



Children's rights in the EU law and policy

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Course Description

The issue of rights of children is a legal field the importance of which has been continuously growing. The protection of children is in wider sense closely connected with the children's rights. The rights of children create a huge field as all legal branches have connections to the substantial and procedural rights of minors. The course deals with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC, 1989), the main principles and cornerstones of the child-focused attitude of the CRC, primarily with the child's right to be properly informed, to be heard and that his or her opinion should be taken into attention. The lectures summarize the main documents on children's rights in the EU, the right of participation of children, and child-friendly justice, the fight against different forms of child abuse, child-poverty and the fight against child poverty, children in the era of digitalization, advantages and disadvantages, migrant children and family unification, child abduction, children's rights in families, disabled children in the EU, requirements of child-friendly child protection and the child-related case-law of the CJEU.

Course Schedule

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, main principles of the Convention, child's right to be heard, child-focused justice, participation of the child;

main documents on children's rights in the EU and the child-related case-law of the CJEU on several fields affecting children such as child-friendly justice, child abuse, child-friendly child protection, children in the era of digitalization and children's rights in families

Materials

The slides and other materials will be available on the e-learning platform of Canvas.

Assessment/Exam

The students' participation is obligatory, active participation is appreciated and taken into attention at the end of the course. The course is finished with a written exam.