Developed in the context of the ten years since the signing of the Lisbon Treaty, including the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, 10 years of the FRA, 10 years since Romania's accession to the European Union, topical issues were held at the 4th Annual International Conference Law and Administrative Justice from an Interdisciplinary Perspective.

The conference was organized by Faculty of Public Administration Department of Law "V.D. Zlătescu" from National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, in partnership with Legal Research Institute of Romanian Academy, Ecological University of Bucharest, Romania, The Union of Jurists of Romania, Bucharest, Romania, The Romanian Association for the United Nations member of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, Association Centre of Academic Excellence, Bucharest, Romania and with the support of European Law Institute Fellows, Brussels, Belgium.

The scientific committee comprised personalities of scientific life from different universities in the country and abroad, such as, Prof. Irina Moroianu Zlătescu, PhD European Agency for Fundamental Rights Agency, MBM, Vienna, Austria Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, Assoc. prof. Mihaela V. Cărăuşan, PhD Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, Assoc. prof. Madalina Cocoşatu, PhD Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, Assoc. prof. Elena Mihaela Fodor, PhD Faculty of Law, "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, Cluj-Napoca, Prof. Maria Soledad Campos Diez, PhD Faculty of Law, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain, Prof. Nicole Guimezanes, PhD University Paris XII, France, Prof. Fabio Saitta, PhD Department of Laws, History, Economics and Society, University “Magna Graecia”, Catanzaro, Italy etc.

There is no doubt that the interpretation of legislation is dynamic, reflecting social change, and this must be reported and nuanced to current needs.

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and realities. The conference was a success and new interpretations, proposals for revising the international, regional and national instruments, proposals for new instruments and new mechanisms in the field of administrative capacity of the judicial system; human rights in the new era; citizenship and immigration in Europe; climate change: global challenges, local actions; peaceful settlement of conflicts and management were debated.

One of the themes that drew attention was that of Human rights in the new era. Human rights regulations must be understood from the angle of the object and purpose. Thus, the human being is at the centre of it, the aim is to protect the individual within the values of democratic society. This means that the legal provisions in the field must be interpreted and applied in such a way as to achieve in practice the expressed guarantees. The conference pillar had as chair PhD Irina Moroaianu Zlatescu, President of the UNA Romania, Titular member of IACL, titular member of Academy of Legal Sciences of Roman and Co-chair Fodor Elena Mihaela, Assoc. prof., PhD Faculty of Law from Cluj-Napoca, "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University.

We recall that at the UN General Assembly in 2017, the World Pact for the Environment has been presented, the third Pact for Human Rights, which will determine mankind “to act for the planet, to act by law”. The principles that they establish are already the subject of a broad consensus, and exist in various declarations such as, for example, the Stockholm Declaration of 1972, the World Nature Charter of 1982 and the Rio Declaration of 1992 Recognizing Human Rights at a healthy environment, and the obligation of states to protect it. Since their adoption, it has progressively contributed to the circulation and implementation of fundamental principles, with over 500 international environmental treaties currently in place. All these aspects were presented in the study “The third international covenant of human rights.”

Human rights derive from the growing aspirations of mankind to a life where the dignity and the value of each are respected and protected. The aspects of human dignity and the importance of protecting it were brought to the forefront by Fodor Elena Mihaela, who presented the study with the title” Protection of dignity in Romanian law”.

Other studies that attracted attention were: “Religious freedom: promoting peace and human dignity through religion”, “The right to happiness between the spiritual and legal dimension” etc.

The conference pillar with the title Citizenship and Immigration in Europe had as chair Mădălina Cocosatu, Associate Professor, PhD, Director of the Department of Law "V.D. Zlătescu", Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, and Co-chair Saghi Florin Emeric, Vicepresident of the Romanian Association for the United Nations member of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations. Europe is in the midst of a "crisis" resulting from immigration. In this context, The European Union is trying through its actions
and policies to promote respect for human rights and equality between people and to combat all kinds of discrimination. Increasing the number of people seeking international protection has led to an increased awareness of the need for this. Their protection should therefore be seen more broadly in the context of the protection of human rights. Among the studies presented, we recall: “Relocation – a threat for respect the human rights?” (Cocoşatu Mădălina, PhD, Associate Professor), “Migration – a challenge to international stability and respect for human rights” (Marinică Elena, PhD), “Hot returns at European Union borders” (Ioan Zonga- PhD Candidate), “Reforming the Common European Asylum System: from minimum standard to common standards” (Zlătescu Petru Emanuel, PhD candidate), “Detention of asylum seekers” (Bucur Alexandra, PhD candidate) etc.

The conference pillar with the title New Tendencies in Public Administration Development had as Chair Cărăuşan V. Mihaela, Associate Professor, PhD, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania Director, Association Centre of Academic Excellence, Bucharest, Romania and Co-Chair Gilia Claudia, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, Valahia University of Târgoviște, Târgoviște, Romania. One of the themes that raised interest was “Innovation at grassroots: scenarios for building good governance in Romania” (Iancu C.Diana, Associate Professor, PhD, Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, Ungureanu Mihai, Associate Professor, PhD, Faculty of Political Sciences, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania). Also, the study with the title „The Public Procurement Contract – mandatory provisions”, presented by Cărăuşan V. Mihaela, Associate Professor, PhD, Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, has highlighted new issues in the field.

Other themes that have debated issues related to public administration were: „Determining of human behaviour in the light of legal rules” (Vida Ioana Cristina, PhD, Parliamentary Adviser, The Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament), “Legislative changes aimed to reform human resources management in public administration” (Ghițescu Paula, PhD candidate), “Free counselling of individuals in the field of taxation” (Trușcă Florin-Ionel, PhD candidate).

Peaceful Settlement of Conflicts and Management pillar had as Chair: Nîță Mircea Aurel, Associate Professor, Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania and Co-Chair: Magdo Belu Monna-Lisa, PhD, Professor, Arbitrator at the Arbitration Court of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania. We recall the papers “The arbitrary convention” (Magdo Belu Monna-Lisa, PhD, Professor, Arbitrator at the Arbitration Court of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania), “Advantages of Arbitration” (Brebeanu
Nicolae Ionut, Bucharest Ilfov Commercial Arbitration Court, Romania), “Analysis of the conflicting situation between the National Qualifications Frameworks from EU and non-EU countries” (Niță Mircea Aurel, Associate Professor, PhD, Faculty of Public Administration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania), “The rise of the Euroscepticism and the bad communication between elected and appointed elites and citizens” (Stoica Marcela Monica, “Dimitrie Cantemir” University, Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of Communication and Public Relations, Romania), “Arbitration. Alternative dispute resolution” (Chirita Alexandru Aurelian, Ph.D candidate).

During the conference were also presented works that focused on themes of interest by: Orlov Maria - PhD, Associate Professor, "Alecu Russo" State University of Bălți, Institute of Legal and Political Research of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, President of the Association "The Institute of Administrative Sciences of the Republic of Moldova", Gherghe Aurelian-Associate Professor, PhD Ecological University, Faculty of Law, Cochinți Ionita- PhD, Assistant Magistrate, Constitutional Court of Romania, Fodor Gabriela-Aura, PhD, Judge, First Court Instance of Cluj-Napoca, Oanea Vlad Dan - PhD candidate, Constantin Elena - PhD candidate, Ruge Rareș Bogdan - PhD candidate, Vișan Elena Roxana - PhD candidate and others.

The Conference was held a few days after the conclusion of the UNESCO General Conference, which took place between 30 October and 14 November 2017 in Paris, where the World Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education was discussed. The conference also had a Students’ workshop. The students’ studies have debated topics of interest in the current context at the level of the European Union. There have been presented communications elaborated by: Oprea Elena-Lorena, Zamfira Elena, Tonchevici Rareș Alexandru and others.

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