as well as some evidentiary rules. Editors of the prospective volume are: **Başak Çalı** (Hertie School of Governance), **Marko Milanovic** (University of Manchester) and **Gábor Kajtár** (ELTE).

The Role of Science in Environmental Adjudication

Dr. Katalin Sulyok has been acted as the rapporteur at the 2019 Annual Conference of the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUJFE) in Helsinki, which has been dedicated to discuss the role of science in environmental adjudication. Dr. Sulyok has drafted a questionnaire to EUJFE member judges and presented the comparative findings at the Conference, which was also published as the [Summary Report of the Conference](#). Dr. Sulyok has also presented the outcome of this research at the annual meeting organised by the Hungarian Judicial Academy for administrative law judges in Hungary.



Enforcement of the the Basic Values of the EU

Prof. Sonnevend has been leading a Jean Monnet Module, which is aimed at studying the legal enforcement of the basic values of the EU. This project is funded by the EU Jean Monnet program.

European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

Prof. Kardos has been engaged in a research focusing on the ECRML as an international treaty, The project examines the structural issues and the supervision problems of the instrument.

International Law Moot Courts



ELTE Law School's moot court teams have won both the Jessup and the Telders Championship Rounds - an unprecedented victory in the history of international moot courts. The Department has a long history of coaching moot court teams. The ELTE Jessup Team has recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. In the last decade, the lead coach of ELTE Jessup Teams has been **Dr. Gábor Kajtár**.

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

In April 2019, **ELTE Jessup Team became World Champion** after defeating Columbia Law School in the finals of the Jessup International Rounds. The team, comprising **Gábor Bazsó, Zolta Buda, Marcell Koncsik and Vanessa Szép** has already won the European Friendly Rounds. They became only the fourth European team to win the Jessup Cup (after teams of the UK, France and Russia). Gábor Bazsó was also chosen as Best Final Round Oralists and was awarded the Stephen M. Schwebel Award. The team was coached by **Gábor Kajtár** and **Katalin Sulyok**, with the help of **Dániel Kristóf Pap**, former ELTE Jessup Team participant. After their return, Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary welcomed the team and their coaches for a state dinner.



Telders International Law Moot Court Competition

In May 2019 the success continued, the largest European International Law moot competition was also **won by ELTE's moot court team**. The agents, **Dóra Balogh, Dávid Máté, Balázs Schultz and Franciska Tóth** presented their pleadings in the Peace Palace. The team also took home the Best Respondents Prize and Franciska Tóth was chosen as Best Oralists of the Competition. ELTE Telders Team was also coached by **Gábor Kajtár** and **Katalin Sulyok** who were assisted by former Jessup participants **Barbara Bazánth** and **Clio Mordivoglia**.



International Cooperation



Cooperation with Indiana University

A bilateral cooperation between ELTE Faculty of Law and Maurer School of Law, Indiana University has begun this year upon the initiation of our Department. We welcomed **Professor Timothy Waters** who, besides giving several seminars and lectures, also held a presentation at our Faculty entitled *Boxing Pandora: Rethinking Self-Determination as a Right of Secession* on 20 February 2019.



Telders Friendly at the Faculty

The European Friendly Round of the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition was organized by our Faculty in April 2019. A total of 7 teams competed for the first place which was finally won by the Catholic University of Lille, the runner-up was the ELTE Telders Team. Many of our doctoral students and former moot courts participants partook in judging the sessions.



Courses, LL.M. Programs



The Department teaches a wide range of compulsory and elective courses both in the law and in the political sciences curricula. Moreover, our lecturers hold several courses of the LL.M. programs offered in English at our Faculty.

Undergraduate courses

Compulsory courses

- European Public Law and Policy I-II. (in Hungarian)
- Public International Law I-II. (in Hungarian)
- Public International Law for Students of Political Science I-II. (in Hungarian)
- Preparation for the State Exam in European Law (Hungarian)

Elective courses

- Aerospace Law (in Hungarian)
- Aerospace Law (in English)
- Enforcement of the Basic Values of the European Union (in English)
- Environmental Law (with others, in Hungarian)
- Foreign Policy Debate Club (in Hungarian)
- Institutional System of the Movement of Capital and International Trade of Goods and Services (in Hungarian)
- Prohibition of Torture (with others, in English)
- Limits of the Use of Force in International Law (in Hungarian)
- Media Regulation of the European Union (in Hungarian)
- Minority Rights in International Law and in International Relations (in Hungarian)
- Preparation for the Jessup Moot Court Competition (in English)
- Preparation for the Telders Moot Court Competition (in English)
- The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (in English)

LL.M. courses in English

International and European Taxation

- The Institutional Fundamentals of the European Economic Integration, the Basics of Legal Approximation
- Social Policy and Social Rights in the EU

Master in European Human Rights

- Prohibition of Torture and Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- The Right to Property and Related Economic Rights, Labour Rights as Human Right
- Overview on the European Convention of Human Rights and the Institutional System and Practice of the European Social Charter
- Fundamental Human Rights in the European Union and the Procedure of the European Court of Human Rights
- The Operation Mechanism of the European Union and its Importance for Human Rights Protection



Student Research



National Conference of Student Research Societies (OTDK)

The most prestigious student research competition in Hungary was organized for the 34th time in April 2019. The nationwide conference, which comprises of a written essay and its oral defence in front of a panel of experts, is considered to be the first step towards an academic career.

Three of our student teaching assistants (**Lilla Bartuszek**, **Aliz Wulcz** and **Gergő Balázs**) had qualified for the national finals, where Mr. Balázs's research concerning the invocation of self-defence in case of attacks against embassies was awarded 1st prize in the Public International Law Section, marking the 4th time in a row when a student from our department won that category. Ms Wulcz has been awarded the Special Prize of the President of Hungary for the Best Project in Environmental Law for her research on the valuation of ecosystem services in international dispute settlement.



National Case Solving Competition in International Law

The 9th National Case Solving Competition in International Law was organized in 2019. The Competition, which is convened by the Public International Law Departments of Hungarian law schools consists of a written round and an oral final round held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This year, Ms **Lilla Bartuszek**, a teaching assistant at the Department, has won first prize in the contest.

Scientific Student Association for International and EU Public Law

Scientific Student Associations have been an integral part of Hungarian higher education for several decades. They provide research opportunities for students in various fields. The Scientific Student Association for International and EU Public Law has been organizing weekly presentations, movie nights and Model United Nations sessions on current developments in these fields. Topics from last year included the conflict in Kashmir, the Brexit and the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

The Society was led by **Lilla Bartuszek** and **Gergő Balázs** co-secretaries in the academic year of 2018/2019



Student Teaching Assistants

In the Hungarian academia the position of student teaching assistants allows outstanding students to take part the educational, organizational and research life of the department. Typically six of them are nominated each year, with personally tailored tasks ranging from exam supervision to conference organization, also they are encouraged to engage in independent research. We thank **Dorottya Baglyas**, **Gergő Balázs**, **Lilla Bartuszek**, **Dávid Drávucz**, **János Gerencsér** and **Aliz Wulcz** for their help throughout the academic year of 2018/2019.

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