

# ZANE RASNAČA

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Comparative Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics, Transnational Courts

European Union Law: Constitutional and institutional law, Labour law and social policy, Equality, European Integration, Economic and Monetary Union

## CURRENT POSITION

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since Sep 2016

**European Trade Union Institute**

Researcher in the Unit of Europeanisation of Industrial Relations

since 2012

**European University Institute**

PhD Candidate in Law „*The Role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the Area of Social Policy: Lawmaking Perspective*”, Supervisor: Prof. Claire Kilpatrick

## EDUCATION

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2011 – 2012

**University of Cambridge**

LL.M. (Cantab.) with specialization in European Law (*First Class Honours*)

Papers: European Social Rights and Economic Integration

European Union Trade Law

Competition Law

Contemporary Issues in the Law of European Integration

2009 – 2011

**University of Latvia**

Master's degree in Law with the Qualification of Lawyer

2008-2009

**University of Bremen**

Visiting Student (Exchange)

Courses: Verfassungsrecht III, Umweltrecht, Institutionelles Recht der EU, Völkerrecht

2006 – 2009

**University of Latvia**

Bachelor's degree in Law

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2015 – 2016

**European University Institute**

Research Assistant in project „*Post-programme surveillance in EU states which have had sovereign debt loan assistance*”, Responsible for the case study on Latvia

- 2015 **Yale University, Yale Law School**  
Research Assistant for Prof. Alec Stone Sweet, Project on the application of proportionality principle in cases of indirect discrimination based on sex with emphasis on interaction between national courts and CJEU
- 2014 – 2015 **European University Institute**  
Research Assistant for Prof. Loïc Azoulay
- 2013 – 2014 **European University Institute**  
Research Assistant in project „*Euro-Crisis Law Project*”, Responsible for the case study on the implementation of Euro-crisis law in Latvia.
- 2012 **European University Institute**  
Research Assistant for Prof. Claire Kilpatrick, Project “*The Eurozone Crisis and Social Europe*”, Responsible for the case study on Latvia
- 2011 **University of Cambridge, Centre for Business Research**  
Research Assistant for Prof. Simon Deakin, Project „*Law, Finance and Development*”, Responsible for research on Estonian and Lithuanian Labour law systems

## **RESEARCH STAYS AND TRAINING**

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### ***Research stays***

- 2015 Fulbright-Schuman Visiting Researcher, Yale Law School (working with Prof. Alec Stone Sweet; seminars: Law and Globalization, Comparative Constitutional Law)
- 2014 Fulbright-Schuman Visiting Researcher, Rutgers University, Department of Political Science (working with Prof. Daniel Kelemen; seminar: Public Law)

### ***Internships***

- 2011 Traineeship at Hili Company Ltd, Malta (Maritime Law, Corporate Law)
- 2010 Internship at the Embassy of the Republic of Latvia in Berlin, Germany
- 2009 Internship at Law Firm „*Kronis un Kronis*”, Riga, Latvia
- 2009 Internship at Prosecutor’s Office, Regional Court, Riga, Latvia

### ***Training***

- 2015 Summer school on the Law of the European Union, „*Integration and Harmonisation*”, European University Institute
- 2013 Summer school, „*Young Scholars Lab*”, European University Institute
- 2012 Study visit to EU institutions, organised by the Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Cambridge
- 2010 Summer school, „*Deutsche Wirtschaft - Betriebswirtschaftliche Grundlagen*”, Free University of Berlin
- 2008 Study visit to the European Parliament and European Commission, organized by the University of Bremen

2008 Study visit for judges and state officers of Latvia to the European Court of Justice, organized by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with the European Court of Justice

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2016 **Court of Justice of the European Union**

*Stagiaire in the chambers of Judge Levits*

2011 **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia, Department of Cooperation with the European Court of Justice**

*Deputy Director*

Assistance to the Representative of the Republic of Latvia before the CJEU; Supervision of the daily work of the legal advisers; Organisation of the daily work of the Department in relation with representation of the Republic of Latvia before the CJEU, coordination of infringement procedures and the implementation of European Union law

2009 – 2011 **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia, Department of Cooperation with the European Court of Justice**

*Legal Adviser*

Assistance to the representative of the Republic of Latvia before the CJEU: drafting the legal documents (e.g. procedural documents in proceedings brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union) and national positions on behalf of the Republic of Latvia. The analysis of the CJEU case law and coordination of information exchange among institutions of Latvian public administration and the CJEU

2007 – 2009 **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia, Department of Cooperation with the European Court of Justice**

*Administrative Assistant*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2015 *Introduction to European Union Constitutional Law*, seminar, LLM/1st, 2nd year PhD students in law (European University Institute)

2012 – 2013 *Human Rights*, course and seminars, MA students (University of Latvia)

2012 *Comparative Issues in Human Rights in Latvia and Germany*, tutor in the seminar, BA students (University of Latvia and Humboldt University, project: „*Netzwerk Ost-West 2012*”)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Articles and chapters in books*

“*The Court of Justice of the European Union as a Self-Made Statesman*” (with Prof. Loïc Azoulay) in *The Companion to European Union Law and International Law* (ed. Prof. Dennis Patterson), upcoming in 2016

“*Constitutional Change through Euro Crisis Law: The Report on Latvia*” (part of a project coordinated by the European University Institute). 16 Jan 2014, Report available under: <http://eurocrisislaw.eui.eu/latvia?print=pdf>

*“Starplēmumu kontrole administratīvajā procesā (The control of in-process acts in the administrative procedure)”*, in: *Jurista Vārds*, 22 (2010), p. 8-15

## CONFERENCES

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- 2015                    Doctoral workshop in EU law, European University Institute. Paper: *“A plea for coordinated construction of EU law? The CJEU, the lawmaking, and the area of social policy”*
- 2014                    Conference *“Social Justice in the Next Century”*, London School of Economics. Paper: *“Struggling with the social question: The tumultuous relationship between the CJEU and other EU-level actors”*
- 2014                    Workshop *“Constitutional Change through Eurocrisis Law”*, European University Institute. Paper: *“Is ignorance bliss? The Latvian Constitutional Court, the Eurocrisis and the separation of powers in the multilevel reality”*
- 2013                    PhD seminar *“European Labour Law”*, Uppsala University. Paper: *“The role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the area of social policy: A collision of perspectives – the case study of the Viking and Laval aftermath”*
- 2010                    Conference *“Lisbon Treaty: glimpse into future”* organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the European Union House in Riga
- 2009                    Seminar *“Grundrechtseingriffe durch strafprozessuale Maßnahmen,”* Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany) in collaboration with the University of Latvia. Paper: *“Europäische Beweisordnung/Europäische Ermittlungsanordnung”*

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 2014                    Fulbright-Schuman award (to cover six month stay in the United States, Research on the topic: *“The Role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the area of social policy: The perspective of Treaty-makers and legislature. Judicial politics in the United States as a field for comparison”*)
- 2012                    Kate Bertram Prize, University of Cambridge, Lucy Cavendish College
- 2009                    First Place in the research paper competition organized among law students and young lawyers by the legal Journal of Latvia *“Jurista Vārds”* (research topic: *“The control of in-process acts in the administrative procedure”*)
- 2007 – 2011            Merit scholarship, awarded for outstanding academic results in the academic years: 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, University of Latvia

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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- since 2015            Assistant Editor at the International Journal of Constitutional Law
- since 2015            Volunteering Fellow at the EU Law Clinic *“eLabEurope”* and *“The Good Lobby”*
- 2011 – 2012           Board Member, Society for Women Lawyers, University of Cambridge
- 2009 – 2011           National Board Member, European Law Students’ Association Latvia
- 2009 – 2011           Member of the Erasmus Student Network Latvia

## **LANGUAGES**

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Latvian (native)

English (fluent, TOEFL-iBT 114/120)

German (fluent, TestDaf: TDN 5, 4, 4, 5)

French, Italian (intermediate)