
◀ Foreword,

10th Anniversary of EU Membership

In May this year it has been 10 years since Hungary acceded to the European Union. In order to celebrate this one decade anniversary, in April 2014 the Faculty of Law of ELTE University hosted an international symposium at which prominent representatives of the European legal community discussed current issues of EU law. These were either connected to the effects of accession or that are the focus of ongoing debates at the European level.

This second volume of the ELTE Law Journal is partly devoted to the publication of some of the conference papers which were presented at this conference (*Symposium*). In his article the vice-president of the European Court of Justice, *Koen Lenaerts*, summarises the Court's case law of the last decade connected to a fairly new phenomenon, that of the internet sometimes overturning traditional ways of legal thinking and reasoning. The article of *Endre Juhász*, judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union, elaborates on the impact of EU law on Hungarian law by analysing its particular influence on Hungarian civil law and commercial law in three different eras, before accession, during the accession negotiations and thereafter. *Professor Stanisław Soltysinski* discusses the importance of equal treatment between EU Member States with special regard to the effect of the 2004 enlargement. Other contributors reflected on topical European issues of common interest, most of them related to private law and mainly contract law. *Professor Ewoud Hondius* analyses recodification processes in Central and Eastern Europe and in the Netherlands from a comparative point of view, while *Professor Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson* presents the French contract law reforms put in a European context. *Professor Hugh Beale*, for his part, makes an in-depth comparison of the contract law section of the new Hungarian Civil Code with English law and the proposed European Sales Law.

ELTE Law Journal's aim to become a regional legal forum is reflected by the selection of three further papers which were offered for us to publish. They all have a definite connection to the Europeanization of the law and to the European Idea as a legal, cultural and moral community. *Professor Christoph Grabenwarter*, a member of the Austrian Constitutional Court, analyses the European Convention on Human Rights. His paper identifies inherent constitutional trends and tackles the role of the European Court of Human Rights in this field. *László Szegedi*, who is a Curia (Supreme Court of Hungary) clerk and lecturer at ELTE Law School, reports on the implementation concerns of the Aarhus Convention-related EU Law in Central and Eastern Europe. Last but not Least, our colleague *Professor István Varga* provides an overwhelming insight 'behind the scenes' into the recodification process of civil procedural law in Hungary which involves an international comparative approach.

Attending the conference and reading the papers was a pleasure. Let us share and spread this enrichment on the pages of ELTE Law Journal.

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