

A. Summary of the Habilitation Thesis

The habilitation thesis with the title "*Evolution of international law from the perspective of the impact of new technologies*" aims to present the most important results, in the academic, professional and scientific spheres, after obtaining the title of Doctor of Laws. It also aims to provide an overview of future career development along the three dimensions mentioned above. In a summarized formulation, taking into account the general approach to scientific, academic and professional activities, as well as the general concept of future plans, the thesis emphasizes the emerging character of international law and the role of the law of new technologies in the development of international law.

The thesis is structured in two parts. Part I, comprising three chapters, presents the main achievements in the academic, professional and scientific fields.

The first chapter deals with *academic achievements*. First, my teaching **career steps** are presented: external collaborator (2011-2015), assistant (2015-2018), lecturer (2018-2022) and associate-professor (from 2022). The chapter also highlights the fact that, throughout my teaching career, I have given courses and seminars, mainly, on the one hand, in the field of *Public International Law and International Organizations*, but also on specialized topics related to international law, such as the *International Law of the Protection of Minorities*, and, on the other hand, in the field of New Technologies Law on topics such as *Artificial Intelligence Law, Internet Law in the European Union, Data Protection and Information Security*.

In this chapter I emphasized that, after obtaining the title of Doctor of Laws in 2015, the academic training and education activity continued through my participation in many other study and research activities in the field of international law among which I mention: seminars at ERA (European Academy of Law) in the period 2015-2024, courses at EUI (European Institute of Law) in Italy, Florence, 2018, courses at Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights in 2022. In the field of new technologies law, I attended the courses of the Winter Academy, Asser Institute, on *Artificial Intelligence and International Law* in 2021.

I also continued my training in the field of *human rights and new technologies law* through postdoctoral programs, namely a postdoctoral programme in 2017-2019 at the

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law, on the topic of "Workers' Protection in the European Convention System" and a postdoctoral fellowship on *Artificial Intelligence Law*, in 2020, at the University of Paris II Pantheon Assas.

Regarding the teaching activities carried out, first of all, I highlighted the methods used in the lectures and seminars and I made some clarifications on the concerns for improving the structure and content of the subjects taught. At the same time, I emphasized the fact that in order to deepen the issues in the field of *Public International Law*, *International Law of the Protection of National Minorities* and the *Law of New Technologies*, I have been considering an active participation in conferences, communication sessions and congresses, especially international ones.

In the desire to diversify the educational offer of the Faculty in line with the new trends in the development of law in a background of increased digitalization, in 2023 I have initiated the establishment of a new Master's program in English in the field of new technologies and coordinated the preparation of the accreditation dossier. I currently serve as Director of the *New Technologies Law* Master Program which started in the academic year 2023/2024.

I emphasized the fact that I have carried out/performed teaching activities in the field of international law and law of new technologies and personal data protection not only at the University of Bucharest, but also at other institutions or universities in Romania and abroad.

Thus, in 2017 I had the opportunity to teach the seminar "*The Legal System of the European Union*" **at the European Institute of Romania**.

I also mentioned that I teach at **the French-Romanian College of European Studies** (University of Bucharest and University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), respectively since 2016 (2016-2018) the discipline of "*Humanitarian Law, Migrant and Refugee Law*" under the coordination of Professor Pierre Francois Laval and since 2019 (and currently) the seminar "*European human rights law*" under the coordination of Professor Dr. Corneliu Liviu Popescu.

Since 2023, I have been working as a **lecturer at INPPA**, teaching the subject of "*Personal Data Protection*".

Furthermore, I have highlighted that in 2017 and 2018 I was a **visiting professor at the University of A Coruna, Spain**, in the framework of the ERASMUS Teaching Staff mobility - where I gave lectures on "*Humanitarian Law and the Regulation of Armed Conflicts. War and cyber attacks*" and "*Diplomatic protection. Institutionalized procedures*".

In 2024 and 2025 I taught (and am still teaching) as a fellow-professor **at the Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Lille**, the EU Digital Law course (18 hours of lectures) at the Master's level and the Digital Law course at the Bachelor's level (24 hours of lectures).

This chapter also provides information about my involvement in other activities of the law faculty, such as: supporting the publication and promotion of **the Romanian Journal of International Law**, for which, since 2017, I also hold the position of executive editor; coordinating teams of bachelor and master students of the University of Bucharest (since 2011-present) participating in international law competitions (*Charles Rousseau, Phillip C. Jessup, Telders*); coordination of an important number of scientific papers for students of the Bachelor of Law and Master of *Public International Law* and *New Technologies Law* programs.

As regards the **Doctoral School** of the Faculty of Law, since 2019 I have participated as a member in the activities of the doctoral mentoring and admissions Committees.

The second chapter of the first part of the thesis, which refers to *professional achievements*, mainly includes information related to my career as a lawyer and as an expert in European and international institutions, emphasizes the role and importance of these activities in complementing my academic career and in deepening the issues of international law and new technologies law.

I started as a junior lawyer in 2012, working in the field of private international law and human rights. As a senior lawyer, I had the opportunity to work for Deloitte in 2015, and since May 2016 I established my own law firm, focusing on criminal law, human rights and new technologies law. In my habilitation thesis I have mentioned two cases argued before the ECtHR, cases that presented a higher degree of complexity.

In 2017, I took the **bar exam in France**, obtaining the title of **qualified lawyer for the Paris Bar**. This success allowed me to develop relationships and collaborations with law firms in France.

In terms of my experience in international bodies, I mentioned the following: from 2021-2022 as an **expert for EUROJUST** (European Union Agency for Cooperation in Criminal Justice), from 2022 - **expert for EDPB** (European Data Protection Board), from 2023 - expert for the Syracuse Institute on Human Rights and Criminal Justice. In 2024 I became a member of the **Permanent Court of Arbitration** (Hague, Netherlands) and since May, 2025, I started working as an international **expert with UNESCO**.

I also emphasized the fact that my participation in 2023 as the **representative of the Romanian state at the UN Forum on Minority Issues in Geneva** (session 16) also

contributed to the deepening of the issue of international law on the protection of national minorities. On this occasion I moderated discussions between representatives of national minorities from numerous countries and representatives of the governments of these countries.

The third chapter of the first part illustrates *the scientific/research achievements*, materialized in publications, research projects, participation in conferences and congresses and other activities.

I have tried to highlight the fact that the research has mainly been carried out in two directions: topics in the field of *public international law*, from a theoretical and practical perspective, and specialized topics, belonging to *the field of the law of new technologies*.

The chapter also presents the candidate's publications as author, co-author or coordinator: 3 volumes in the field of public international law and human rights, 4 volumes in the field of new technologies, 9 chapters/contributions published in collective volumes, more than 25 articles published in Romanian or foreign journals and more than 20 scientific communications mainly at international conferences abroad.

The chapter also includes a presentation of the topics addressed in representative publications in the field of public international law as well as in the field of new technologies law and emphasizes the interaction between the two fields.

I pointed out that together with other colleagues from the faculty I participated in activities within the **Center for International and Transnational Law Studies of the University of Bucharest**. Since 2021, I became **Executive Director of the Centre**, being in charge of organizing conferences and round tables within the Centre, as well as drafting and obtaining European projects (for example the LITIS project is being carried out within the Centre).

I also mentioned, among other things, that I was national **rapporteur at several congresses in the field of international law**.

The second part of the thesis presents the proposed development perspective in the field of academic, professional career and scientific research.

In the development of my academic career, as a *basic strategy* I suggested the importance of developing in the same time, the academic side together with the professional side (other than the academic one), as well as to deepen the scientific research in the field.

Thus, in **the first chapter** of the second part of the thesis, which presents the directions of development of my academic career, I have addressed two categories of issues respectively, on the one hand those aimed at improving the work in lectures and seminars and on the other hand other activities aimed at training students and master's students.

With regard to the development of the teaching and academic career, I have taken into account the continuation and consolidation of the collaborations already started with the Franco-Romanian College of European Studies, the Catholic University of Lille-France, the University of Coruna-Spain and INPPA.

The second chapter highlights the main directions envisaged in the development of my professional career. I believe that in the coming period, especially in the field of law, academic activity will have to be combined and complemented by professional activity.

Another objective in the professional field is the evolution and development of experience in the field of international law. In this respect, I believe that my participation as a member in the sittings and debates of **the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague** will at least provide me an introduction to the procedure for settling international disputes and an understanding of the current issues in the field of conflicts between states.

At the same time, I consider that a good opportunity to broaden my experience in the field of international law and new technologies law is represented by the further collaboration as an expert with various international organizations and institutions such as **UNESCO and the European Data Protection Board**.

The third chapter of the second part is dedicated to presenting the evolution and development of *scientific research*. A first objective of the scientific research activity must aim at the realization of teaching materials (both for the course and for the seminar) that allow the students to have a clear and effective understanding of the subjects taught, with concrete, practical examples that make them more attractive. In this regard, in the coming period I would like to mention the intention to design, together with colleagues from the faculty, the second edition of the university textbooks *International Law of the Protection of Minorities* and *European Internet Law*. At the same time, a substantial work on *Cases and Practical Studies in the Law of New Technologies* and a monograph on *Media Law* would be welcome.

Emphasizing the fact that the personal evolution in the scientific activity in the aforementioned fields also implies the approach and deepening of more complex, interdisciplinary and topical themes, I have specified some themes that could be tackled in the coming years, including within the Doctoral School, namely: *Hybrid War and Virtual Space*, *Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law*, *Impact of New Technologies on National Minorities*.

On the other hand, the chapter examines the possibility of developing with faculty colleagues new *international research projects* aimed at deepening studies in some less explored sub-areas of *new technologies law and international law*.

As a conclusion of the habilitation thesis, in the context of recent developments, but especially in the field of new technologies, given the extremely rapid pace of digitization, the increased activity in cybercrime, the speed of the spread of information in the online environment, I showed that a new approach to international justice is needed, taking into account all these aspects.