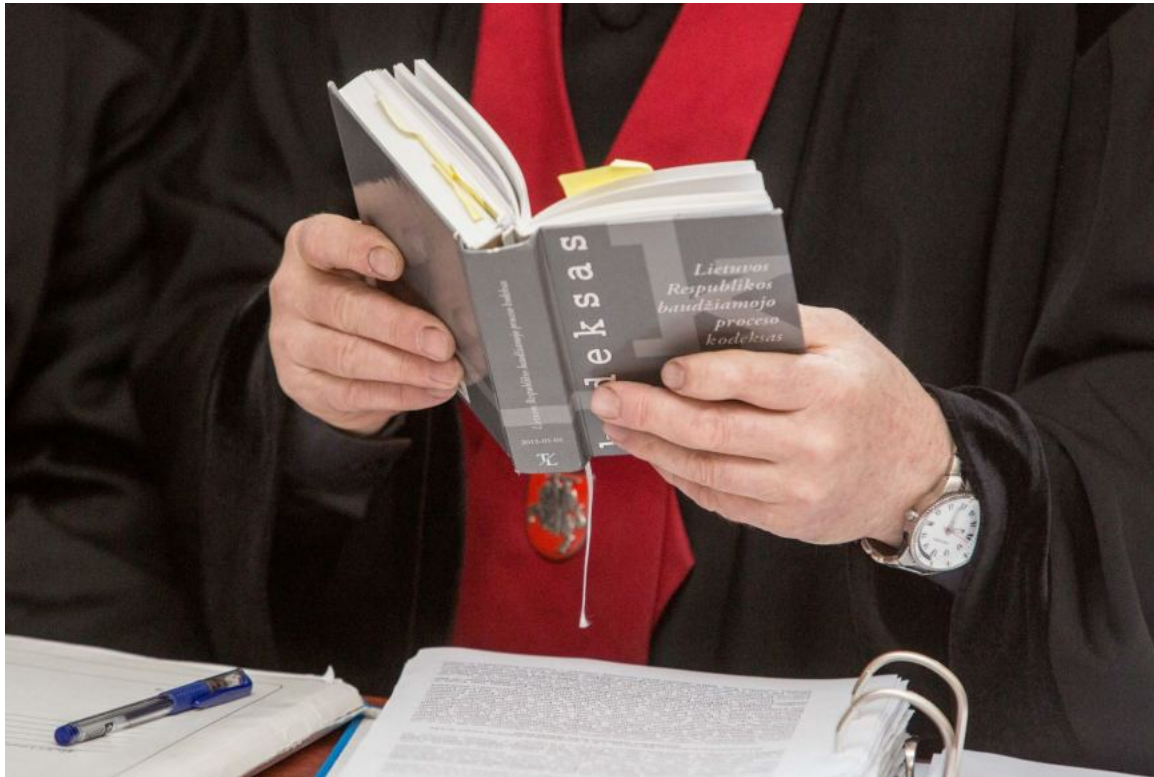


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VU students and teachers: the global challenges of changing the legal approach to law and legal studies



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Late last year, the Vilnius University Faculty of Law (VU) has received an invitation to engage in a 30-universities in the world group, which is engaged in the international educational project - "Law Without Walls" (Lvov, Lith. "Right Without Borders). This project annually attracts not only a solid number of prestigious law schools of higher education, but also the enormous business and technology corporations. The participation in Lwow activities is important for young lawyers of our country? What future insights it provides?

Lvov project, under development since 2010. Initiator - the University of Miami School of Law. The project to grow every year - to bind its growing number of universities and interested legal and business organizations.

The project consists of - in the context of global changes in practice to introduce students to the future of the legal competences. The successful lawyer will be expected that it would be a creative problem solver, a high risk tolerant leader and entrepreneurial thinking professionals with the ability to use technology, social media, mobilizing teams possess excellent communication skills.

"Our University was the only one in Central and Eastern Europe, participating in this project. It was very satisfying to find themselves among such high schools as the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, Harvard, Stanford, Miami, Paris, London, Spain, Germany, Canada, Australia, China, Chile, School of Law, and many others," - his impressions shared by project Vilnius University Faculty of Law graduate student Carol Jonuška.

Due to the very large number of participants in the project was also carried out remotely and lasted for about 4 - 5 months.

Encouraged to think globally

In the city of Lviv were selected 3 active and intelligent VU Faculty of Law students who have been split up into different teams with other universities representatives and curators. Academic tutor positions represented VU TF doc. dr. Rimantas Simaitis and practical curator position occupied lawyer Justas Jurkonis.



Carol Jonuška / personal archive.



Rimantas Simaitis / VU photo.

"Our student team had to work together with other university students from different continents, team work under the supervision of academic, practical and alumni tutors. They've got challenges presenting themes that explore the legal margins, their relationship with the technology and its development. Students prepare viable projects had to deal with the various legal and interdisciplinary issues at the international level, to develop ideas that could shape the future landscape of the practice of law, as it would be in 10 or 50 years ", - he told the doc. dr. R.Simaitis.

According K.Jonuškos, it was a real challenge because of the problems that have been given a task, they were thoroughly familiar. "But such is the objective of the project - to show that the lawyers during their school year gets universal

skills that are able to use, offering a public alternative solutions to the problem," - meaning the project has identified a project participant.

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His observation of the whole project was felt a close connection between law and other disciplines. "If the principal function is to offer the public the added value of providing a service or a product, which can meet the need of society, it is right to look at society from the social point of note is where the biggest gaps, inconsistencies or fractures and to search for common starting points. This principle was taught by both the participants and tutors and various fields. "

Promotes thinking in various disciplines within

Both R.Simaitis and K.Jonuška Lvovi project as a unique and highly valuable experience. "Students are very much enriched by their horizons broadened the circle of love, operating methods, learned about what the idea of a global scale, there are relevant legal science", - said the doc. dr. R.Simaitis.

K.Jonuškos observation Lvov has become a unique opportunity to get acquainted with other representatives of the

parties in terms of the legal profession. "It was an opportunity to note that the American students to the legal profession looks differently than we do. They treat the legal profession as a set of skills and abilities, rather than as a formal education or diplomas. Perhaps this is why they and the leader in the world "- reasoned interlocutor.

According R.Simaičio projects such as Lvov, expanding the boundaries of legal knowledge and develop future common law practice and its application landscape. "The main Lvovi idea that lawyers are interested in interdisciplinary subjects, because it is the right vision for the future," - shared his findings to the doc. dr. R.Simaitis.

The best and most interesting projects

Lvov time to develop projects, which, in deciding the tasks assigned by the team, in the final stage of the competition with each other. Doc. dr. R.Simaitis presented some of the best:

"The first project, which was recognized as the best in terms of content, has been associated with sports law and doping prevention. One of its objectives - to introduce online platforms and contain useful legal information, thus educating both lawyers who work with sports law, as well as the athletes themselves. The second goal - to provide information doping rule caused the damage, while spreading the ethical approach to the sport. This project was treated as an interdisciplinary subject, so that at the time were used for both legal knowledge and online platforms, which are formed through social people who have the interest and calls for just such "anti-doping program, networks.

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Another project, giving rise to many thoughts of his excellence, was linked to the information technology company IBM and its emerging artificial intelligence systems. The aim of the project - using IBM developed in artificial intelligence systems to create an application that would perform's lawyer-prepared legal documents, analysis of the quality of certain sections and to provide suggestions for improving the way. After this project the students had contact with IBM's artificial intelligence systems developer for further project development.



Team "Record Cleaners ((Criminal Records) record cleaners) project delivery moment / 2016., University of Miami / R.Simaičio photo.

Another project, which won as a creative project that has been designed for all who suffer from the public noise. The aim of the project - to suggest that people are faced with the neighbors' noise, not only the use of authoritarian decision means, ie Callers in certain instances and notify the public order offense, and involve much smarter tools such as social networks and their own neighbors mediation.

Students who participated in the development of projects devised to create a social network for people who want to help solve the noise problems, mediate neighbors and become some sort of a social network of mediators to synchronize the neighbors' interests and promote place prior notification of the estimated noise and help sort out outstanding dispute on the same prior notification induced reaction. For example, pre-notification of a birthday celebration, the members of a certain home residents would be immediately informed about it. This project, connecting information technologies and means of dispute settlement was recognized as the winner of one of the most creative design category. I think such projects are very encourage students' creativity, enthusiasm, and this shows that the law is the growing phenomenon, so the modern dispute resolution and conflict management measures are rapidly increasing.

There have been a number of projects and the mundane. One project that I had to compete as an academic tutor, was elected as gyvybiškiausias project. Its essence was taking advantage of on-line platforms to address the rapid elimination of problems conviction US jurisdictions. The aim of the project - to reduce costs and automate many complex procedures performed in the currently pilnuoju way, and it takes a lot of time and money, and no one until then had not thought that all of this can be automated. This type of project has attracted interest from venture capitalists and the Miami Bar. Miami President of the Bar immediately became interested in this project and established links with the authors - students. Venture capital investors also liked the business plan, so they provided an opportunity to try to realize.

Lithuanian students also participated in this project, they saw it happening. Naturally, and we think that, in certain processes, and steps need to be improved. We have scientific students' associations which are focused on creative people and encourage seriously engage in scientific work since the student bench. Took a variety of thoughts and ideas from this project considers various options for cooperation opportunities, we promise to continue to develop this activity. Using the best practices, to further improve our offense methodology courses. It seems that Wu is becoming the global community, capable of sucking these initiatives. "

Innovative step towards interdisciplinarity set foot VU prospective students from 2016. It offers a new joint undergraduate degree program - "Business and Law", which was created by a joint effort of VU Economics and Law Faculty community.

More about the study program "Business and Law" [is available here](#) .