



List of supervisors of doctoral dissertations for academic year 2024/25

This list contains potential supervisors of doctoral dissertations, which can be written in English in the programme “Theoretical Legal Sciences – Law and Legal Theory in European Context”. You can find main areas of research by each supervisor and you are kindly requested to contact the potential supervisor and consult the topic of your proposed project with her, or with him.

doc. JUDr. PhDr. Marek Antoš, Ph.D., LL.M. (antos@prf.cuni.cz)

Marek Antoš is associate professor of constitutional law and head of the Department of constitutional law. He graduated in law (2003, Faculty of Law, Charles University), political science (2004, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University) and comparative constitutional law (2013, Central European University). In addition, he also has expertise in Internet governance and Internet media. He has been involved in a number of research projects, most recently on constitutional practices in Central European countries.

Main areas of interest:

- elections and electoral law
- political parties and political finance
- human rights and new technologies
- freedom of expression on the Internet
- constitutional conventions
- fiscal constitutionalism
- exploring law through quantitative methods
- comparative constitutional law

prof. JUDr. PhDr. Veronika Bílková, Ph.D., E.M.A. (bilkova@prf.cuni.cz)

Veronika Bílková is Full Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law of the Charles University in Prague and the head of the Department of Public International Law at this Faculty. She is also a senior researcher at the Centre for International Law of the Institute of International Relations in Prague. She graduated in law, political science and French philology (Charles University, Prague) and holds a PhD in international law (Charles University, Prague) and a Diploma in International Law (University of Cambridge). She is a member of the Council of Europe’s European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission) and of the Management Board of the EU FRA, a chairperson of the Czech Government’s Council for Human Rights of Older Persons and the vice-president of the European Society of International Law. In

2022, she was member of two expert missions on Ukraine under the OSCE Moscow Mechanism. She has published several books and dozens of articles and studies in Czech, English and French.

Areas of expertise

- use of force in international relations
- international humanitarian law
- international and European human rights
- international criminal law
- fight against terrorism
- international responsibility

prof. JUDr. Milan Damohorský, DrSc. (damohors@prf.cuni.cz)

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in 1985. Before becoming a teacher (1989–2005) and later Professor of Environmental Law at Charles University in 2005, he served as lawyer specialist at the State Institute for Nature Conservation. He was 22 years Vice-Dean for Foreign Affairs, 20 years Head of the Environmental Law Department and Erasmus and LL.M. Programmes Coordinator. He is a member of the Commission of Environmental Law of the International Union for Nature Conservation, a member of European Council of Agricultural Law and president of the Czech Society for Environmental Law (from 2001). His main publications comprise monographs on environmental law liability and nature conservation. Author or co-author of more than 320 books, commentaries, textbooks and articles on environmental law issues.

Areas of expertise:

- environmental liability,
- wildlife crimes,
- land use planning and EIA
- agricultural and land law,
- mining, energetic and nuclear law,
- water, land, forest and nature protection

JUDr. Jakub Drápal, M.Phil., Ph.D. (drapalja@prf.cuni.cz)

Jakub Drápal is an Assistant Professor at Charles University's Faculty of Law and a researcher at the Czech Academy of Sciences. Currently, he is a Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at Leiden University (until fall 2024), specializing in sentencing and penal policy in Central and Eastern Europe. His research uniquely blends legal, criminological, and empirical perspectives. He studied law at Charles University and criminology at the University of Cambridge."

Areas of expertise:

- Empirical examination of sentencing practices (primarily quantitative)
- Sentencing theory (doctrinal and comparative)
- Effectiveness of sanctions
- Penal policy

JUDr. Mgr. Tomáš Dumbrovský, LL.M. Ph.D. J.S.D. (dumbrovs@prf.cuni.cz)

Tomas Dumbrovsky is the director of the Institute for Interregional Study of Constitutionalism at the Charles University Faculty of Law in Prague. He earned his LL.M. and J.S.D. in constitutional theory from Yale Law School and his J.D. and Ph.D. in international, constitutional, and European law from Charles University. He also holds degrees in political science and international relations. He was a Max-Weber Fellow at the European University Institute, post-doctoral fellow at the Amsterdam University, a visiting researcher at the University of Michigan Law School and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg and visiting professor at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. He is a member of the Czech Bar. His research focuses on comparative constitutionalism, constitutional and democratic theory, and European integration. His upcoming book *The European Republic: The Democratic Foundations of European Constitutionalism* reinterprets the origins of European integration. His current ERC CZ funded project investigates the potential of constitutionalism to shape political identities across Europe and MENA region.

Areas of expertise:

- Constitutional theory (Anglo-Saxon)
- Comparative constitutional law with focus on EU countries, USA and Middle East and North Africa
- Constitutional courts
- EU constitutional history
- Islamic constitutionalism

doc. Mgr. Libor Dušek, Ph.D. (dusekl@prf.cuni.cz)

Libor Dušek is an economist by training who, however, chose law as the object of his scholarly interest. Libor Dušek earned his Master at the Charles University Faculty of Social Sciences and his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Currently, he serves as the Associate Professor and the Chair of the Department of Economics at the Charles University Faculty of Law. In his recent research projects, he investigates empirically the responses of drivers to speeding tickets, the efficiency of the collection of fines, and the effects of a simplified criminal procedure in the Czech Republic on the outcomes of criminal cases.

Areas of expertise:

- Empirical research on crime, criminal procedure, and law enforcement
- Empirical research on judges and courts
- Evaluation of public policies (legal changes and regulations in particular).
- Empirical legal studies (broadly defined)
- Economic analysis of law (broadly defined)

doc. JUDr. PhDr. David Elischer, Ph.D. (elischer@prf.cuni.cz)

David Elischer is an associate professor of civil law and head of the Civil Law Department at the Law Faculty of Charles University. In the past he was a member of a working group on new Czech civil code by the Legislation Council of the Czech Government. As an associate professor he deals with the law of obligations, particularly with its general part, contracts and civil responsibility (torts). He guarantees the doctoral study program in Theoretical Legal Sciences –

Civil Law and teaches compulsory (Substantive Civil law) and optional subjects (Contractual Obligations and Consumer Protection). He is author and co-author of many articles, chapters in textbooks and monographs published in Czech Republic and abroad with various foreign publishing houses (Cambridge University Press, Kluwer Law International, Nomos, Zerb Verlag). He completed several stays abroad (UNI Sorbonne, UNI Santiago de Compostella, UNI Fort Lauderdale - where he guaranteed the course "Tort law in Europe and in the Czech Republic"). He is a member of the academic group "The Common Core of European Private Law" and contributor to the Juriscope (Centre d'accès aux droits étrangers).

Areas of expertise:

- Contractual and quasi-contractual law
- Tort law – law of damages
- Insurance law
- Unjust enrichment
- Family law
- Succession law
- Consumer law and protection of weaker party

doc. JUDr. Ondřej Frinta, Ph.D. (frinta@prf.cuni.cz)

Ondřej Frinta is associate professor of civil law at the Charles University (Czech Republic, Prague), Faculty of Law. Since 2004 he works at the Department of Civil Law, where he teaches compulsory private law courses and guarantees Private Law course for Erasmus incoming students. He also takes part in LLM course Fundamentals of Private Law for Business and the Judicial Protection of Rights. He publishes in the Czech Republic and abroad, namely in Poland, with various foreign publishing houses. He is focusing on issues concerning legal regulation of subjects (both natural and artificial), their legal personality, capacity to perform juridical acts etc. He is also interested in family law, especially in issues linked with the establishment of parental relationships, surrogate motherhood, new reproductive techniques etc.

Areas of expertise:

- legal status of persons
- legal entities
- family law
- law of inheritance
- law of transportation

prof. JUDr. Jakub Handrlica, DSc. (jakub.handrlica@prf.cuni.cz)

Prof. Jakub Handrlica has a master degree in law (summa cum laude) from the Faculty of Law, Charles University (2006), LL.M. from the Ruhr University in Bochum and a diplome universitaire in international nuclear law from the University of Montpellier 1. He obtained his Ph.D. at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in 2009 for his thesis on independence administrative authorities. At the Charles University, he became Associate Professor (2017) and Full Professor in Administrative Law (2021). He is also Visiting Fellow at the European Law & Governance School in Athens. His areas of interest are energy and nuclear law, transnational administrative law and mutual relations between law and new technologies. Since 2022, he serves as Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies.

Areas of expertise:

- energy and nuclear law
- transnational administrative law
- law of new technologies
- cultural heritage and museum law
- legal futurism

Sven Hoepfner, Ph.D. (hoepfnes@prf.cuni.cz)

Sven Hoepfner graduated both from Humboldt University Berlin Faculty and School of Business and Economics. He earned a Ph.D. from Ghent University, master degrees in law (Humboldt University Berlin), business economics (Humboldt University Berlin), and law and economics (University of Bologna, Ghent University), and an LL.M. (University of Haifa). Before joining the Faculty of Law at Charles University in 2019, Sven held positions at Ghent University and the University of Cologne. During his research career, he was a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley, UCLA, the University of Amsterdam, and the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods in Bonn. In addition to the Faculty of Law at Charles University, Sven is affiliated to the FU Center for Empirical Legal Studies and the Department of Sociology at the University of Zurich. Sven's broad research interests include economic theory of law, contract law, insolvency law, corporate law, law and technology, behavioral economics, and economic inequality. Specifically, he is interested in contract design, algorithmic decisionmaking, and scientific integrity / replicability. Sven's mainly uses economic experiments to tackle new research questions. Sven was recently awarded a GAČR Junior Star research grant for conducting research on human-machine transactions and ensuing legal implications.

Areas of expertise:

- Contract design, negotiation, and bargaining
- Behavioral Finance and behavioral insurance
- Human-machine transactions (artificial Intelligence and human behavior)
- Law and technology, specifically algorithmic decisionmaking, smart contracts and distributed ledgers
- Experimental and empirical methods
- Economic theory of law (broadly defined)

prof. Helena Hofmannová, Ph.D. (hofmann@prf.cuni.cz)

Helena Hofmannová is a professor of constitutional law and theory of state at the Department of Constitutional Law of the Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic). Since 2008 she also works as an assistant to a constitutional judge. From 2012 to 2016 she was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities of the Council of Europe. She is currently a member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the Council of Europe. Professor Hofmannová has also researched and lectured at a number of universities (USA, Netherlands, Philippines). She has published number of papers on the protection of human rights, the status of minorities and marginalized groups, equality and non-discrimination, constitutional review, relation between human rights and political regimes and the contemporary concept of constitutional democracy.

Areas of expertise:

constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, human rights, principle of equality and minority rights, right of LGBT+ people, new human rights, political regimes, crisis of constitutional democracy.

prof. JUDr. Kristina Koldinská, Ph.D. (koldinsk@prf.cuni.cz)

Kristina Koldinská is professor of social security and labour law at the Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Faculty of Law. Since 1997 she works at the Department of labour law and social security law, where she teaches social security law and labour law and she guarantees and teaches courses on discrimination and migration, connected with social law. She publishes extensively in Czech Republic and abroad, with various foreign publishing houses and legal reviews. She is a member of European network of legal experts in gender and non-discrimination and MoveS network (Free movement and coordination of social security), both long-lasting projects run by prestigious European universities and financed by the EU Commission.

Areas of expertise:

- social rights
- equal treatment and discrimination
- gender equality
- EU social law
- coordination of social security,
- social assistance and social services

prof. JUDr. Richard Král, LL.M., Ph.D., DSc. (kral@prf.cuni.cz)

Richard Král is professor of European union law at the Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Faculty of Law. Since 1992 he works at the Department of European law, where he lectures EU law and teaches specialized course on Harmonization of laws in EU. Since 2005 he has also been several times visiting, international professor at the University of San Francisco, School of Law. He publishes extensively in Czech Republic and abroad, with various foreign publishing houses and legal reviews (e.g. four times in European Law Review). He has been a member of the Legislative Council of the Czech Government since 2007.

Areas of expertise:

- National implementation of EU directives and regulations
- Gold plating of EU Law
- Relationship of EU Law and national laws of EU Member states
- EU citizenship

doc. JUDr. Jan Kudrna, Ph.D. (kudrnaj@prf.cuni.cz)

Jan Kudrna is associated professor of constitutional law at the Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Faculty of Law. Since 1999 he works at the Department of Constitutional law, where he teaches constitutional law, theory of state and legal questions of ensuring state security. Except this he teaches also the English spoken courses in the Erasmus Programme and LLM courses. He publishes extensively in Czech Republic and abroad, with various foreign publishing houses and legal reviews. He is a member of the Legislative Council of the Czech Republic Government and member of several ministerial boards of appeal.

Areas of expertise:

- constitutional system of the Czech Republic
- constitutional rights and freedoms
- state security
- constitutional immunities
- comparative constitutional law in general, with stress on selected countries

prof. Alena Macková, Dr iur., PhD. (mackova@prf.cuni.cz)

is Professor at the Civil Law Department, Law School, Charles University. A. Macková is a long-term and active member of prestigious of the International Association of Procedural Law; She is a founder of the Czech Association and Academy of Procedural Law, Prague. She is a member of the Commission on the new procedural law of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic; member of the Board of the Justice Academy. Recently, she holds the post of an Ombudsman of the Czech Insurance Association (consumer ADR subject). She is an arbitrator of the Czech Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic and an arbitrator of the International Arbitration Court attached to the Czech-Moravian Commodity Exchange. Her experience includes (inter alia) research stay at Catholic University in Leuven, Democratic Institution Fellowships (Brussels); San Francisco – Dublin Summer Law School in Prague – lecturership; Socrates Erasmus + Programme tutorship, LLM UK Programme tutorship, ADR LLM Programme tutorship, visiting scholarships at the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg, Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich, University Passau, University Regensburg, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Vienna University, University Komensky Bratislava; research stay at the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg; etc

Areas of expertise:

- Position of the Judge
- Legal Professions, their role and position (notars, attorneys)
- The protection of the Rights
- The alternative disputes resolution (ADR)
- Mediation
- Arbitration

Josef Montag, PhD (montagj@prf.cuni.cz)

Dr. Montag is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics, Faculty of Law, Charles University, where he specializes in the Economic Analysis of Law and Applied Economics. He predominantly conducts empirical (experimental) research, focusing on topics such as discrimination of minorities and criminal behavior. He has published in international peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Kentucky Law Journal, Kyklos, Journal of Public Health, and Energy Policy, and has received several research grants. Dr. Montag received his PhD in Law and Economics from the University of Turin in 2011 and has been a visiting scholar at Cornell University Law School and Hamburg University, as well as a visiting researcher at Tilburg University. For further information, visit josefmontag.github.io.

Areas of interest

- Discrimination
- Criminal behavior
- Empirical methods in law
- Correspondence experiments
- AI and legal decision-making

doc. JUDr. Pavel Ondřejek, Ph.D. (ondrejek@prf.cuni.cz)

Pavel Ondřejek is an associate professor of theory, philosophy and sociology of law at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic). Since 2008, he has been teaching courses on legal theory and legal philosophy as well as several courses on theoretical aspects of human rights. He has been a research fellow at the Research Centre for Human Rights of Charles University since 2012 and at the National Institute for Research on the Socioeconomic Impact of Diseases and Systemic Risks since 2022. He is the author of a book entitled *Defragmentation of Law. Reconstruction of Contemporary Law as a System* (Cambridge: Intersentia, 2023) as well as numerous articles published in premiere law journals home and abroad, including *European Constitutional Law Review*, *European Public Law* and *Espaço Jurídico Journal of Law*.

Areas of expertise:

- legal theory
- legal philosophy
- human rights theory
- systems theory of law
- transformations of public law
- legal pluralism
- application of the principle of proportionality

doc. JUDr. Lenka Pítrová, CSc. (pitrova@prf.cuni.cz)

Lenka Pítrová is an Assoc. Professor at the Department of administrative law and administrative science and the Department of European Law of the Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Law. She is a member of the Legislative Council of the Czech Government, member of editorial board of the Lawyer Quarterly, member of the Czech Bar Association. Her main field of interest is judicial review of administrative decisions, international protection of refugees and the EU legislative procedures. She participated at following monographs, recently: *Common European Asylum System in a changing world* (2020), *Supranational Elements of the EU and its Law* (2021), she published *European Dimension of Legislative Procedure* (2014)

Areas of expertise:

- International protection of refugees
- Common European Asylum System and its national implementation
- Judicial review of administration in comparative perspective
- European legislative procedure

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Richard Pomahač is Full Professor of administrative law and administrative science at the Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Law. He is a member of European Scientific Council – European Public Law Organization and a permanent expert of Council of Europe. His main field of research interest comprises administrative law in comparative, European and global perspective. His publications include: *European Administrative Justice* (1998), *European Public Law* (2004) *Public Administration* (2013), *Administrative Law without Limits* (2016) *Changes in Administrative Justice* (2021).

Areas of expertise:

- comparative public administration
- judicial review and administrative justice
- global administrative law

doc. JUDr. Magdaléna Svobodová, Ph.D. (svobodom@prf.cuni.cz)

Magdaléna Svobodová teaches EU law at the Faculty of Law, Charles University. She is a member of the Department of European Law since 2015. In the past, she worked as an expert at Parliamentary Institute in the Office of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Subsequently, she practiced law, becoming a lawyer in 2012. She also taught EU law and international law at the Metropolitan University Prague, o.p.s. She is a member of the European Law Institute.

Areas of expertise:

- free movement of persons
- free movement of services
- EU citizenship
- protection of fundamental rights in the EU

doc. JUDr. Václav Šmejkal, Ph.D. (smejkalv@prf.cuni.cz)

Václav Šmejkal is an associate professor of EU law at the Faculty of Law of Charles University (Department of European Law), he also teaches at ŠKODA AUTO University and as a long-term guest lecturer at the University of Zagreb. He is a member of the European Law Institute, of editorial board of *Antitrust* and *InterEULawEast* journals, editor of *Prague Law Working Papers*, and an arbitrator of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Economic Chamber and the Agrarian Chamber of the Czech Republic. His research and publications focus on selected areas of EU law: competition protection, social and consumer aspects of European integration.

Areas of expertise:

- Competition Law / Antitrust (EU, USA)
- Antitrust regulation of the digital economy, artificial intelligence, Big data, internet gatekeepers...
- EU Consumer Law

doc. JUDr. Martin Štefko, Ph.D., DSc. (stefkom@prf.cuni.cz)

Martin Štefko is associate professor at the Charles University, Faculty of Law, a correspondent for the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Social Security Law in Munich, Germany, and an associated attorney at Law Firm Kocián Šolc Balaščík advokátní kancelář. He holds a degree as Doctor of Law (2003) and a PhD degree (2005), both from Charles University. In 2014 he was appointed Docent (Associate Professor). He also continued his studies at the Max Planck Institute in 2007, where he was granted a fellowship focusing on international labour law and social security law matters. Following this fellowship, he went on to conduct research in international labour law at the European Research and Studies Centre at the Karol Adamiecki University of Economics in Katowice. He has written many articles published in various European legal journals. He has also written some books concerning labour law and social security law (he is also a co-author of a prestigious commentary on the Czech Labour Code). He also works as a lawyer at the Czech Social Security Administration in Prague and is a member of the Expert Board at the Labour Office of Prague. Additionally, he has participated in various international legal conferences.

Areas of expertise:

- Employment,
- Law, Labour Law,
- Dismissal Law,
- Wages,
- Tort Law,
- Pension Insurance Law,
- Sick Leave Insurance Law; Occupational Injury

prof. JUDr. Pavel Šturma, DrSc. (sturma@prf.cuni.cz)

Pavel Šturma is Full Professor of International Law, Charles University, Faculty of Law, and coordinator of the Research Centre for Human Rights. Graduated from Charles University in Law (JUDr., 1985), philosophy and economics (Mgr., 1992), and studied also at the Institut des Hautes Études Internationales (Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas). Before joining the teaching staff of the Faculty of Law, he served as a staff member of the United Nations Office at Vienna and (senior) research fellow at the Institute of Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences. He was member and former chairperson of the UN International Law Commission (2012-2022). He is member of the Czech national group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration and Judge ad hoc of the European Court of Human Rights. He also serves as President of the Czech Society of International Law and Editor-in-Chief of the Czech Yearbook of Public & Private International Law. He is author or co-author of 19 books and more than 220 articles and studies in International Law.

Areas of expertise:

- international responsibility
- codification of international law
- international and European human rights
- international criminal law

- international investment law
- succession of States
- immunities in international law

prof. JUDr. PhDr. Michal Tomášek, DrSc. (tomasekm@prf.cuni.cz)

Professor of European Law , Vice-Dean and Head of Department of European Law of the Faculty of Law, Vice-President of the Science Council of the Czech Academy of Sciences. He graduated from Charles University in Law, Translatology and Sinology and Oriental Studies and studied at École Normale Supérieure in Paris, Peking University in China, and at University of Virginia in the USA. He focuses on EU Law, in particular Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and EU banking and financial Law.

JUDr. Mgr. Michal Urban, Ph.D. (urban@prf.cuni.cz)

Michal Urban is a senior lecturer at the Charles University, Faculty of Law in Prague. He earned his Master's degree at the Charles University both in law and education. Currently, he serves as the Chair of the Department of Legal Skills at the Charles University, Faculty of Law, and the head of the Prague Street Law programme (since 2009). Together with prof. Richard Grimes, he offers the Experiential Learning and Teaching LL.M. programme at Charles University. He also participates in the further preparation of teachers at Charles University and future teachers at the Faculty of Education of Charles University. He has extensive experience in setting up and running legal clinics.

Areas of expertise:

- clinical legal education
- public legal education
- experiential learning and teaching
- sociology of law
- excellence in law teaching