

CURRICULUM VITAE

Associate Professor Dr. Martin Belov

born on 07.09.1979 in Sofia, Bulgaria

Scientific degrees:

PhD in constitutional law (2009). Topic of the PhD thesis: “Direct Democracy – National and Comparative Legal Aspects”

Higher education:

University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochridski”, Faculty of Law (2004),
Master in Law. Graduated cum laude.

Specializations:

1. University of Oxford (UK) (2017)
2. Institute for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland (2014)
3. Max-Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (2011)
4. Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany (2009)
5. Technical University of Dresden, Germany (2006)
6. University of Cologne, Germany (2006, 2009)
7. University of Gent, Belgium (2004)
8. University of Strasbourg “Robert Schumann”, France (2003)
9. University of Hamburg, Germany (2002 - 2003)
10. European Academy for Legal Theory, Brussels, Belgium (2001)

11. University of Vienna, Austria (2001)
12. “Society and Law of Germany”, ZEDES “Germanicum” (Dresden/Sofia) (1999-2001)
13. University of Bremen, Germany (2000)

Scholarships:

- Konstantin et Zinovia Katzarovi Foundation (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Center for Advanced Studies (Sofia, Bulgaria)
- European Commission;
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD);
- European Academy for Legal Theory (EALT, Brussels, Belgium);
- University of Vienna (Austria)
- University of Strasbourg “Robert Schumann” (France)
- German and European Law Institute (Sofia, Bulgaria; Hamburg, Germany)

Professional Experience:

1. Permanent academic positions:

- Associate Professor in Constitutional and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochriski”, Faculty of Law (2018 – till now)
- Chief Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochriski”, Faculty of Law (2011 – 2018)
- Senior Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochriski”, Faculty of Law (2009 – 2011)
- Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochriski”, Faculty of Law (2008-2009)

- Lecturer in Constitutional and Comparative constitutional law at the New Bulgarian University, Law Department (2005 – 2016)
- Lecturer in German Constitutional law and European law at ZEDES “Germanicum” (2005-2010)

2. Other academic positions and temporary teaching experience:

2.1. Visiting professorships

- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at Europa-University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany (2017 and 2018)
- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at “Masaryk” University (Brno, Czech Republic) (2018)
- Visiting Professor in European Constitutional Law and Governance at European Law and Governance School, Athens, Greece (2017)
- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at the Berufsakademie Sachsen, Staatlichen Studienakademie Bautzen (Germany) (2016)

2.2. Guest lectureships

- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Bari “Aldo Moro”, Italy (2018)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Södertörn, Stockholm, Sweden, (2017)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, Italy (2016)
- Lecturer in European and Comparative Constitutional Law at a seminar organized by the European Parliament, Luxembourg (2016)

- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Warsaw, Poland (2015)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Lisbon, Portugal (2012)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the State University of Milan, Italy (2011)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Cologne, Germany (2007-2009)
- Guest Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochridski”, Faculty of Law (2005-2006)

3. Academic research positions:

- Guest Researcher at the Institute for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland (2014)
- Project Researcher at the Centre for Advanced Studies (2013-2014)
- Expert of Justice Development Foundation (2011 - 2016)
- Project researcher at Max-Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (2010- 2012)
- PhD student in Constitutional law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochridski”, Faculty of Law (2006-2008)
- National and local referenda and elections observer in Switzerland (2009 - 2010)
- Researcher on the project “The Judicial Power in Bulgaria in the Context of the Accession of Bulgaria to the EU: Reform of the State Investigators and State Prosecutors Office”, Center for Study of Democracy (2005)

4. Public lectures:

- University of Oxford (2018)
- “Goethe” University, Frankfurt am Main and European Academy of Legal Theory (2018)

- “Sigmund Freud” University, Vienna (2018)
- LUISS “Guido Carli”, Rome, Italy (2016)
- University of Lodz, Poland (2015)

5. Administrative and other positions:

- Academic director of the Summer school in European Constitutional and Administrative Law of the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” (2016 until now)
- Coordinator of the University Agency of the Francophonie for the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” (2016 until now)
- Erasmus coordinator of the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” (2015 until now)
- External Consultant of the National Assembly of Bulgaria (2011-2012)
- Legislative assistant at the Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria (2004-2005)

6. Membership in boards of scientific journals

- Member of the scientific board of the New Authoritarianisms and Democracies (NAD-DIS) Journal, published by the University of Milano, Italy <https://riviste.unimi.it/index.php/NAD/about/displayMembership/217> (2019 until now)
- Member of the editorial board of the ‘Collection of Papers’ Journal of the University of Nis, Serbia (2019 until now)

7. Membership in scientific organizations, commissions and councils:

- Member of the International Association of Legislation (2018 until now)
- Member of the European Group of Public Law (2018 until now)

- Member of the Advisory Board of the Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (2018 until now)
- Member of the Board of Coordinators of the Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (2014 - 2018)
- Bulgarian association for philosophy of law and social philosophy
 - member of the Governing Board responsible for the international relations (2010 - until now)
 - member (2003 - until now)
- Member of the Bulgarian Scientists Union, section “Legal sciences” (2014 until now)
- Member of the Commission for Quality of Education of the Law Faculty of University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2011 - 2018)
- Member of the Faculty Council of the Law Faculty of University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2011 - until now)
- Member of the General Assembly of the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2015 - 2018)
- Member of the Candidate Proposals for University Government Positions Committee of the General Assembly of the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2015 - 2018)

Participation in international scientific projects:

1. Common Constitutional Traditions in Europe (European Law Institute, Vienna) (2018 – till now) – member of the advisory board of the project
2. EMU Choices (Salzburg Center for Studies of the EU, University of Salzburg, Austria) (2016 - 2018)
3. Legislation in Europe (book project led by prof. Helen Xanthaki (University College London, UK) and prof. Ulrich Karpen (University of Hamburg, Germany) (2018-2019)

4. The Constitutions of the Member States and the European Integration (Salzburg Center for Studies of the EU, University of Salzburg, Austria) (2016)
5. Varieties of Democracy (University of Oslo, Norway and University of Gothenburg, Sweden) (2015-2016)
6. The Role and Future of National Constitutions in European and Global Governance (7th Framework Program, European Research Council, University of Kent, UK) (2014)
7. Human Dignity in Europe (University of Lucerne, Switzerland) (2014-2016)
8. The Charter of the Fundamental Rights of the EU and its Application by the Courts of the EU Member States (University Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne, France) (2014-2017)
9. Shaping Constitutional Rules for a Balanced Budget (Bucharest, Romania) (2014-2017)
10. Administrative law and administrative reform in Eastern Europe (Oxford, Great Britain) (2012-2013)
11. The Constitutional Law of the EU Member States (Nijmegen, Netherlands) (2012-2013)
12. Establishment of National Legal Systems in Post-ottoman South Eastern Europe. Deconstruction, Formation and Transfer of Normativity (Max-Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt am Main) (2010-2012)
13. The Constitutional Systems of the Central and Eastern European States (University of Pecz, Hungary) (2010)

Participation in national scientific projects:

1. Supremacy of law as a response to the financial and economic crime (Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Justice Development Foundation) (2013)
2. The Judiciary between the Facts and Norms (Justice Development Foundation) (2012)

3. Roman and Contemporary Public Law (University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski” in cooperation with several Spanish universities) (2012)
4. Equality – a Road to Progress (Commission for Protection of Discrimination and Justice Development Foundation) (2011)
5. National and European Dimensions of the Contemporary Constitutionalism (University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski”) (2010)
6. 130 Years Bulgarian Constitutionalism – Problems and Tendencies (University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski”) (2009)

Participation in scientific conferences:

1. The Role and Future of National Constitutions in European and Global Governance (London, UK) (2018)
2. EMU Choices annual workshop (Orebro, Sweden) (2018)
3. European Public Law Organization annual reunion devoted to “Brexit” (Legrainia, Greece) (2018)
4. 10th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Constitutional Identity and Social Memories in Central and Eastern Europe” (Timisoara, Romania) (2018)
5. Rotterdam Law Network annual meeting devoted to the legal education (Bergen, Norway) (2018)
6. EMU Choices annual workshop (Lisbon, Portugal) (2017)
7. European Public Law Organization annual reunion devoted to the topic “Freedom of Speech” (Legrainia, Greece) (2017)
8. Rotterdam Law Network annual meeting devoted to the legal education (Rotterdam, Netherlands) (2017)
9. 4th Conference of the European Society for Comparative Legal History “Culture, Identity and Legal Instrumentalism” (Gdansk, Poland) (2016)

10. 8th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Central and Eastern European socio-political and legal transition revisited - theoretical perspectives” (Budapest, Hungary) (2016)
11. Rotterdam Law Network annual meeting devoted to the legal education (Konstanz, Germany) (2016)
12. Comparative Law Methodology and National Constitutional Identity (Trento, Italy), (2015)
13. 7th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Global Governance and its Effects on State and Law” (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
14. Law and Rights (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
15. Law and Legal Order (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
16. IACL Roundtable “Shaping constitutional rules for a balanced budget” (Bucharest, Romania), (2014)
17. Constitutionalism and Transition in Eastern Europe: 25 Years Later (Sofia, Bulgaria), (2014)
18. Assessing the EU’s Responsiveness to Constitutional Rights: Data Retention, Arrest Warrants and Beyond (Canterbury, UK), (2014)
19. IX IACL World Congress of Constitutional Law “Constitutional Challenges – Global and Local (Oslo, Norway), (2014)
20. 6th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (Zagreb, Croatia) (2014)
21. 135 Years Democratic Constitutional Tradition in Bulgaria (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2014)
22. 135 Years Bulgarian Parliamentarism (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2014)
23. Political Mobilization in East Central and Southeast Europe (Regensburg, Germany) (2014)
24. Direct democracy in interdisciplinary and international context (Dresden, Germany) (2013)
25. Constitutional Review and Democracy (Belgrade, Serbia) (2013)
26. Role of the local self-government in the development of the territory: Russian and European experience (St. Petersburg, Russia) (2013)

27. 5th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (Greifswald, Germany) (2013)
28. Administrative law and administrative reform in Eastern Europe (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
29. Constitutional guarantees and human rights and freedoms protection mechanisms (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
30. Social functions and legal nature of the fundamental human rights (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
31. The rights of the citizen as patient (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
32. Roman and contemporary public law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
33. The Judiciary between the Facts and the Norms (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
34. Normative dimensions of the intimacy (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
35. The Supreme Judicial Council – what reforms are necessary and why? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
36. The fiscal pact and the crisis of the Euro today and tomorrow (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
37. The Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria – 20 years later – is a constitutional reform necessary? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2011)
38. Emergence of national legal systems in the post ottoman South East Europe. Deconstruction, formation and transfer of normativity (Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 2010)
39. 20 years since the adoption of the fourth Bulgarian constitution – constitutional consensus and constitutional conflicts (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2010)
40. The European Union After Lisbon - An Increased Closeness to Citizens? (Sofia, Bugaria) (2010)
41. European dimensions of the contemporary constitutionalism (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2009)
42. National dimensions of the contemporary constitutionalism (Borovetz, Bulgaria) (2009)
43. Information technologies day at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochridski”, Faculty of Law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2009)

44. Cultural transfer and cultural conflict (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2009)
45. 130 years Bulgarian constitutionalism – the contemporary tendencies (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2008)
46. 130 years Bulgarian constitutionalism – the classical problems (Sveti Vlas, Bulgaria) (2008)
47. 7th International Workshop for Young Scholars (WISH): “Europe – a continent of immigration? Legal challenges in the construction of European migration policy” (Berlin, Germany) (2008)
48. International scientific conference “Informatics in the scientific knowledge” (Varna, Bulgaria) (2008)
49. Power change in the Central and Eastern Europe states (Cologne, Germany) (2008)
50. Academic evening of ZEDES “Germanicum” (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2007)
51. Problems of the electoral legislation in Bulgaria (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2006)
52. XXI World Congress of IVR “Law and Politics” (Lund, Sweden) (2003)
53. Legal argumentation (Hamburg, Germany) (2003)
54. Epistemology and methodology of comparative law in the light of the European integration (Brussels, Belgium) (2002)
55. Consumer Protection in the German and European law (Sveti Vlas, Bulgaria) (2002)
56. Actual problems of the Bulgarian penal law (Sveti Vlas, Bulgaria) (2002)
57. Actual problems of the German and European Commercial Law (Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria) (2002)

Organization of scientific conferences:

- III “Erasmus” legal science week ‘The Role of Courts in Contemporary Legal Orders’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2019)
- ‘Human Rights 70 years After the Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2018)

- II “Erasmus” legal science week ‘Rule of Law at the Beginning of the XXI Century’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2018)
- Global Constitutionalism and Its Challenges to Westphalian Constitutional Law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (joint conference with the European Academy of Legal Theory) (2017)
- I “Erasmus” legal science week (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2017)
- 7th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Global Governance and its Effects on State and Law” (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
- Roman and Contemporary Public Law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
- ECLN Congress Ceci n'est pas une Constitution - Constitutionalisation without a Constitution? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2008)

Languages:

- English - excellent
- German - excellent
- French – very good
- Russian – very good
- Bulgarian – mother tongue