

Working conference "Interaction of EU, International and Constitutional Law – Current Context", Prague, October 19th 2015

Conflict, mingling or interweaving of different legal orders has been a much debated topic in legal academia for decades. Building on the previous discussion the Department of European Law of the Charles University organized a conference to discuss current developments and new perspectives of different legal systems interaction. The conference was held on 19th October 2015 at the Faculty of Law of the Charles University. **Professor Michal Tomášek**, Vice-Dean of Faculty of Law and Head of the European Law Department, officially opened the conference, expressed his gratitude to **Dr. Magdalena Svobodová** and **Associate Professor Richard Král** for organizing the event and invited two panels of experts and the wider public to engage in the debate.

In the first panel, **Professor Ján Mazák**, Director of Institute of European Law at Pavel Josef Šafárik University in Košice, discussed the penetration of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union into the domestic legal order of the Slovak Republic. Subsequently, **Associate Professor Harald Christian Scheu**, Department of European Law of the Charles University, spoke about the Charter as a legal framework of domestic asylum law. **Associate Professor Richard Král** compared the constitutional review of transposed legislation in the Czech Republic and in France. In her contribution, **Dr. Jitřiška Syllová**, Department of Constitutional Law of the Charles University, elaborated on the reception of international and European law through Article 10 a) of the Czech Constitution into the domestic legal order. The first part of the program was closed by **Justice of the Constitutional Court Dr. Jiří Zemánek** who tackled the topic of comparative law in the communication among the constitutional courts in Europe.

The second panel was opened by **Associate Professor Pavel Svoboda**, member of the European Parliament and of the Department of European Law of the Charles University, who focused on legal basis of crisis management within EU. Then, **Dr. Petr Mlsna**, member of the Constitutional Law Department of the Charles University, addressed a right to asylum in the context of current EU debates on solving the migration wave. **Mr. Jan Grinc**, Department of Constitutional Law of the Charles University, talked about the democratic legitimacy of economic and monetary union and the roles of the national parliaments therein. **Associate Professor Vladimír Balaš**, Department of International Law of the Charles University, elaborated on the issues of bilateral investment protection agreements in the light of the Lisbon Treaty. **Dr. Magdaléna Svobodová** focused on the conflict of obligations stemming from EU and international law. **Dr. Emil Ruffer** from the Ministry of International Affairs addressed specifics of the association agreements negotiation in the post-Lisbon context and their effects in the EU legal order. The last contribution of the second panel was delivered by **Mr. Martin Kavěna** from the Parliamentary Institute, he explained how the European Convention on Human Rights influenced the legal order of the United Kingdom.

One can conclude that the aim of the conference, in particular, to indicate the current and most important issues of the EU, international and constitutional law interaction was fulfilled as the high-profile speakers delivered interesting speeches before a wide professional audience. All contributions should be soon published. Most essentially, the conference demonstrated the importance of studying the interconnectedness of the respective legal orders.

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