

Comenius University in Bratislava  
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REVIEW  
in the proceeding of appointment as professor of

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In the field international law (full professor proceeding field, previous study field 3.4.8.)

- I. According to the decision of the Scientific Board of Comenius University, Faculty of Law of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, I had been appointed as the reviewer in the proceeding for appointment as professor in the field of international law to review and evaluated professor's file of the applicant assoc. prof. JUDr. PhDr. Lucia Mokrá, PhD., university teacher at Institute of European Law at Comenius University Bratislava, Faculty of Law, meantime as well university teacher and dean of the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter both the candidate or applicant).
- II. Following review is based on the materials and documents as the part of the file, in the following structure:

*1. Fulfilment of conditions stated in the Criteria of the Faculty of Law of Comenius University in Bratislava for academic title professor*

Criteria of the Faculty of Law of Comenius University in Bratislava for the fulfilment of conditions to achievement of scientific-pedagogical title associate professor and criteria for the fulfilment of conditions to achievement of scientific-pedagogical title professor, efficient from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (hereinafter as "Criteria of the Faculty of Law CU") explicitly requires fulfilment of the 3 years teaching practice in amount of 50% of normatively stated amount of contact teaching from the date of awarding the title associate professor in the study field of law or in the related study field. As emerged from the proposed documents, the applicant has been working from March 2018 till February 2021 in the requested position at the Comenius University, Faculty of Law, Department of European Law and in her position she teaches and lectures in the field of law (Introduction to International Law and law of the EU, European Union Law I., European Union Law II.).

In the publications' requirements, the Criteria of the Faculty of Law CU states as necessary:  
i) authorship of at least 1 scientific book (monography) (category EPC: AAA, AAB, ABA, ABB) published in national or foreign publishing house, which presents the scientific contribution to the research field,

- ii) authorship of at least one of the university text-book (category of EPC: ACA, ACB) or two text-books or teaching materials (category of EPC: BCI, BCK)<sup>1</sup>.
- iii) authorship of at least one scientific paper published in current content journal or two scientific papers in international or national journals indexed in databases Web of Science or SCOPUS and thirty-five original scientific papers published in journals (categories of EPC: ADC, ADD, ADE, ADF, ADM, ADN), in peer-reviewed non-conference volumes (categories of EPC: AEC, AED) and in peer-reviewed conference volumes (categories of EPC: AFA, AFB, AFC, AFD), of which at least five are published in international journals or volumes.

I observe, that the applicant fulfilled the criteria of the one scientific monography by submission of publication "*Internal dimension of human rights law in the EU*", published in Prague (publishing house C.H.Beck, 2021, 194 pp., ISBN 978-80-7400-830-6). The applicant had also fulfilled criteria of at least two university text-books or text-book of teaching materials (*Constitutional Law I, practical assignments to seminars*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, Bratislava: Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Law, 2008, 190 pp., and *Study materials for practical class of Constitutional law of the Slovak Republic*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, Šamorín, Heuréka, 2011, 263 pp.). To prove fulfilment of the publications' criteria, the applicant had provided sufficient list of scientific publications published in foreign peer-reviewed text-books or monographs (13), scientific papers in national peer-reviewed text-books and monographs (23), as well as published contributions on international scientific conferences (9) and published contributions on national scientific conferences (20). As relevant in this area I consider especially publications of scientific papers in foreign journals registered in databases Web of Science or SCOPUS (8) and papers published in the journal *Justičná revue* (1) and *European studies: the review of European law, economics and politics* (1).

According to criteria of minimum citations (citations and reviews) to the publications of the applicant – stated as thirty-five (of at least 5 of them are foreign citations) – I observe, that confirmed 71 citations fulfils the criteria, and especially the "right" ones are those citations of the publications and outputs, where the applicant is the sole author or that citations by the foreign authorities (e.g. Mokr, Lucia: Rights of foreigners: Slovakia. In: *European review of public law*. – Vol. 19, No. 1 (2007), p. 313-319, citation: 2015 Dallara, C. – Piana, D.: *Networking the rule of law: How change agents reshape judicial governance in the EU*. Abingdon : Routledge, 2015, S. 1-182 - SCOPUS ; BKCI-SSH).

Criteria of the Faculty of Law CU also requires within the scientific school requirement also graduation of at least one doctoral graduate, who had successfully achieved PhD. title (CSc.) and ongoing supervising of at least one another PhD candidate in the study field or in the related field, who had successfully passed dissertation exam. As stated in the curriculum vitae, the applicant had supervised 5 doctoral students (of which one was in area of law) and is currently supervising 9 doctoral students (of which two are in area of law). According to the above-mentioned, I conclude, that the criteria was fulfilled.

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<sup>1</sup> The overall requirement for the range of publication outputs in publication categories university text-books (category of EPC: ACA, ACB), chapters in the university text-books (category of EPC: ACC, ACD), text-books or teaching materials, chapters in text-books or teaching materials (category of EPC: BCI, BCK) is **10 AH** at minimum.

Finally, as to the requirement of the research projects (requirement states, that the applicant has to be principal investigator or co-investigator of minimum 2 successfully completed research project or at least one completed and one implemented research project), the applicant had confirmed in numeric value 38 completed and 7 ongoing research projects. This criteria is fulfilled as well.

## *2. Teaching experience of the applicant at the university and the existing practice*

I consider as necessary to mention, that I have been aware of the teaching experiences of the applicant almost from her beginning of her study at the university (or rather of her successful study at two universities) and I am aware, that after the first successful graduation she have started to be involved in the teaching life at different levels of Slovak university educational levels. In this point I underline, that the teaching is her almost exclusive professional orientation, is stable and she is improving this experience not only by quantity, but also quality of her teaching. The sole professional orientation on university teaching (since 2006) is in the context of her expertise (constitutional law, human rights, international and European law) rather exceptional. Therefor it is understandable, that her teaching has very positive response between students throughout the study levels and her lectures and seminars are very popular. I think that the applicant is the invariable “part” of the legal education in Slovakia.

## *3. Research work of the applicant according to the list of publications*

According to the submitted list of publications (several outputs I am personally in detail aware of) there is clear conclusion, that the applicant uses to publish mainly abroad and in the world (English) language. This approach is also relevant for the important response out of the Slovak Republic’s territory. In summary, the applicant had published 143 outputs in all relevant categories. Based on the submitted publications there is necessary to emphasizes her persistent team work, as many of her publications had been published with experts from the practice, with colleagues from the department or colleagues from other scientific institutions. This fact also highlights the interdisciplinary aspect of her scientific work. Based on the above-mentioned I may conclude, that the applicant consider not only her teaching, but also her publication effort as the fundamental mission and professional orientation in her life.

## *4. Interconnection of the research work of the applicant with teaching practice and the overall profile of the applicant according to the proposal for the appointment as the professor*

Finally, I evaluate as the indisputable fact, that the applicant has been since the beginning of her work at different also law faculties active in research and teaching in the European and international law in connection with constitutional law, particularly in the area of human rights protection (see her monography submitted in the proceeding for the appointment as professor – *Internal dimension of human rights law in the EU.* – 1<sup>st</sup> edition – Prague: C.H.Beck, 2021 – 194 pp.), in which she is most conveniently settled.

In her professional focus she necessarily uses interdisciplinary approach, also applies comparative approach necessary in these legal areas. If there is necessary to find one fundamental strength of each applicant to academic tenure, therefore I consider as it the applicant's absence of scientific prejudice and openness in the widest sense, which allow her to point out (according to my opinion the most contemporary) unfavourable status of the Slovak legal order, which more and more become distant from the progress of the neighbouring countries. The applicant also points out in her research to relevant deficiencies of normative systems (as well as case law or decision-making practice of the Slovak public authorities) and constantly points out as well as propose also possible solutions of these deficiencies (especially in area of human rights).

I add, that the applicant had thought or has been teaching several courses in area of European Union law, international law, constitutional law, or methodology of science in the study programmes on doctoral, master or bachelor level. I positively evaluate applicant's effort in development of European Union Law in area of teaching books, materials and study manuals as well as the overall promotion of this, "still hardly tested" study and research field in Slovakia. Except of the participation on teaching process in all levels and form of studies it is necessary to mention, that the applicant is patient and sensitive expert in the evaluation of students' work in different committees (especially committees for state exams in all study levels – BA, MA and PhD.). She had been supervising significant number of bachelor, master, doctoral and rigorous final thesis.

It is highly relevant fact, that the applicant use to be invited for scientific conferences organised abroad, as well as she had actively participated and has been participating in organisation of meaningful conferences.

She uses to guarantee on regular basis different sections at national conferences, in relevant areas of law, political science or international relations and also publishes her conference papers in the conference outcome (conference volume or monography). Significant focus and spectre of scientific and expert's events, she had actively participated in, followed by the membership in different editorial boards of legal journals, proves connection of the applicant's research work and teaching practice as well as her overall profile related to my conclusion and final recommendation to the appointment as the professor.

**III.** Based on the all above-mentioned statements, evaluations and facts individually as well as in the connection, I conclude the review with the **recommendation to appoint** assoc. prof. JUDr. PhDr. Lucia Mokrá, PhD. **as full professor** in international law (full professor proceeding field, previous study field 3.4.8.).

In Bratislava, on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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