



# UNIVERSITY OF TARTU

## E.MA Director

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Professor Lauri Mälksoo, Head of the Department of Public Law

**Fields of competence:** Public international law, human rights, legal policy developments in Russia and Eurasia

## Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

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Senior Researcher Merilin Kiviorg

Lecturer Katre Luhamaa

Besides the School of Law, a number of teaching staff are located at Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies (Professors Andres Kasekamp, Viatcheslav Morozov et al.)

## The university and the city

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Tartu is the second-largest city in Estonia and it has recently been voted the most pleasant Estonian city to live in. The university is among the oldest in the region – it was established in 1632 by the Swedish King Gustavus II Adolphus. The city is green and is dominated by historic university buildings and students who are increasingly coming from all over the world. According to the Times Higher Education ranking, the university belongs to top 3% of the world universities (placed in the 350-400 band).

If one university in the world would have to be mentioned that played the crucial role in the Western interaction with Russia, it would have to be Tartu (historically also known as 'Dorpat'). Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, scholars from Tartu specialised in the Western study of Russia. Today too, the university has an interdisciplinary research centre called CEURUS — Centre for EU-Russia Studies.

Tartu, most students say, is a fun place to live and study in. It has active student life and good facilities for international students. A number of E.MA students who have chosen the University of Tartu for their second semester have also taken up Russian language studies while at Tartu.

## Second semester courses

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**Courses available for E.MA students:** The courses are typically interactive, seminar-type (involving homework and reading). A non-exhaustive list of the courses provided in spring 2017:

- Professor Lauri Mälksoo, *Russian Approaches to International Law and Human Rights: Theory and Practice*, 6 ECTS
- Senior Researcher Merilin Kiviorg, *Comparative Human Rights*, 6 ECTS
- Professor Viatcheslav Morozov, *Political Systems in Post-Soviet Space*, 6 ECTS
- Professor Andres Kasekamp, *Diplomacy*, 6 ECTS
- Lecturer Ryhor Nizhikau, *Regime Change and Its Consequences in CIS*, 3 ECTS

In addition, some *masterini* who have come to Tartu during the previous years, have taken language courses (Estonian and/or Russian). Moreover, they are free to

### Websites:

[www.ut.ee/en](http://www.ut.ee/en)

[www.oi.ut.ee/en](http://www.oi.ut.ee/en)

[www.ceurus.ut.ee](http://www.ceurus.ut.ee)

### Department:

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In addition:  
Interdisciplinary Centre  
CEURUS

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choose additional courses from the university's Prometheus program in transitional studies and EURUS (European-Russian studies) master program with emphasis on political science, history, etc.

**Deadline for enrolment in the courses:** 31 January 2017.

**Examination procedures:** Written exams (often essays) that will have to be submitted in May/June 2017.

## Thesis

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### Research areas:

- Russia and human rights law (both legal and social science as well as historical, public and private law perspectives)
- Human rights from comparative perspective
- Transitional justice
- CIS countries linked with human rights and democratization problems

**Thesis supervision:** All law lecturers mentioned above are willing to supervise E.MA theses in 2017. In previous years, Prof Mälksoo has successfully supervised about 10 E.MA theses (of which one thesis, in 2008, was selected as one of the five best theses in the E.MA program that year). In principle, if you are able to meaningfully link a human rights or democratisation problem with Russia or CIS countries, we would seriously consider supervising it. The process of supervision is not overly formalised in our university – however, we will continuously be available for you. Proposals concerning human rights from comparative perspective are also welcome. Supervision with social scientists other than lawyers is also in principle possible.

**Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university** (+ 1 copy to the EIUC Secretariat): Only electronically.

## Library

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Tartu University has a big university library that is open until late each day. We also have a specialised human rights law library in the Faculty of Law (at Näituse Street). As student you will have free access to the leading databases such as Lexis Nexis, Hague Academy courses, HeinOnline, etc.

## Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

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**NGOs:** Estonian Institute of Human Rights, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, Open Estonia Foundation.

**National Organisations:** Office of the Chancellor of Justice (Ombudsman's Office).

## Administration and logistics

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**Information concerning visa arrangements:** The International Student Service ([www.ut.ee/en/international-student-service-3](http://www.ut.ee/en/international-student-service-3)), in particular Ms Kristina Hermann, +372-7376270, [kristina.hermann@ut.ee](mailto:kristina.hermann@ut.ee).

**IT and logistics:** Free wireless internet is available almost anywhere in Tartu. We provide *masterini* who choose Tartu with their own workplaces at the facilities of the Institute of Constitutional and International Law.