

PANEL: PROTECTION OF SOCIAL RIGHTS AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

Education and professional training

He obtained his bachelor's degree in Theology from the Alexandru Rusu Theological Institute in Baia Mare (1995) and studied law at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome – Vatican, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Civil Law (2003). Enrolled in a doctoral program, he obtained a doctorate in LAW, with MAGNA CUM LAUDE distinction (2005) at the same university. Dr. Simion Belea began his career in scientific research (2002-2005) at the Lateranense University. Faculty of Civil Law. Organization and teaching of seminar lessons on the following topics: delivery of the course and seminar on "The History of Roman Law": the legal tradition of the Eastern Church and the Latin Church; the relationship between Latin canon law and Roman legal tradition; the Byzantine constitutional regime in the Middle Ages. From 2005 to 2006, he worked as a trainee lawyer at the Foro law firm in Rome. Since 2009, he has been a researcher at the Research and Training Center of the Northern University in Baia Mare. He was a POSDRU scholarship holder and scientific researcher at the Romanian Academy, Iași Branch, ICES Zane Institute in Iași between 2009 and 2015. In 2013, he graduated from the Postdoctoral School "Knowledge-based society – research, debates, perspectives" with the research topic: Knowledge and valorisation of human rights in the case of young Romanian immigrants in Italy. Epistemic analysis and case study.

Academic activities

Academic recognition is demonstrated by the publication of several articles, book chapters, and the publication of a book as sole author in Italy.

Book: Latin Legal Tradition and Byzantine Legal Tradition in the Formation of Modern Codification in Romania, Rome, Copygraph Printing House, 2017, p. 210, ISBN: 978-88-940230-9-1. Book chapters:

Promoting equal opportunities between women and men after the Treaty of Rome (1957): European legal, institutional, and political aspects, in Social and Academic Policies for Women, vol. I, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch, Pro Universitaria Publishing House, 2015, pp. 17–64, ISBN Gen. 978-606-26-0467-7, ISBN Vol. 1, 978-606-26-0468-4.

His research focuses on aspects of comparative law, the history of Romanian law, European law, and fundamental human rights and freedoms. In this field, he has published over 35 scientific articles in sociology, philosophy, and law journals indexed in internationally recognized social science and legal databases, including volumes of international scientific events. He has been invited to participate in a large number of domestic and international legal conferences. E-mail: simionbla@yahoo.com

Moderator/ Coordinating/ Speaker Lecturer PhD. Simion BELEA



Training courses/exchange programs, guest lecturer, Erasmus+:

SEI/UGL – Union for Emigrants and Immigrants – General Labor Union, Rome, ITALY (October 2009-February 2010); Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (October-December 2010);

Roma Tre University, Italy (May–July 2011);

Roma Tre University, Italy (February 2011);

Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (November 2010–February 2011);

Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne (UPEC), Paris, (July–August 2012);

Catholic University of Paris. (June–July 2014);

University of Cassino and Southern Lazio (June 2019);

Federico II University of Naples (June-July) 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Founding member and collaborator of several non-governmental organizations:

Founding member of the Association "Romanian Diaspora Institute";

Founding member of the Association "Center for Philosophy and Anthropology";

Founding member of the Association for Research, Counseling, and Social Promotion (ACCPS);

Founding member of the Baia Mare Research and Documentation Center of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca branch;

Collaborator of the Italian Center for Studies and Research in the Field of Migration (IDOS).

Participation in grants or research projects/teams: 10 projects, including 6 international research projects in partnership with Italy.

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Panel abstract

The protection of social rights in the EU is mainly based on the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the European Pillar of Social Rights, and social security coordination policies. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union establishes social rights, such as the right to access social security benefits and social services, which guarantee protection in the event of maternity, illness, unemployment, and old age, as well as the right to social and housing assistance to ensure a dignified existence. Similarly, the European Pillar of Social Rights, known as a set of principles and rights, aims to improve working conditions and strengthen social protection. However, for years, the EU has supported Member States with legislation, funds, and tools designed to better coordinate national policies, promote employment, provide adequate social protection, and combat social exclusion. In conclusion, the protection of social rights at European level highlights the need for a more concrete commitment to implementing existing social policies .