



## EMA Director

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### **Doc. Mgr et Mgr. Erik Láštic, PhD**

**Fields of competence:** U.S. political system, legislative institutions, direct democracy, surveillance and democracy

## Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

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Prof. JUDr. Maria Patakyová, PhD., Prof. JUDr. PhDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M.,...  
JUDr. Branislav Fábry, PhD., JUDr. Marián Giba, PhD.,

## The university and the city

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Bratislava is a historic city, which has grown out of its past as a free royal coronation town. Visitors will find the ancient castle in the center as well as the castle Devín, many reconstructed palaces, fountains, gothic churches and romantic narrow alleyways. Students can enjoy various events during the whole year and a good atmosphere in the city. Bratislava is situated in Central Europe at the borders of three countries, neighboring with Hungary in the south and Austria in the west. It is only 60 kilometers from the Austrian capital Vienna. One can make trips around Slovakia (offering beautiful mountains, medieval castles and towns, healing spas and adrenaline sports) or travel around Europe, as we are situated in the heart of Europe. For more information please see: [www.visit.bratislava.sk/EN/](http://www.visit.bratislava.sk/EN/) or <http://slovakia.travel>

The Faculty of Law is a part of Comenius University in Bratislava ([www.uniba.sk](http://www.uniba.sk)) and it is the oldest law school in the Slovak Republic. It has been accredited to provide legal education in bachelor and master programs to both full-time and part-time students, and full-time and part-time PhD. programs. Teachers are always engaged in the most current topics of legal science and practice and they introduce their students to interesting issues and new trends of Slovak, European and international law.

The University provides a refectory and accommodation at student prices in the Dormitory Družba (The Friendship) located in a nice surrounding next to the river, around 10 minutes by tram from the Faculty. Obviously, everyone can find also complex services around the Faculty located in the historical city centre. Faculty can also secure accommodation for disabled persons. Moreover, it enables its students to take part in a number of various sports including football, aerobics, swimming, volleyball, badminton and activities like tai chi, tae-bo, canoeing, frisbee, tourism and climbing.

## Second semester courses

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**Courses available for EMA students:** Seminars, meta-mooting, moot-courts.

The courses taught in the academic year 2017/2018 are:

- Law and Technology (4 ECTS)
- Legal History of Central Europe (4 ECTS)
- Comparative Constitutional Law (4 ECTS)
- Introduction to Comparative Political Science (ECTS)
- European Criminal Law (4 ECTS)
- Negotiation 2 (4 ECTS)
- Corporate Governance (4 ECTS)

**Deadline for enrolment in the courses:** February 2018

**Examination procedures:** Written case studies.

### Websites:

[www.uniba.sk](http://www.uniba.sk)

[www.flaw.uniba.sk](http://www.flaw.uniba.sk)

[www.fphil.uniba.sk](http://www.fphil.uniba.sk)

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# Thesis

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## Research areas:

- The **first research topic** deals with a brief introduction to the nature and content of human rights, explanation of differences between absolute and relative human rights, discussion about the so-called “ticking bomb scenario“, outline of the limitation clauses in constitutional law of USA and European States, etc. All issues are accompanied by review and interactive discussion of practical examples.
- The essential points of the **second research topic** consider the question of interplay between competition law and human rights. This topic shall solve possible conflicts of the European human rights law and the agenda of competition law. Between the practical institutes of discussion belong: privilege against self-incrimination, conduct of inspections, access to file and protection of confidential information, conduct of oral hearing, etc.
- The **third research topic** is proposed to deal with: Impact of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union on Development of Human Rights Law. The work should be focused on the influence of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union on the system of protection of human rights in Europe. Especially, the fact should be examined that the European Union, by Lisbon Treaty, declared its will to access to the European Convention on Human Rights. This fact opens a lot of interesting questions, such as the relation of the Charter to the Convention and, more specifically, of the Court of Justice of the EU to the European Court of Human Rights. The possible conflict of interpretation between these judicial institutions and its solutions may also be examined in the work, as well as the procedural aspects of the EU accession to the Convention.
- The **fourth research topic** covers surveillance in New Europe. Thesis is to investigate new surveillance techniques in former post-communist countries in Europe. Which legal and political problems arise from the new type of surveillance? How are these problems addressed in formal law, and how are they implemented? How do they impact basic rights and freedoms?

**Thesis supervision:** • JUDr. Tomáš L'alík, PhD.; • JUDr. Zuzana Šabová; • JUDr. Marián Giba, PhD. ; • Doc. JUDr. Erik Láštic, PhD.

**Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university** (+ 2 copies to the EMA Secretariat): 3

## Library

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The Law Library keeps around 111,000 books covering all branches of law and subscribes to about 152 periodicals and databases of legal literature (also in English). The European Documentation Centre is a part of the Law Library. Moreover, the students can use also the old University Library. The usual opening hours are from 9.00 till 19.30 for the Law Library and from 9.00 till 21.00 for the University Library.

## Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

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### NGOs:

• Citizen and Democracy, • Via Iuris. <http://www.viaiuris.sk/>; Aliancia Fair-Play, <http://fair-play.sk/>; PDCS, <http://www.pdcs.sk/>

### National Organisations:

• Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsperson) in Slovakia [www.vop.gov.sk](http://www.vop.gov.sk); • Slovenské národné stredisko pre ľudské práva (Slovak National Centre for Human Rights) [www.snslp.sk/](http://www.snslp.sk/); • Bankový ombudsman Slovenskej bankovej asociácie (The Banking Ombudsman of Slovak Bank Association) [www.sbaonline.sk/](http://www.sbaonline.sk/); • Združenie slovenských spotrebiteľov (Association of Slovak Consumers) [www.zss.sk/](http://www.zss.sk/)

### IGOs:

• British Law Centres [www.britishlawcentre.co.uk/](http://www.britishlawcentre.co.uk/); • United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [www.unesco.org/](http://www.unesco.org/)

## Administration and logistics

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**Information concerning visa arrangements:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic [www.foreign.gov.sk](http://www.foreign.gov.sk)

**IT and logistics:** The most important spaces (like library or entrance hall of the historical building) are have wi fi coverage. Computers are available for students in the library and in specialised IT rooms, as well as behind the entrance of the new building of the University.