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Information on CALSP

While the beginnings of legal education in Croatia can be traced back to the Dominican *studium generale* in the 14th century Zadar, the first modern Croatian law school was founded in 1776 and reconstituted as a Faculty of Law at University of Zagreb in 1874. The Faculty taught political economy, finance and, by the first Austria-Hungarian chair in sociology (1905-), sociology and criminology, and even practical philosophy, as a required course in three terms taught by a philosopher. Nonetheless, the Faculty offered, due to the Austrian grounding of legal education in Roman Law and German legal history, philosophy of law and/or theory of law till 1933 only as optional courses. However, a Hegelian course in the General History of Law and State performed the function of legal philosophy and/or legal theory.

Legal philosophy/theory became a cornerstone of Croatian legal education due to, bizarrely, Soviet communism after the II WW, when the Sovietized German Theory of Law and State became a compulsory course of the undergraduate law curriculum. Berislav Perić (1921-2008) of Zagreb Law Faculty established himself by a dissertation on autonomy and heteronomy in law in writings of Immanuel Kant and Rudolf Laun (1955), at the time his colleagues in the University department of philosophy were writing on Marx and Plekhanov. Nikola Visković of Split Law Faculty (1938-) in his *Pojam prava (Concept of Law)* (1976, 1981) construed, following chiefly Carlos Cossio, an integral theory of law, which has been adopted by several Croatian legal theorists. It starts from professional experience of lawyers but with a view of providing also a Marxist critique of ideology, including a critique of the self-image of lawyers. To that end Visković's integral theory conceptualizes law as a unity of legal standards of conduct, both positive and extra-positive, and social relations, that is, social conduct.

“The Working Group Law and Society: Fundamental Problems” of the Yugoslav (since 1990 Croatian) Academy of Sciences and Arts, led by Natko Katičić and Eugen Pusić, with the assistance of Ivan Padjen, engaged in the 1980s in a Croatian-styled *Methodenstreit*, publishing proceedings in five volumes of *Pravo i društvo (Law and Society)* (1980-89).

Miomir Matulović and Nenad Mišćević were developing analytical philosophy of law in Rijeka in the 1980s and 1990s. Matulović, who introduced theories of human rights in

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Yugoslavia and Croatia, made many translations of texts in legal philosophy and edited special issues of periodicals on the subject.

Zoran Pokrovac, who expanded integral theory of law by doctrine of free law, convened thirteen Croatian-German juristic symposia in Split in 1997-2008. The topics included „Education of Lawyers and Notaries“ (2000), „Sources and Methods of Law“ (2001), and „Transfer of Laws“ (2006).

Legal theorists from all Croatian law faculties, namely, Rijeka, Split, Osijek and Zagreb, accompanied by colleagues in political science and philosophy and led by Ivan Padjen, conducted a joint research projects “Theoretical and Methodological Framework of Legal Research and Legal Pluralism” in 1986-90. It was continued on a smaller scale (“The Rule of Law”, 1990-95, and “The Legal System: Fundamental Problems”, 2006-2014).

Padjen and Miomir Matulović edited *Croatian Critical Law Review* (1996-99), with Zoran Pokrovac as a member of the editorial board.

It is against this background that *Croatian Association of Legal and Social Philosophy and Theory of Law and State* (CALSP) was founded in Split in 2007 by Ž. Harašić (Split), M. Matulović (Rijeka), I. Padjen (Zagreb, Rijeka), Z. Pokrovac (Split, Frankfurt/M.), N. Visković (Split), D. Vrban (Osijek, Rijeka).

The CALSP has been a sponsor of the 12th Croatian-German Juristic Symposium “Academic Rights between the Humboldt University and the Bologna Process” (Split, 2008), 4th Central and Eastern European Network of Jurisprudence Annual Meeting (Rijeka, 16 May 2008), and “The Concept of Law: Visković’s Integral Conception of Law” (Rijeka, 27-28 November 2009).

Pokrovac and Padjen edited *Zabrana uskrate pravosuđa i prava: 11. Njemačko-hrvatski pravnički simpozij, Split, 27.-28. travnja 2007. / Justiz- und Rechtsverweigerungsverbot: 11. deutsch-kroatisches Jurisensymposium, Split, 27.-28. April 2007* (Split: Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta u Splitu / Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät der Universität zu Split i Hrvatska udruga za pravnu i socijalnu filozofiju / Kroatische Vereinigung fuer Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie, 2010).

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Duško Vrban, *Metodologija prava i pravna tehnika <Methodology of Law and Legal Technique>* (Osijek: Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta J.J. Strossmayera, 2013) was presented at a conference in Osijek in 2014.

Luka Burazin of the Faculty of Law at University of Zagreb has convened the 6th Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (Zagreb, 2014), 2nd Revus Conference “The Province of Jurisprudence Naturalized“ (Krakow, 2016), and lectures at his home faculty by David Bunikowski (2014), Kenneth E. Himma (2014, 2015), Robert Alexy (2015), Marko Novak (2015), Marijan Pavčnik (2015), Matthias Klatt (2016), Dan Priel (2016), and Andrej Kristan (2017).

CALSP, Croatian Academy of Legal Sciences (CALS), and University of Split Law Faculty, held the conference *Theory and Methodology of Law: Work in Progress*, including a presentation of Ivan Padjen, *Metodologija pravne znanosti: pravo i susjedne discipline*, with a summary in English *Methodology of Legal Science: Law and Related Disciplines* (Rijeka: Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta u Rijeci, 2015), XIV+431 p., at the Faculty of Law, University of Split, on 22 July 2016.

CALSP and CALS held the conference „Hohfeldova teorija prava“ <Hohfeld's Legal Theory>, including a presentation of Ivana Tucak, *Hohfeldova analitička teorija prava <Hohfeld's Analytical Legal Theory>* (Osijek: Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta J. J. Strossmayera, 2016), 360 p., at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, on 22 March 2017.

CALSP and CALS held the international conference „Slobodno stvaranje prava“ / „Free Law-Making“, including a presentation of Zoran Pokrovac, *Slobodno stvaranje prava: Ulrich M. Kantorowicz i slobodnopravni pokret < Free Law-Making: Ulrich M. Kantorowicz and the Free Law Movement>* (Zagreb-Split: Naklada „Breza“ i Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta u Splitu, 2018), 815 p., at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, on 7 December 2018.

CALSP and CALS are planning an international conference on the occasion of publication of Luka Burazin, Kenneth Einar Himma, and Corrado Roversi, *Law as an Artifact* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), XVI+276 p., including contributions by Brian Leiter, Frederich Schauer, Andrei Marmor, Kevin Toh, Brian H. Bix, Kenneth M. Ehrenberg, Veronica Rodriguez-Blanco, Giovanni Tuzet, Dan Priel and the editors.

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CALSP members have been regular participants in annual conferences of the Central and Eastern European Network of Jurisprudence. Tucak, Padjen, Burazin and Krešić are serving on its International Advisory Board, while Burazin and Krešić convened the conference held at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, on 13-14 September 2018.

CALSP members have been active participants in the IVR World Congresses: Burazin, Padjen and Pokrovac in Frankfurt a.M. in 2011, Burazin and Tucak in Washington D.C. in 2015, Burazin, Krešić and Tucak in Lisboa in 2017. At the IVR World Congress in Lucern, July 2019, three CALSP members are co-convenors of special working groups: Tucak of SW 63 „Legal Education in the Era of Globalisation“, Burazin of SW 64 „Law as an Artifact“, and Krešić of SW 52 „Ethnic Diversity, Plural Democracy and Human Dignity in Europe“.