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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE: “INTERPOLIS' 16”

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Month of November is for many years traditionally connected with the international scientific conference Interpolis, organised by young PhD. students at the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. Main aim of the scientific conference is to provide possibility, particularly for young researchers, PhD. students and scholars from Slovak and foreign universities, to present their research on various issues. Interpolis' 16 was organised in cooperation with Interpolis Civic Association, Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica; Centre For Crisis Management, Faculty of Law of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica; Faculty of Social Sciences University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava; and College of International and Public Relations Prague. International scientific conference Interpolis took place on November 10, 2016 at the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica.

The conference aimed to analyse current issues of theory and practice of Political Science, International Relations and Law. Scholars met at this forum not only to present their research and discuss the topics of their study, but also to exchange ideas and opinions about research methods, which could be useful for better and more specific research on many of the discussed topics. Interpolis' 16 brought together more than forty scholars and researchers from Slovakia, Czech Republic and Poland.

The opening remarks were held by doc. Mgr. **Jaroslav Ušiak**, PhD. Vice-Dean for International Relations of the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations. Vice-Dean welcomed all participants and expressed

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hope that the findings and information presented in the working sections would help the participants in their research, and that the Conference itself would be a great experience in their academic career. Afterwards, initial speech of the Conference was made by special guest, Dr. **Francesco Briganti**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Employee Benefits and Welfare Institute (EBWI). Dr. **Francesco Briganti** focused in his speech on practical aspects and legal issues of lobbying within the European Union.

Later, the participants presented their research in working sections. First working section entitled *Current trends in Economics, Management and Public Administration* was hosted by Mgr. **Simona Kováčová**, PhD. In this section JUDr. **Erik Elias**, doc. PhDr. **Peter Horváth**, PhD., Ing. **Jiří Dušek**, PhD., PhDr. **Richard Brix**, PhDr. **Ján Machyniak**, PhD., PhDr. **Jana Marková**, PhD., and PhDr. **Michal Imrovič**, PhD., presented the results of their research. Presentations in the section analysed various issues connected with regional referendums, local elections or adoption of Euro currency in Czech Republic.

Next working section entitled *Current Issues of Theory and Practice of Law 1* was hosted by JUDr. **Matúš Štulajter**, PhD. Research results were presented by JUDr. **Peter Tonhauser**, PhD., Mgr. **Ondřej Kadlec**, J.D., doc. JUDr. **Jaroslav Klátik**, PhD., JUDr. **Martin Kubinec**, PhD., JUDr. **Eva Findřová**, JUDr. **Peter Hunák**, and JUDr. **Filip Hrmo**, LL.M. Researchers focused mainly on legal aspects of discrimination, taxation or electronic monitoring of individuals.

Current Issues of Theory and Practice of Law 2 was the title of third working section. This one was hosted by JUDr. **Juraj Takáč**, PhD., and the attendees had the chance to listen to the presentations of JUDr. **Miloš Levrinc**, PhD., JUDr. **Patrik Masaryk**, Mgr. **Martin Orviský**, JUDr. **Jozef Pacalaj**, JUDr. **Stanislav Pavol**, JUDr. PhDr. **Martin Skaloš**, PhD. and JUDr. **Lukáš Peško**. Discussed topics revolved around issues from commercial law and lobbying.

Next section, *Current Challenges for Development and Direction of Modern Democracy*, was hosted by doc. PhDr. **Daniela Škutová**, PhD., and its participants were Mgr. **Jakub Bardovič**, PhD., Mgr. **Dominika Jíchová**, Mgr. **Anna Lifková**, Mgr. **Lenka Meravá**, PhDr. **Jaroslav Mihálik**, PhD., Dr. **Beata Pająk-Patkowska**, Mgr. **Ľuboš Žárský**, and PhDr. **Viera Žuborová**, PhD. Presentations analysed relation among democracy and phenomena such as migration, populism, identity or ideology.

Working section entitled *New Security Challenges in the World / Theoretical and Practical Issues of International Relations and World Politics* was hosted by

Mgr. **Lucia Husenicová**, PhD. Research results were presented by Mgr. **Erik Görner**, Mgr. **Dominika Kosárová**, M.A., Mgr. **Ondřej Filipec**, PhD., PhDr. **Vít Rouč**, Ph.D., Mgr. **Ivana Slobodníková**, Mgr. **Lucia Šestáková** and Mgr. **Bernadin Kouhossounon**. Discussed topics contained issues such as security problems of Russia and Ukraine, terrorism, failing states, political xenophobia or piracy.

Last working section entitled *Current Issues of Theory and Practice of Law 3* was hosted by JUDr. **Juraj Takáč**, PhD., and presented the research of JUDr. **Juraj Takáč**, PhD., JUDr. **Jozef Greguš**, Mgr. **Eva Sihelníková**, JUDr. **Stanislav Stehura**, JUDr. **Katarína Ševcová**, PhD., Mgr. **Andrea Ševčíková** and Mgr. **Jakub Žák**. Presentations focused on issues from Slovak civil, criminal and commercial law.

Interpolis' 16 was concluded by doc. Mgr. **Jaroslav Ušiak**, PhD., who expressed his sincere gratitude to the participants, guests, observers and organisers for their contributions, and wished the researchers success in their future career. The hosts of working sections appreciated overall level and agenda of the conference and identified a big future research potential in most of the presentations.

The output of the conference will be a peer-reviewed volume of scientific papers. Interpolis' 16 was successful and it has high assumptions for successful continuation in the next year.