

# **Legal Perspectives in the Modern Era of Technological Transformations**

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#### **Activity**

Tiina Pajuste is Professor of International Law and Security at Tallinn University. Professor Pajuste has previously worked as a Research Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge, where she worked on the project *Legal Tools for Peace-Making*, researching the role international law plays in peace negotiations, and at the Erik Castrén

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#### **Publications**

Professor Pajuste’s research and publications focus on three main areas – the accountability of international organisations, the role of international law in peace processes and (digital) human rights – which are tied together with the overarching aim of researching the role of international institutions in international interactions. Some of the more noteworthy publications include: Tiina Pajuste, Julia Vassileva, “Inclusion of Women in the Ukrainian Peace Process – Can International Law Play a Bigger Role in Ensuring Inclusion?”, 42 *Polish Yearbook of International Law* (2022) 83-107; Tiina Pajuste, “Inclusion and Women in Peace Processes”, in Marc Weller *et al* (Eds), *International Law and Peace Settlements* (CUP, 2021); Tiina Pajuste, “The Status of the Human Rights of Older Persons”, in Andreas von Arnould, Kerstin von der Decken, Mart Susi (Eds), *The Cambridge Handbook on New Human Rights. Recognition, Novelty, Rhetoric* (CUP, 2020); Tiina Pajuste, “The Protection of Personal Data in a Digital Society: The Role of the GDPR”, in Mart Susi, *Routledge Handbook on Digital Society and Human Rights* (Routledge, 2019); Tiina Pajuste, “The Evolution of the Concept of Immunity of International Organizations”, 8 *East-*

*West Studies* (2017) 6-20; Tiina Pajuste, “Women and Peace Agreements”, 7 *East-West Studies* (2016) 30-50; Tiina Pajuste, “Legality of International Territorial Administration by the UN”, 18 *Finnish Yearbook of International Law* (2007) 261-281; Tiina Pajuste, *Mainstreaming Human Rights in the Context of European Security and Defence Policy* (the Erik Castrén Institute Research Reports 23/2008).



### ***Heliona BELLANI (MIÇO)***

#### **Activity**

Dr. Heliona Bellani (Miço) is a lecturer of Public and Constitutional Law in the Law department at “Epoka University” with a long experience in the education field. She has defended her Ph.D. at the University of Tirana with the thesis “*A general overview of the right to education in Albania. Development of this right following international standard and European legislation*”. She is engaged in various research projects in the framework of Erasmus+ programs, and Cost Actions, and is a member of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe. She is an external evaluation expert at the QAAHE and a national consultant in education for UNICEF Albania. She is a member of several editorial boards of international journals and is engaged as a reviewer in several international journals. Her research is focused on human rights, the right to education, quality assurance, educational systems and policy, child's rights, and social justice.

#### **Publications**

The main works published by Dr. Heliona Bellani (Miço) are: Miço, H., & (Methasani) Çani, E. (2023). *The Right to Information as a Means of Participation in Governance and Administration. Albanian Legislation Alignment with the Council of Europe Standards*. Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference "Social Changes in the Global World"; 1(10), 269-284. ISBN 978-608-244-998-2 (T.1); Miço, H. (2023). *The right to private and family life and the need for protection against the digital environment*. European Journal of Economics, Law and Social Sciences. Vol 7, No. 2, 2023; Miço, H., Cungu, J. (2022). *The Need for Digital Education in the Teaching Profession: A Path Toward Using the European Digital Competence Framework in Albania*. IAFOR Journal of Education: Technology in Education. Volume 10

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## ***Sejla MASLO CERKIĆ***

### **Activity**

Sejla Maslo Cerkić holds a PhD from the “Džemal Bijedić” University of Mostar and master’s degree in law from the University of Sarajevo. She has been engaged as a lecturer in law and human rights at the Faculty of Law, “Džemal Bijedić” University in Mostar and School of Law, Governance and Society, Tallin University. She is currently employed by the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe), Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, serving as a national legal officer within the Human Rights Section. Her duties include advising on the harmonisation on domestic legislation and practices with international human rights standards. She is a

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### **Publications**

Dr. Maslo Cerkić's academic and professional interest include human rights with focus on freedom of expression and media and freedom of religion or belief. More recently, she has focused on digital aspects of human rights protection and regulation, safety of journalists and human right defenders, and intersectionality of gender and religion. Previously, her research focused on legal historical aspects of human rights in comparative perspective. Selected publications and research projects: Bosnia and Herzegovina | Media Ownership Monitor (mom-gmr.org), 2023 country research (<https://www.mom-gmr.org/en/countries/bosnia-and-herzegovina/>); Contributions to Global Digital Human Rights Network publications, submissions for BiH, 2021-22 (Working Paper Series, <https://gdhrnet.eu/publications/working-paper-series/>); Bubalo, Lana, Maslo Cerkić, Sejla (2022), *Protection of the Right to Honor and Reputation – A Historical Overview*. Journal on European History of Law (JEHL), vol. 13. Hefte 1.s.21-35; *Historic, normative and practical aspects of plea bargaining*, co-authorship with dr. Denis Pajić and mr. Sunčica Hajdarović, Review for Law and Economy, Faculty of Law, “Džemal Bijedić” University of Mostar, year 18, no. 1., 2018; *Termination of pregnancy in national laws and the case law of the ECHR*, co-authorship with dr. Maja Čolaković and dr. Denis Pajić, presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Law „*The Reflections of the European Court of Human Rights Case Law in National Family Laws*“, organised by the Faculty of Law, „Džemal Bijedić“ University in Mostar, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Mostar; *How Shari'a was Europeanized: on some efforts of the Supreme Shari'a court in Sarajevo to modernise Shari'a rules in Bosnia between the two world wars*, presented at the XX<sup>th</sup> Annual European Forum of Young Legal Historians, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, 2-5-4, 2014; *A Bosnian woman between family and law: a study of women's legal status in Bosnia and Herzegovina under Austro-Hungarian rule*, presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> European Forum of Young Legal Historians, Lille – Ghent, 15-18-5, 2013, (Wo)Men in Legal History, Lille, Centre d'Histoire Judiciaire, 2016.

