

**Comparative and International Law in an Era of
Global Transformation: Sovereignty, Justice,
Cooperation, and Emerging Technologies**

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Liliana Tymchenko is an Associate Professor at the Academic Department of Social Sciences at the European Humanities University (EHU) in Vilnius, Lithuania, where she leads the MA Programme in International Law and Security Studies. She has more than 30 years of experience in teaching and researching international law. Her academic work combines international legal theory and the history of international legal thought with research on statehood and recognition, human

rights, Ukraine, decolonization, and academic freedom. Throughout her career, Tymchenko has combined teaching, programme development, research, and academic leadership. In 2001, she founded the Department of International Law at the State Tax University of Ukraine, which she headed for many years. She subsequently worked at Kyiv Law University and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, where she created and led the BA Programme in International Law. At EHU, she was among the founders of the MA Programme in International Law and Security Studies and currently leads the programme. She has also served as Academic Director of the Graduate School of Management in Barcelona. Tymchenko served as an expert of the Legal Reform Commission under the President of Ukraine (2019–2021) and of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Higher Administrative Court of Ukraine (2014–2017). Her international academic development includes programmes of the American Bar Association, IREX and Yale University, the Coimbra Group Hospitality Scheme at the University of Geneva, the Civic Education Project, the CLASP Fellows Program at Bard College, and Equitas, among others. She is actively engaged in the European Society of International Law (ESIL) as a member of its Diversity Advisory Board and Task Force on Underrepresentation and Membership.

Publications

Tymchenko's research on international legal order, statehood and recognition is reflected in *“Transformation or Legitimation? The Problem of the Emergence of a State in Modern International Law: The Case of the State of Palestine”*, published in the *Liber Amicorum* for Professor V. V. Mytsyk (Kyiv–Odesa, 2016, pp. 115–138), and *“The Concept of International Legal Order and Its Influence on the Formation of the Institution of Recognition of States”*, in the

collective monograph *International Law in a World of Dynamic Changes: Contours of the Future International Legal Order* (Lviv, 2021, pp. 60–74). A significant strand of her scholarship addresses international law, Ukraine and armed conflict, including “Referendum in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea in 2014: An International Legal Aspect”, in *The Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity, Russian Aggression and International Law* (Kyiv, 2014, pp. 515–530), and “State Terrorism: Legal Assessments of the Concept”, *Public Security and Public Order*, No. 32 (2023), pp. 94–104. Her research has also examined the international legal responsibility of the Russian Federation for terrorist and cyber-terrorist actions in Ukraine. Her more recent work develops a trajectory on decolonization and international legal thought, focusing particularly on the place of Central and Eastern European and Ukrainian scholarship in international legal discourse. This includes “Decolonization of International Legal Thought: Towards Understanding the Scholarly Heritage of Professor O. V. Zadorozhnyi”, *Ukrainian Journal of International Law*, No. 2 (2025), pp. 35–42, as well as research on the legal heritage of the Karaites, including “Legal Heritage as a Basis for the Protection of Freedom and Equality: Example of the Karaites”, *Review of Law and Social Studies*, 1(2) (2024), pp. 129–143. Another research trajectory concerns human rights, identity and academic freedom. Her publications include “Right to Identity in International Law”, *Ukrainian Journal of International Law*, No. 3 (2022), pp. 88–91, and, most recently, “Academic Freedom as a Complex Legal Phenomenon: International Standards, National Models, and Implementation Challenges”, co-authored with R. Shchokin and S. Baranov, *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, 12(1) (2026), pp. 99–121. Alongside her scholarly work, Tymchenko is committed to legal education and innovative pedagogy, particularly freewriting-based and reflective approaches that foster critical thinking and student agency. In summer 2026, she led a three-week freewriting programme for Ukrainian senior high school students at the Kyiv School of Economics, using her own pedagogical materials. She also conducts workshops for higher-education teachers on freewriting-based pedagogy, including through her engagement with Bard College, USA.

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Activity

Paulina Guli (Hoti) is Associate Professor at the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”, Albania. She received her PhD from the University of Nantes, France, in 2008 and was awarded the academic title of Associate Professor by the University of Tirana in 2015. She currently serves as Dean of the Faculty of Law and as a member of the Academic Senate of the University of Shkodra. She is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Scientific Bulletin – Legal Sciences Series* of the University of Shkodra and lectures at the Catholic University “Our Lady of Good Counsel” in Tirana. Her academic and research interests encompass the judiciary, human rights, bioethics, international criminal law, and criminal law. She has served on scientific boards and participated in working groups devoted to the study of judicial practice. She has also been invited to deliver lectures at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, as well as at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergamo. Professor Guli (Hoti) has also held several significant public positions. She was elected as a Member of the Parliament of Albania during the 18th legislature, serving on the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights and on the Committee on Foreign Policy. She has also served as Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Albania.

Publications

Recent publications reflect Professor Guli (Hoti)’s research interests in constitutional justice, legal language, artificial intelligence, and criminal law. In 2026, she published the study “Normativa costituzionale del 1925 sulla Corte dei conti – istituzione di una magistratura speciale?” in *DPCE Online*, examining the constitutional framework governing the Italian Court of Auditors and its position as a special jurisdiction. She also contributed the chapter “The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Judicial Trial and the Independence of Judicial Power” to the proceedings of the international conference devoted to the harmonisation of Albanian legislation with EU law. In 2025, together with N. Hoti, she published “Law and Legal Language: A Comparative Analysis of Legal and Linguistic Rules” in *Juridical Tribune – Review of Comparative and International Law*, exploring the relationship between legal norms and the linguistic structures

through which they are expressed. Her publications also include the co-authored study “Proportionality: A Principle to Be Re-evaluated in Albanian Criminal Law,” published in the *Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* in 2022, which addresses the role and application of the principle of proportionality in Albanian criminal law.