

Founded in 1971 at the height of the Cold War, the IUC became one of the most important venues for the exchange of ideas by scholars from both the East and West. Over the years, more than 40,000 scholars and students have participated in the Centre's courses and conferences.

Based in Dubrovnik, Croatia, formerly a self governing Mediterranean city-state, at the crossroads of various cultural and political influences, the IUC is currently building on its past achievements and traditions under a new set of challenging circumstances.

It is maintaining high standards of independent scholarship, but at the same time, it is looking for opportunities in bridge-building in a region and the world that must continue to rededicate itself to pluralism. More information on the IUC is available at www.iuc.hr

For more information on the application process and our program please visit our web site:

<http://alanuzelac.from.hr/text/iuc-course.htm>

or

contact us by email at:

uzelac@post.harvard.edu

Public and Private Justice

Dispute resolution in modern societies



Public and Private Justice Dispute resolution in modern Societies

The Foundations of an
Accountable, Accessible and
Efficient Judiciary

May 19 – May 23, 2008
Dubrovnik
Croatia

Course Information

DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

This international course, taught in English, is **interdisciplinary** in nature.



It deals extensively not only with the legal matters, but also touches upon other disciplines such as history, politics, science, philosophy and sociology.

The main aim of the course is to analyze the functioning of law and its institutions as regulating mechanisms of social conflicts in present-day Europe. Specific emphasis is given to the real day-to-day functioning of those mechanisms and to the **role of proper functioning of justice for the development of social and democratic culture** and institutions. Within this scope, the course in particular discusses the processes in the countries which undergo fast change, such as **transition countries**, but also the processes in the **leaders of change**, such as the countries of Northern Europe.

The course focuses on the ongoing **reforms in the justice systems**, especially on resolution of civil disputes, both in the field of general civil disputes and in specific areas. Equal attention is given to state established and controlled mechanisms (such as judiciary and legal aid) and those established and controlled by civil society (such as private mediation and legal assistance provided by NGOs).

PARTICIPANTS

The target participants are:

- **Scholars, experts and students** engaged and/or interested in civil dispute resolution and the reforms in justice system;
- **Legal practitioners** (judges, lawyers, mediators) who have an interest in in-depth study of the functioning of justice;
- **Policy makers** (state officials, heads of judicial administration, members of drafting committees) interested in the assessment of impact of policies in justice sector;
- **NGO activists** and civil society organizations' representatives engaged in the matters of legal aid and reforms of the judiciary.
- **Members of international organizations** which are instrumental in the reforms of the justice sector.

PARTICIPATION FEE and COST

All participants are expected to cover the IUC course fee of €40. There will be a limited number of scholarships available to participants.

Topics for 2008

The main topics for 2008 are selected among the issues that are of particular interests for **reforms in the justice system in the countries of the region**, as they are currently in the particular focus of public debates, and also have a strong impact on domestic and international processes, e.g. the processes of European enlargement and the strengthening of the protection of the rule of law and human rights.

The selected 2008 topics are, inter alia:

- *Recruitment of judges and other legal professionals*
- *Fighting corruption in the justice system*
- *Quality control in the judiciary*
- *Improving efficiency of justice*
- *Reorganization of courts and their network*
- *Legal aid and legal assistance systems*
- *Mediation and ADR*
- *Arbitration*

Course Directors

Prof. Remco **van Rhee**, University of **Maastricht**
 Prof. Alan **Uzelac**, University of **Zagreb**
 Prof. Burkhard **Hess**, University of **Heidelberg**
 Prof. Jon **Johnsen**, University of **Oslo**
 Prof. Paul **Oberhammer**, University of **Zurich**
 Prof. Vesna **Rijavec**, University of **Maribor**
 Prof. Dirk **Heirbaut**, University of **Ghent**

On the IUC

The Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (IUC) is an independent international institution for advanced studies. It is a meeting ground for learning and scholarship which is co-sponsored by some two hundred member universities and institutions of higher learning around the world.