LEGAL ANSWERS TO VIOLENCE IN THE VIRTUAL SPACE: A CRIMINAL LAW APPROACH

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- University of Szeged
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Aim
The Aim of the BIP is to ensure that students get an opportunity to gain educational, linguistic and cultural experiences in a higher education institution in another country.
The Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Science is one of the largest units of the University of Szeged Faculty of Law & Political Sciences. Its teaching and research activities cover criminal law in the broad sense and some of its subsidiary sciences. We have courses, with the law students from the second year until the final exam, and in the last semesters you can also choose a module in criminal sciences. Moreover, we are carrying courses on other faculties on criminal justice, criminal policy and criminology. Last but not least, the Departement participates in LLM. courses for practising lawyers and in doctoral training.

On the other hand, within the framework of research, our colleagues deal with substantive criminal law, criminal procedure, criminology, forensic science, international and European criminal law, criminal law aspects of human rights and constitutionalism, as well as criminal compliance and prison law. The Institute’s staff also participate in the Artificial Intelligence and the Legal Order Research Group.

The majority of full-time lecturers has a PhD degree, but there are also many excellent practitioners – judges, prosecutors – in our staff. They are regularly involved in the preparation of legislation, and they are also drafting opinions for case-law opinions many time. Our colleagues are also active in legal education and are well known in the region and the country for their popular science work.

The Institute is actively involved in national and international academic life, carrying out numerous research projects and maintaining close contacts abroad. We have also established numerous teaching and research collaborations with German, Turkish, Romanian, Italian, Chinese and Spanish universities.

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Krisztina Karsai is a professor and serves as the Head of the Unit at the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Science at the University of Szeged. Her teaching expertise covers Hungarian, European, and International Criminal Law. She is an international expert in the area of European and Comparative Criminal Law and has an extensive portfolio of more than 70 publications focusing on the harmonization of criminal justice systems in Europe. Moreover, Professor Karsai has delivered lectures on these subjects, both within Hungary and on the international stage, including countries such as Germany, Italy, Spain, Romania, Turkey, and China.

In 2022 Professor Karsai has been granted the doctor honoris causa title by the University of Oradea (Romania).

Professor Karsai has served as a member of the Ministry of Justice’s expert team focused on addressing drug-related issues and promoting crime prevention. Since 2012, Professor Karsai has been an independent expert for the European Commission, specializing in criminal justice, crime prevention, and matters related to justice, freedom, and security.

She has been granted with Jean Monnet Chair (2016-2019), the title of her project: *Legal Innovation for Citizens, the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice*. She is editor and co-author of the Commentary on the Hungarian Criminal Code. Prof. Karsai is the Honorary Consul of Austria in South-East Hungary.
Liane Wörner is a distinguished full professor at the University of Konstanz, Germany, specializing in European & International Criminal Law, Comparative Criminal Law, and Legal Theory.

Prof. Dr. Wörner's expertise within the European and International criminal law matters includes *mutual recognition* as regards enforcing European Arrest Warrants and European Investigation Orders, *mutual assistance* in criminal matters, legal aid, and legal frameworks for measurements against terrorism.

In 2020 Prof. Dr. Wörner was appointed to prepare Section II of the German report on digitalization and criminal law for the AIDP's next world congress; and since 2019 Professor Wörner is a member of the scientific committee of the AIDP.

Prof. Dr. Wörner is the Director of the newly founded Centre for Human | Data | Society at the University of Konstanz studying together with numerous scholars from different fields the individual and social implications of datafication, data-centric technologies and their adaption through a transdisciplinary approach.

Recently, Prof. Dr. Wörner was appointed the head of the working group "Proposal for a New Abortion Law in Germany".

Professor Wörner's influence extends globally, through guest professorships and lectures on comparative criminal law and procedure at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison/USA, at the University Istanbul, and at the University of Szeged.
Prof. Adem Sözüer has played a pivotal role in driving legislative reforms as part of Turkey’s EU accession process. In the realm of education, the department led by Professor Sözüer provides students with a comprehensive curriculum encompassing substantive, special part, and procedural criminal law courses, alongside a wide array of electives including subjects like medical law, environmental law, media law, penal execution law, and criminology. Since 1978, the department has been publishing the Journal of Penal Law and Criminology biannually, which is now internationally indexed in both the Web of Science (ESCI) and Turkish National Index (ULAKBIM), and freely accessible. Under the leadership of Professor Sözüer, the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology at Istanbul University organizes a criminal law congress commemorating the enactment of the Criminal Code after the reform process in 2005. Since 2011, the department has been responsible for organizing the International Crime and Punishment Film Festival, which serves as a platform for extensive scholarly discussions, bringing together experts from fields such as cinema, law, psychology, sociology, political science, and non-governmental organizations.
Cristian Dumitru MIHEȘ, is an Associate professor at the University of Oradea, Romania and leads the Faculty of Law in the Dean capacity. His area of expertise is Criminal and Forensic Sciences, Criminal Law, Business Criminal Law, European Criminal Law, and the impact of new technologies on the administration of justice. Professor Miheş's publications and research areas include criminal justice, European law, cybercrime, corporate crime, and the influence of AI on law.

Prof.Dr. Miheş founded and currently serves as the editor-in-chief of The Journal of The Faculty of Law Oradea. He participated in specialization courses on International and European Criminal Law at The International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Science (ISISC), University of Palermo, Siracusa-Italy and Academy of European Law, Trier-Germany. Prof.Dr. Miheş has been involved in various projects, including those focused on the impact of internet trade liberalization on pharmaceutical crime, compliance assessment of legal frameworks, and criminal law protection of EU financial interests. Since 20017, Professor Miheş has been practicing as an Attorney at Law.
Dr. Barbara Dudzik works as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Criminal Procedure at the Maria Curie Skłodowska-University in Lublin (Poland).

Dr. Dudzik received a degree of Doctor in Law on the basis of the thesis “Resumption of judicial proceedings ex officio in the Polish criminal procedure” (2009). Her research focuses mainly on Polish criminal procedure, European and International Criminal Law and Procedure, disciplinary responsibility of academic teachers.

Dr. Dudzik conducted numerous scientific studies at prestigious research centres: Utrecht University (2018, 2022), University of Szeged (2022), Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law (2018, 2021). She participated in many scientific conferences, presenting papers at them.

Dr. Dudzik was the leader of the project: European Investigation Order – German perspective, NCN (Polish National Science Center).
Zsolt Szomora began his academic career in 2003 and serves as a Law Professor at the University of Szeged since 2018. He actively engages in instructing a wide range of subjects within the field of criminal law, encompassing general and special aspects, criminal procedure, and constitutional elements relevant to criminal law. Furthermore, he offers courses in both the English and German languages.

Professor Szomora's research interests encompass a wide range of substantive criminal law issues, with a particular focus on sexual offenses, restrictions on freedom of speech within criminal law, and the protection of intellectual property through legal measures.

Notably, Professor Szomora co-authored the Kluwer Commentary on the Hungarian Criminal Code of 2012 and has served as the Chief-Editor of the esteemed Hungarian legal journal "Case Notes" (Jogesetek Magyarázata) since 2014. Furthermore, he has assumed the role of Vice Dean for Education at the Law School of the University of Szeged since 2016.
Zsuzsanna Juhász is an Associate Professor at the University of Szeged, specializing in substantive criminal law, prison law, and comparative penal execution law. Professor Juhász teaches comparative penal execution law to both Hungarian and Erasmus students and actively contributes to the training of probation officers. Her current academic research is centered on the impact of Covid-19 in penitentiary institutions.

Professor Juhász is currently engaged as a researcher in a work package focusing on challenges to the state within the EFOP-3.6.2-16-2017-00007 research project titled ‘Aspects of the development of an intelligent, sustainable, and inclusive society: social, technological, innovation networks in employment and digital economy. Furthermore, she is a member of an international research group exploring the topic of life imprisonment in comparative law.
Zsanett Fantoly holds the position of a Law Professor at the University of Szeged, where her expertise lies in the fields of criminal law, criminal procedure, and comparative criminal procedure. Professor Fantoly teaches criminal procedure law to both Hungarian and Erasmus students, actively contributing to their education. Furthermore, she plays a proactive role in training and continuously enhancing the professional skills of police officers.

During the early stages of her career, Professor Fantoly actively participated in numerous international research endeavors, primarily focused on corporate criminal liability.

Latest academic research projects focus on both the U.S. criminal procedure and the (digital) instrumental credibility examination of testimonies (e.g. polygraph and brain fingerprinting).

Since 2008, Professor Fantoly has served as an expert in crime prevention projects undertaken by both the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Interior. During the period from 2016 to 2017, she held the position of scientific advisor to the Minister of Justice, providing guidance on matters related to criminal procedure legislation.
Erzsébet Molnár serves as a senior assistant at the University of Szeged and earned her PhD in 2018, focusing her dissertation on the special criminal liability of business organization leaders. Her research extends to various aspects of criminal law, particularly in the realm of criminal law dogmatics.

Dr. Molnár's research encompasses various subjects, including the objective prerequisites for criminal liability, the criminal consequences of omissions, specific legal provisions, and criminal relationships. She has also conducted studies on the protection of trade secrets in both criminal and private contexts, as well as the universal applicability of exclusion criteria.

Dr. Molnár conducted parts of her research in Germany, specifically Osnabrück, Giessen, and Konstanz. She is actively involved in mentoring students with an interest in criminal law and received the Pro Discipuli Facultate award in 2016 for her dedication in this area.

From the outset, Dr. Molnár has been an active participant in the Dreiländer Seminars, initially as a student and later as an instructor.
Andor Gál is senior lecturer and research fellow in criminal law at the University of Szeged and is specialized in substantive criminal law. Dr. Gál earned his PhD degree from the University of Szeged in 2016 for his thesis titled “The Teleological Analysis of Justifiable Defence”.

Dr. Gál is author of many articles on the regulation of justifiable defence, the constitutionality of legal norms and legal practices and other issues connected to both of general and special parts of the Hungarian criminal law.

Dr. Gál is co-author of the Commentary on the Hungarian Criminal Code of 2012. He served as an assistant judge at the Criminal Division of the Regional Court of Appeal of Szeged, Hungary (2017-2020). Since 2018, he has been a member of the European Law Consultants’ Network at the National Office for the Judiciary. Since 2020, Dr. Gál has been the Head of the Vice President’s Office at National Office for the Judiciary (Budapest, Hungary).
Janine Blocher is a doctoral student at the Centre for Human | Data | Society and research assistant at the office of Prof. Dr. Liane Wörner, LL.M (UW-Madison). She studied law at the University of Konstanz with a focus in Criminal Law and graduated in February 2023 (1st German legal state exam). At the same time, she successfully completed the interdisciplinary, study-accompanying program for data and information literacy (ADILT).

Janine Blocher gained experience as a student assistant under Prof. Wörner's guidance, participating in the EU-funded DIGICRIMJUS project led by Prof. Dr. Liane Wörner, Prof.Dr. Krisztina Karsai, and Prof. Dr. Adem Sözüer.

Additionally, at the University of Konstanz, she contributes to the development and instruction of a lecture on the intersection of German criminal law and digitalization within the ADILT-track. Janine Blocher's doctoral studies, supervised by Prof. Wörner, researches issues related to data responsibility and data protection within the realm of criminal law.
Katalin Parti, Assistant Professor of Criminology at Virginia Tech, holds a Master of Arts in Law and Political Science from the University of Miskolc (1998), a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Pecs (2008), a Master of Science in Sociology from the University of Miskolc (2013), and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a Concentration on Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity from Boston University (2021).

During her career, she researched juvenile delinquency, cyberbullying, gender and crime, rape culture, cyber-offending, and victimization. Currently, she focuses on studying online and telephone scams among vulnerable groups like older individuals and international students.

Having published 80 refereed journal articles, books, and book chapters and edited four books, the work of Dr. Parti has been published in academic journals such as JAMA Pediatrics, Trauma Violence and Abuse, Victims and Offenders, American Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime, Journal of Contemporary European Research, and the European Journal of Crime Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.

Dr. Parti has delivered reports in global studies such as the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRD), Threat Assessment of Bullying Behavior in Youth (TABBY, and TABBY TRIP in Europe, respectively), and Living in Surveillance Societies (LiSS).
As Prajna Leadership and Julio Frenk DrPH Fellow, Eirliani A.Rahman is pursuing a doctorate in Public Health at Harvard University. She is a member of the inaugural cohort of "Harvard Students in AI" program hosted by the Berkman Klein Center at the Harvard Law School.

Ms. Eirliani A.Rahman has been named Visiting Researcher at the University of Cambridge's Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy from February to March 2024. She was awarded the 2021 American Public Health Association's International Health Section Student Annual Meeting Grant. Ms. Eirliani A.Rahman was a founding member of Twitter's Trust and Safety Council focused on child online safety since 2016. In December 2022, she resigned due to a surge in hate speech following Elon Musk's purchase of the platform, leading to the council's dissolution four days later.

For her doctoral thesis, Ms. Eirliani A.Rahman is currently working on the concept of 'indirect harassment', arguing that non-overt "signaling" to followers online, including in the form of coded/masked language and other linguistic innovations, should constitute harassment and that this needs to be enforced by social media platforms and national legislation.
Erika Varadi-Csema, is a Hungarian senior researcher, academic lecturer, and lawyer. She served as a vice-dean for the international affairs, and later for education and general questions at the University of Miskolc, Faculty of Law, and also held the position of president of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Alternative Conflict-Solution and Dispute Resolution and chair of the Working Group on Alternative Dispute and Conflict Resolution (Hungarian Academy of Sciences / MAB).

Dr. Varadi's career has revolved around issues in the 21st-century information society, with a focus on vulnerable groups, criminology, and alternative conflict resolution. Her legal expertise spans criminal law, psychology, juvenile justice, and mediation, resulting in extensive publications and active contributions to the academic and professional community. She's a member of the Hungarian Society of Criminology's presidency and has served as an expert on the National Crime Prevention Council. Currently, she conducts comparative legal research at the Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law and frequently presents her work at national and international conferences.
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Dr. Ildikó Pusztai-Varga received her PhD degree in Translation Studies in 2013 at the Doctoral School of Linguistics at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. As a researcher, Dr. Pusztai-Varga regularly publishes on the cultural aspects of translation, on literary translation, and translation training.

Since 1997, she has been working in adult education and higher education as a language teacher and translator. She aims to use innovative, creative and motivating tools in teaching.

As the International Director at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Dr. Pusztai-Varga’s main duties are managing the international relations of the Faculty and the quality assurance of the international training programmes, as well as supporting improvement in teaching methodologies and intercultural aspects reflecting the multicultural teaching environment.

Dr. Pusztai-Varga also works as a teacher of Hungarian as a second language and is an expert in the field of Hungarian Studies.