

DAAD GoEast

**Baltic Summer School of
Comparative Business Law**

17–31 August 2014

Tartu–Riga–Vilnius

Application deadline: 30 April

DAAD GoEast: Baltic Summer School of Comparative Business Law

Target Group: The course is intended for BA/MA students of Law, Economics, European Studies, or other relevant subjects, and specifically for students from Belarus, the EU, and other Eastern European countries. Participants are expected to have some basic knowledge in legal theory and a certain interest for the given topic.

Course Fee: 920 €. The course fee includes full accommodation and travel between the sites in Tartu, Riga, and Vilnius. Travel costs *to* Tartu and *from* Vilnius, as well as general living expenses (food and beverages, with the exception of the Welcome/Farewell Dinners) are to be covered by the participants.

Scholarship Possibilities:

Applicants from Germany (matriculated students holding German citizenship) may apply for a scholarship in the amount of 950 € from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), plus a voucher of 225 € to cover travel costs to Tartu and return from Vilnius. *Please note that the application for DAAD scholarships must be conducted independently from the participation application.* Visit the [DAAD internet page](#) to find comprehensive information about the scholarship application process.

Applicants from countries other than Germany may apply for a scholarship from EHU's Center for German Studies at an amount of 845 €. The application for a scholarship from EHU's Center for German Studies must be included in the general online application form

Prerequisites for Application: Applicants are asked to submit a **completed online application form and copy of their CV.** Please note that the prerequisites for receiving a DAAD scholarship differ, and that these scholarships must be applied for separately.

Application Deadline: The deadline for both applications (participation and scholarship) is **30 April 2014.**

Contacts: Applications for participation, as well as questions regarding the course, should be submitted via e-mail to comparativelaw@ehu.lt

Course Language: All activities of the Baltic Summer School of Comparative Business Law will be conducted in **English.**

Course Evaluation: Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive a course certificate indicating **3 ECTS.** Successful participation requires active engagement in day-to-day activities (including a moot court), as well as a ten-minute individual presentation relating to one of the themes addressed in the summer school schedule (topic must be indicated in the application form).

Organization and Support: The Baltic Summer School of Comparative Business Law is organized by EHU's Center for German Studies in cooperation with EHU and the University of Tartu. The project is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Course Description

Legal practice has become increasingly internationalized; even regional law firms must cope with transborder interactions, especially in medium-sized economies such as the Baltic countries. The practicing lawyer and economist will be confronted with foreign private law, but generally are not prepared substantially and methodologically for these challenges by their home universities' curricula.

Compensating for these shortcomings, the two-week Baltic Summer School of Comparative Business Law will provide a five-module "legal toolkit" to any engaged and globally oriented student of law or economics.

In the beginning, students will be given a comprehensive overview of those fields of international law most relevant from a practitioner's view: International trade law (WTO, CISG) and European law will be presented in lectures and practiced in work groups.

Further modules will focus on current private law systems of the world and their interactions. Respective historical, cultural, and social characteristics will be taken into account before all content is approached in case studies applying to 12–15 of the most globally relevant private law systems.

The last module will concentrate on comparative approaches to a dynamic issue, the practical relevance of which has recently grown substantially: Intellectual property law. International property law has raised interest (especially in the field of IT Law) not only among legal scholars and practitioners, but in the media and public discussion as well.

In the end, participants will apply their newly gained knowledge and practice their skills by performing a moot court: a hypothetical court session where all functions (judges, lawyers, witnesses, experts, etc.) are performed by the students themselves. Participants will be provided with the essential case information and support to prepare (in groups) a legal case, which they will then bring to "court" according to the rules of due process.

During the two-week course, the participants are also expected to deliver a ten-minute individual presentation, prepared in the form of a detailed layout presenting the important points and submitted in advance of the Summer School. Successful completion of the course program will be awarded with 3 ECTS.

The Summer School will take place in all three Baltic States: three days will be held in Tartu, Estonia; four in Riga, Latvia; and five in Vilnius, Lithuania. One important element of the course will be getting in touch with all Baltic legal systems "on the spot" through visits to International law firms and legal and administrative institutions. Last, but not least, law is always determined by culture. Therefore, various excursions (to Trakai, Jurmala Beach, etc.) and cultural events will supplement the Summer School.

Course Schedule

Thomas Hoffmann, PhD, LL.M., DAAD-Fachlektor, University of Tartu, Estonia (TH)

Christoph Schewe, PhD, M.E.S., DAAD-Langzeitdozent, University of Latvia, Riga (CS)

Maarja Torga, LL.M., MJur., Lecturer on PIL, University of Tartu, Estonia (MT)

Further lecturers to be confirmed (see below).

Sunday, 17 August

Arrival in Tartu

18:00 Welcome Dinner

Monday, 18 August

Module I: Comparative Law and International Law—The Comprehensive Picture

Morning: Introduction to Comparative Law (TH)

Methodology of Comparative Law - Case study (TH)

Afternoon: City tour

Evening: Movie - festival

Tuesday, 19 August

Module II: Private International Law

Morning: Introduction to European Private International Law I (MT)

Introduction to European Private International Law II (MT)

Afternoon: Visit to the Estonian Supreme Court (Villu Kõve, Supreme Court Judge)

Wednesday, 20 August

Module III: International Trade Law

Morning: Travel to Riga

International Trade Law I (CS)

Afternoon: International Trade Law II (CS)

Evening: Theatre

Thursday, 21 August

Module IV: European Law

Morning: EU Law I (CS)

EU Law II (CS)

Afternoon: International Commercial Law (Vadim Mantrovs, RGSL, t.b.c.)

Friday, 22 August

Morning: Visit by BNT, an international law firm offering legal advice in all core areas of business law (Moderation: TH)

Afternoon: EU Competition Law I (CS)

EU Competition Law II (CS)

Saturday, 23 August

Trip to Jurmala

Sunday, 24 August

Morning: Travel to Vilnius

Afternoon: City tour

Monday, 25 August

Module V: Comparative Law

Morning: Macrocomparison. The German Law Family (TH)

Microcomparison. Offer and Acceptance (TH)

Afternoon: Macrocomparison. The Anglo-American Law Family (TH)

Tuesday, 26 August

Morning: Macrocomparison. The French Law Family (TH)

Microcomparison. The role of fault (TH)

Afternoon: Macrocomparison. East-European and Scandinavian Law Families (TH)

Evening: Bicycle tour

Wednesday, 27 August

Module VI: Special Focus—Intellectual Property Law

Morning: Introduction into Intellectual Property Law (TH)

Case study on IP law (TH)

Afternoon: Presentation by those students who chose an IP topic

Thursday, 28 August

Morning: Asian and Religious Legal Families (TH)

Tort Law (TH)

Afternoon: Competition Law (Yvonne Goldammer, bnt Vilnius, t.b.c.)

Friday, 29 August

Morning: Property Law (TH)

Visit of the Court of Appeal (Rimvydas Norkus, Court of Appeal judge, t.b.c.)

Afternoon: Preparation for the Moot Court

Saturday, 30 August

Morning: Preparation for the Moot Court

Afternoon: Moot Court (Moderation: TH)

Evening: Picnic on Gediminas Hill

Sunday, 31 August

Excursion to Trakai

Résumé and evaluation questionnaire completion

Evening: Farewell Dinner

Monday, 1 September: Departure