

European Law Faculties Association
Annual General Meeting and Conference 2025

30 YEARS OF ELFA
Legal Education between Traditions and Modernities

Law Faculty of the University of National and World Economy
Sofia, 23-25 April 2025

PROGRAMME

23 April 2025 (Wednesday)

19:00

Welcome Reception

Panorama restaurant "Pri orlite", 11, Dyakon Ygnatiy Str., Sofia

24 April 2025 (Thursday)

*Aula Maxima, University of National and World Economy,
8-mi Dekemvri str., Students Town, Sofia*

8:30 – 9:30

Registration

UNWE, Aula Maxima

9:30 – 10:00

Institutional Welcome

Dimitar Dimitrov, Rector of the UNWE

Miroslav Dimitrov, Dean of the Law Faculty, UNWE

Jivko Draganov, Law Faculty, UNWE, President of the ELFA

10:00 – 10:45

Keynote speech:

**75 Years of the EChHR – The Protection of Human Rights as a
Fundament of the Modern Legal Education**

Diana Kovatcheva, Law Faculty, UNWE, Judge of the European Court of
Human Rights

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30

1st Panel: The Role of Traditions in Legal Education

Chair: Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm, ELFA Board

Speakers:

Soledad Atienza, IE Law School, Madrid, Spain

Leo Martinez, UC Law San Francisco, USA, AALS

Martin Belov, SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Law, Sofia, Bulgaria

12:30 – 12:45

ELFA Award

Laurence W. Gormley, ELFA Award Coordinator

12:45 – 12:50

European Journal of Legal Education Presentation

12:50 – 13:00

Group Photo

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:15

2nd Panel: New Technologies and Legal Education

Chair: Barbara Pozzo, ELFA Board

Speakers:

Gregory W. Bowman, Roger Williams University School of Law, USA, SEALS

Dukagjin Leka, Public University "Kadri Zeka", Faculty of Law, Gjilan, Kosovo

Fatma Beril Özcanlı, Mef University Istanbul, Law Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00

3rd Panel: Legal Education, Legal Research and the Legal Profession

Chairs:

Lana Bubalo, ELFA Board

Speakers:

Ray Campbell, Peking University School of Transnational Law, China

Yanaki Stoilov SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Law, Justice at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria

Konstantin Tanev, Law Faculty, UNWE, Bulgaria

Barbara Pozzo, ELI, ELFA Board

17:00 – 19:00

Visit to the National Museum of History, Sofia (optional)

19:30

Gala Dinner

Vodenitasata Restaurant, Dragalevtzi

25 April 2025 (Friday)

Aula Maxima, University of National and World Economy

9:00 – 10:15

4th Panel: Legal Education and Modern Students

Chair:

Izabela Kraśnicka, ELFA Board, **Greta Bosch**, European Journal of Legal Education Editor in Chief

Speakers:

Nigel Duncan, European Journal of Legal Education, The City Law School City St. George's University of London, Great Britain

Ovidiu Ioan Dumitru, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of Law, Romania

Nathalie Labar, President International Board of ELSA 2024/2025

10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:00

5th Panel: The Role of European Integration and International Cooperation in the Development of Legal Education

Chair: Lukas Rass-Masson, ELFA Board

Speakers:

Işık Önay, Koç Üniversitesi Hukuk Fakültesi, Istanbul, Turkey

Thea Jugeli, Georgian National University SEU, Tbilisi, Georgia

Irakli Samkharadze, Georgian National University SEU, Tbilisi, Georgia

12:00 – 13:15

ELFA Annual General Meeting

13:15 – 13:30

Closing Remarks

13:30

Farewell Lunch

