



# UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

## EMA Director

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Dr. iur., Prof. Artūrs Kučs

**Fields of competence:** Media rights, Hate speech, Online speech and protection of privacy, Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and its implementation at the national level, Horizontal effect of human rights, European non-discrimination law, National Human Rights Institutions, Comparative human rights in the Baltic States.

## Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

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Dr.iur., Prof. Anita Rodiņa,

Dr.iur., Prof. Kristine Dupate,

Dr.iur., Prof. Arnis Buka

Dr.iur., Prof. Christoph Schewe

Dr.iur., Doc. Edmunds Broks

Dr.iur.cand. Lecturer Lolita Bērziņa

## The university and the city

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The University of Latvia is a top ranking university of the country and among the best 750 universities of the world. It is also the largest university in the Baltic States, educating around 20 000 students every year. Translated into real life experiences, this means that EMA students will receive high quality education and a vibrant student life.

University of Latvia is linked to another centre of excellence in law studies - Riga Graduate School of Law. EMA students will get access to the RGSL courses, library and events.

Riga is ranked among the most beautiful cities of Europe, and called the hipster capital of the world. The city's 800 years of history are present in today's Riga – from medieval city centre, streets filled with Art Nouveau buildings, charming wooden houses and Soviet block-buildings - it has something to offer to everyone. This mixture of styles is greatly appreciated by the entrepreneurs of the city, offering art events and places for meeting and socializing for people with different tastes. An excellent classical opera house, concert halls in old storage buildings, open air concerts in the yard of old wooden houses are all within walking distance of the University, allowing you to enjoy the student life fully.

Riga is also becoming a bicycle friendly city - it opens new bicycle lines every year, giving a possibility for an easy, inexpensive and environmentally friendly way to move around and enjoy the city. Also regarding other expenses, Riga is student friendly.

### Websites:

<http://www.lu.lv/>

<http://www.lu.lv/eng/general/structure/institutes/human.html>

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## Second semester courses

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**Courses available for EMA students:** Law: human rights and international public law.

The courses taught in 2016/2017 are:

- Dr.iur, Prof. Artūrs Kučs, Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, 3ECTS
  - Dr.iur, Prof. Artūrs Kučs, Case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and Russian Federation, 3 ECTS
  - Dr.iur.cand. Lect. Lolita Bērziņa, Comparative human rights standards in the Baltic States, 3 ECTS
  - Dr.iur, Prof. Kristīne Dupate, EU Social Law, 3 ECTS
  - Dr.iur, Prof. Arnis Buka, Law of the European Union, 6 ECTS.
  - Lect. Māris Lejnieks, International Criminal Law, 3 ECTS
  - Lect. Lauris Liepa, Legal ethics and professional responsibility, 3 ECTS
  - Prof. Christoph Schewe, Human Rights and Business, 3ECTS
  - Prof. Christoph Schewe, Recent developments in EU Law, 3ECTS
  - Prof. Anita Rodiņa, Introduction to Latvian Constitutional Law, 3 ECTS
  - Dr.iur, Prof. Annija Karklina, Comparative Constitutional Law, 3 ECTS
  - Dr.iur, Prof. Christoph Schewe, World Trade Organisation-Law, 3,5 ECTS
  - Dr.iur, Doc. Edmunds Broks, International Environmental Law, 3 ECTS
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- Summer School in Media Law, professors from Baltic-Nordic media network universities (program of the last year available at: <http://www.lawandmedia.org/summer-school/topics/>), June 2017, 4 ECTS

**Deadline for enrolment in the courses:** first week of February 2017

**Examination procedures:** Written test.

## Thesis

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**Research areas:**

- Media Law, Freedom of expression and its limitations
- Privacy, right to be forgotten and free speech online
- ECHR case law and its impact on national protection of human rights
- Development of the European Union Human Rights Law, interaction between CJEU and ECtHR
- Comparative human rights issues in the Baltic States and in the Russian Federation,
- International trade law and human rights

**Thesis supervision:** on the research issues identified above.

**Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university** (+ 1 copy to the EMA Secretariat): 2

## Library

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There is a legal literature library at the Faculty of Law, but libraries of other Faculties and Law Schools are also accessible.

## Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

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Meetings with local NGOs might be arranged depending on the interests of students.

**NGOs:** The Latvian Centre for Human Rights (<http://www.humanrights.org.lv/html/index.html>)

**National Organisations:**

Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia (<http://www.tiesibsargs.lv/en>)

## Administration and logistics

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**Information concerning visa arrangements:**

Students can acquire more information about visa arrangements at the International Relations Department of the University of Latvia: <http://www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/exchange/visas> or write to Madara.Ose@lu.lv

**IT and logistics:** There are computer rooms accessible for all Faculty of Law and EMA students.