RIGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW

Course Outline

Course number	-						
Course title	Selected Problems of European Private International Law						
Credit points	3 ECTS						
Total hours	75						
Contact hours	24						
Independent studies	51						
Course level	Masters						
Prerequisites	Passed "Private International Law" master course for Y1 students						
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	**X**	Free elective		

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

Name	*Academic degree*	*Academic position*
Aleksandrs Fillers, Ph.D.	Ph.D.	Associate Professor

COURSE TEACHERS

Name	*Academic degree*	*Academic position*
Aleksandrs Fillers, Ph.D.	Ph.D.	Associate Professor

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course is designed on the assumption that students have already followed the core EU private international law (PIL) course. The core course gave students the knowledge, skills and competences to apply the core instruments of EU PIL to typical fact patterns and to remain alert to PIL problems in the international business environment. The Advanced Problems of EU Private International Law course introduces students to more complex and topical issues of EU PIL. Students will learn about the problems faced by EU and Member State courts and legislators in the area of PIL and about the broader political challenges these problems bring with them, and will either understand how to resolve them or which interests should be taken into account when doing so.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge

1. Learn about selected challenging problems of EU PIL
2. Learn about the state of the CJEU's case law in these selected areas
3. Learn about the reasons behind these challenges (e.g., reliance on older CJEU case law, political tensions, the rise of new technologies, etc.)

Skills

4. To present their research to peers
5. To present structured arguments orally
6. To work effectively in a group
7. To understand the interaction between the CJEU and the European human rights framework

Competencies

Ability to:

8. Understand the importance of the CJEU's case law, its critical analysis, and its relationship to legislative texts and political realities within the EU
9. Distinguish independently between the technical challenges of EU PIL and challenges arising from political tensions

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	***Weighting***
Presentations	50%
Verbal exam	50%