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**ECLAN PhD Seminar 2022**  
**Vilnius University Faculty of Law**  
**6 (and 7) October, 2022**

*EU criminal law influence on the national criminal justice systems*

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The European Criminal Law Academic Network is proud to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> ECLAN PhD Seminar on European Criminal Justice to be held in Vilnius on 6 (and 7 – if needed) October, 2022. The Seminar will be organised by the ECLAN and Vilnius University Faculty of Law.

The ECLAN PhD Seminar will provide a friendly environment in which PhD candidates can gain experience in presenting their research, learn from each other's research and develop contacts with other researchers in their field. This PhD Seminar aims to gather together PhD candidates working in the field of EU criminal law and holding a degree in law, political science, or international studies.

This year's Seminar is specifically dedicated to the EU criminal law's influence on the national criminal justice systems, its content, tendencies, and perspective. There is no doubt that the EU criminal law is an emerging field, both influencing and being influenced by national criminal law systems. Although the competence of the EU institutions to harmonize national criminal law is limited, its scope is being expanded. Over the last decade, various legal instruments concerning both substantive and procedural criminal law have been adopted at the EU level. Thus, the 10<sup>th</sup> ECLAN PhD Seminar will represent an opportunity to reflect on the development of EU criminal law over the last decade and to discuss the challenges ahead.

Topics of relevance for this PhD Seminar include, *inter alia*, the rule of law, cross-border legal cooperation in criminal matters, mutual recognition instruments and institutional framework, issues related to EU substantive criminal law, the launch of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), recent trends in the case law of the Court of Justice, and rights of defendants and victims in criminal proceedings.

The application should encompass:

- A CV with full contact details;
- An indication of the starting date and envisaged end date of the PhD thesis;
- A short paper on the chosen topic, presenting the research subject and methodology, including conclusions (maximum: 5 pages).

**Application deadline:** 1 June, 2022

Applications must be sent to the PhD Seminar Coordinator for communication Ms Ugne Markeviciute: [ugne.markeviciute@tf.vu.lt](mailto:ugne.markeviciute@tf.vu.lt)

The selected students will give a presentation of their work in front of their peers and a panel of outstanding professors of EU criminal law and members of the ECLAN Management Committee: Prof. Anne Weyembergh (Universite Libre de Bruxelles), Prof. Katalin Ligeti (University of Luxembourg), Prof. Valsamis Mitsilegas (Queen Mary University of London), Prof. Pedro Caeiro (University of Coimbra), Prof. Robert Kert (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and Prof. Gintaras Švedas (Vilnius University). The students then receive comments, feedback, and suggestions on their research. Finally, the floor will be open for debate.

Submitted short papers will be included in the book of short papers and published online. Submitted papers will also be considered for publication in the New Journal of European Criminal Law (N.J.E.C.L.) or Vilnius University scientific journal “*Teisė*” (Law).

**Unfortunately, expenses linked to participation in the PhD Seminar cannot be covered.** However, after notification of acceptance, the organisers will provide logistical support to PhD students to identify the best means to reach the venue as well as accommodation solutions.

We are looking forward to your papers and welcoming you to Vilnius!

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