

## DESCRIPTION OF THE DOCTORAL STUDY SUBJECT

Title of the subject	Field of science (branch) code	Faculty	Department
<b>Consumer protection in the European Union law</b>	Law (S 001)	Law	Private Law
Study methods	Number of credits	Study methods	Number of credits
Lectures	-	Consultations	2
Individual work	4	Seminars	-
Subject annotation			
<p>This course aims to analyse trends in consumer law in the EU, while taking into account the fact that the regulation of consumer contract law constitutes a considerable amount of harmonisation of private law at the EU level. The subject covers not only the aspects of private law (harmonized types of contract in EU law, including digital content and digital services contracts, control of unfair terms, guarantees, etc) and civil procedure law (reflecting the peculiarities of consumer protection in the civil procedure), but also broader approach to consumer law (e.g. unfair commercial practice control, product safety control, as well as alternative dispute resolution). Much attention is paid to the justification of consumer law and further perspectives, trends and challenges of this area.</p> <p>The course covers following topics: historical aspects of EU consumer law, sources of consumer law (primary law, secondary law), the meaning of self-regulation, areas of consumer law covered by EU law, consumer law relation with competition law, the concepts of consumer contract, consumer and business, consumer rights and its enforcement mechanisms, consumer rights v. human rights, peculiarities of consumer contracts covered by EU law, consumer access to justice (alternative dispute resolution, collective redress mechanisms, procedural peculiarities of consumer disputes).</p> <p>Learning outcomes of the course: the doctoral student must be able to make a research on the chosen issue of EU consumer law by examining, legal doctrine, EU legislation, case law (both European Court of Justice and national courts) and studies commissioned by European Commission reflecting both the issues of the implementation of EU legal acts in the national law as well as a diverse and comprehensive approach to consumer law; the doctoral student must be able as well as apply various legal research methods to evaluate and solve theoretical and practical issues of consumer law.</p>			
Main literature			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ed. By Dorota Leczykiewicz and Stephen Weatherill. <i>The Images of the Consumer in EU Law</i>. Oxford and Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 2018.</li> <li>2. Edited by Geraint Howells, Iain Ramsay, Thomas Wilhelmsson. <i>Handbook of Research on International Consumer Law</i>, Second edition. Elgar, 2018.</li> <li>3. Howells, G.; Twigg-Flesner, Ch.; Wilhelmsson, T. <i>Rethinking EU Consumer Law</i>. Routledge, 2018.</li> <li>4. G. Howells, S. Weatherill. <i>Consumer Protection Law</i>. Routledge, 2017.</li> <li>5. S. Weatherill. <i>EU Consumer Law and Policy</i>. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2013.</li> <li>6. N. Reich, Hans-W. Micklitz, Peter Rott, Klaus Tonner. <i>European Consumer Law</i>. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Intersentia, 2014.</li> <li>7. Iain Ramsay. <i>Consumer Law and Policy– Text and Materials on Regulating Consumer Markets</i>. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2012.</li> <li>8. Katherine Porter. <i>Modern Consumer Law</i>. Wolters Kluwer Law &amp; Business, 2016.</li> <li>9. Ed. S. Weatherill, U. Bernitz. <i>The regulation on unfair commercial practices under EC directive 2005/29: new rules and techniques</i>. Portland (Or.): Hart Publishing, 2007.</li> <li>10. Katalin Judit Cseres. <i>Competition Law and Consumer Protection</i>. Kluwer Law International, 2005.</li> <li>11. Ed. H. Schulte-Nolke, Ch. Twigg-Flesner, M. Ebers. <i>EC consumer law compendium: the</i></li> </ol>			

*consumer acquis and its transposition in the member state*. Munich: European Law Publishers, 2008.

12. R. Schulze, H. Schulte – Nolke, J. Jones. *A Casebook on European Consumer Law*. Oxford and Portland, Oregon. Hart Publishing, 2002.

13. Ed. H.-W. Micklitz, J. Stuyck, E. Terryn. *Cases, materials and text on consumer law*. Portland (Or): Hart Publishing, 2010.

14. Ed. G. Howells, R. Schulze. *Modernising and harmonising contract law*. Munich: Sellier European Law Publishers, 2009.

Names, surnames of advising lecturers	Science degree	Major works in the area (direction) of science published over the last 5 years
Danguolė Bublienė	Dr.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Danguolė Bublienė, Agnė Selvestravičiūtė. <i>European Consumer Law Rationale in Light of New Challenges</i>. Vilnius: Teisė, 2022; No 125.</li> <li>2. Danguole, Bubleiene. Ieva Navickaite – Sakalauskiene. <i>Tourism Law in Europe: Lithuanian perspective</i>. In <i>Tourism Law in Europe</i>. ESHTe/INATEL/USAL, 2021.</li> <li>3. Danguole, Bubleiene. Ieva Navickaite – Sakalauskiene. <i>Implementation of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Directive: Lithuanian experience</i>. In <i>Collective Commentary on the New Package Travel Directive</i>. ESHTe, 2020.</li> <li>4. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė; KAVALNĖ, Salvija; ZEMLYTĖ, Eglė. <i>Veiksnių, darančių įtaką civilinės justicijos veiksmingumui, tyrimas: Civilinio proceso kodekso pakeitimų atvejų analizė</i>. Monografija. Vilnius: Lietuvos Teisės institutas, 2018.</li> <li>5. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė; LIMANTĖ, Agnė; RAGAUSKAS, Petras; VITKUTĖ Evelina Agota. <i>Teisinio reguliavimo ex post vertinimo perspektyvos Lietuvoje</i>. Mokslo studija. Vilnius: Lietuvos teisės institutas, 2017.</li> <li>6. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė. <i>Vartotojų acquis communautaire įtaka Lietuvos teisei: Vartotojų teisių direktyvos perkėlimo į nacionalinę teisę pavyzdys</i>. Leidinyje <i>Europos Sąjungos teisės įtaka Lietuvos teisei sistemai</i>. Vilnius: Vilniaus Universiteto Teisės fakultetas, 2014.</li> <li>7. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė. <i>Nesąžiningų sąlygų kontrolės įgyvendinimas Lietuvoje: efektyvus mechanizmas?</i> Leidinyje <i>Vartotojų teisių apsaugos Europos Sąjungoje teisiniai aspektai: Vartotojo, kaip sutarties šalies, apsauga</i>, 2013: Mykolo Romerio universitetas.</li> <li>8. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė. <i>The future of consumer credit in Lithuania: Quo vadis, Consumer Credit?</i> Tartu: Juridica, 2014; No 22, p 149-167.</li> <li>9. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė. <i>Direktyvos dėl vartotojų ginčų alternatyvaus sprendimo įtaka Lietuvos teisei: iššūkiai ir galimybės</i>. Vilnius: Teisė, 2014; Nr 93.</li> <li>10. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė. <i>Recent Collective Redress Developments in Lithuania – Key Issues in Light of the Implementation of the Commission Recommendation</i> in ed. Eva Lein, Duncan Fairgrieve, Marta Otero Crespo, Vincent Smith. <i>Collective Redress in Europe – Why and How</i>. BIICL, 2015.</li> </ol>

		11. BUBLIENĖ, Danguolė; DUMČIUVIENĖ, Daiva. Atviros kainos sutarties modelis Vienos konvencijoje, švelniojoje teisėje ir Lietuvos sutarčių teisėje. Vilnius: Teisė, 2016; Nr. 99.
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