

EMA Director

Prof. Guy Haarscher, President of the Chaïm Perelman Foundation

Fields of competence: Global/European Governance, Globalization, Corporate Social Responsibility, Free speech, minority rights, democratisation, terrorism and human rights, US Supreme Court, European Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Human Rights Committee of the UN, European Court of Justice, Civil Society, Virtual World Law, European Constitutional Law, Legal Philosophy and Theory.

Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

It depends on the courses chosen by the students and on the topics of their thesis.

One lecturer is also involved: Laura Van den Eynde. Fields of competence: civil society organisations, European Court of Human Rights, litigation practices, comparative constitutional law, US Supreme Court, LGBT rights, standing of NGOs.

The university and the city

Université Libre de Bruxelles (U.L.B.) was created in 1834 in order to defend freedom of teaching, freedom of thought and human dignity. Teaching and research are based on the philosophy of 'free examination'. That principle, which is written in the Statutes of the University, postulates the independence of the individual's judgment and the rejection of dogmatic argument. The fundamental value of 'free examination' remains as the cornerstone of all U.L.B. activities. This constant calling into question is systematically applied to whatever concerns its fundamental missions, however distantly, namely: teaching, research, and service to the community. The U.L.B. includes 7 departments, numerous institutes, schools and research centres. The University's teaching body and researchers include over 2.050 members. Over 18.000 students are enrolled at U.L.B., a third of whom represent 130 foreign countries. The U.L.B. offers several postgraduate programs with links to the field of human rights and democratisation. Notable are the following masters: two masters in international law; two masters within the European Studies Institute, one master in political science; and other transdisciplinary masters. The entire program of these courses is available on the Internet site of the U.L.B. at the following address: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/> For specific information about the Centre of Public Law which hosts the masterini, see <http://www.ulb.ac.be/droit/droitpublic/>

Second semester courses

Courses available for EMA students:

Students have to follow two or three other courses offered at the University and/or attend various conferences. There are a few courses offered in English, but most courses are offered in French only. All details are available on the website: http://banssbfr.ulb.ac.be/PROD_frFR/bzscrse.p_prog_catalog

Deadline for enrolment in the courses: 30 January 2017

Examination procedures: It depends on the chosen courses: Papers or exams.

Websites:

<http://www.ulb.ac.be/rech/inventaire/unites/ULB054.html>

and

<http://droit-public.ulb.ac.be/>

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Thesis

Research areas:

- Freedom of Conscience and Religion
- Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press
- LGBT Rights
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Civil Society and Human Rights
- European Court of Human Rights
- US Supreme Court
- Comparative Human Rights Law
- Public Interest Litigation
- Shrinking civil society space

In 2015, we launched a research project (mainly in French) on public interest litigation focused on the fight against impunity and on the fight against austerity measures in which two doctoral researchers are currently involved. Interested masterini could join the team if their research projects allow it.

Thesis supervision: Theses Director: Prof. Guy HAARSCHER and others, depending on the thesis topics.
Tutor: Laura VAN DEN EYNDE

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university (+ 1 copy to the EMA Secretariat): 2 copies + electronic version to the supervisor and to the tutor.

Library

There are 2 libraries available: (Law Library + General Library) as well as online access to many journals.

Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

Some members of the Centre are individually involved with NGOs (such as the Belgian League for Human Rights: <http://www.liguedh.be/>). The students will be encouraged to meet with practitioners as well as with researchers of other universities. Brussels is an excellent place for networking with international governmental organisations and around 1.400 international non-governmental organisations on its territory. With 159 embassies and 2.500 diplomats, Brussels is also the second largest diplomatic city in the world. Finally, many interprofessional organisations have chosen Brussels as their home. See: <http://www.bruxelles.irisnet.be/>

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements: You should apply for your visa in person at the relevant Belgian embassy or consulate in your country of residence. If there is no Belgian embassy or consulate in your country of residence, you should apply to the Belgian embassy responsible for that country (usually located in a neighbouring country). This embassy will also tell you if you can submit your visa application in your country of residence via the embassy of another Schengen country. For more details see the website: <http://www.diplomatie.be/en/travel/visa/visumDetail.asp?TEXTID=40113>

IT and logistics: The students are hosted at the Centre for Public Law, where a team of professors and doctoral researchers work on various issues in a relaxed atmosphere. The students receive their own office with printer, free access to internet and the library.

!!!! ULB is a French-speaking university. While everything can be handled in English, it eases the administration and the choice of courses if students master (at least some) French.