

## *Chronicle of Scholarly Events in Serbia in 2017*

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On March 30 the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law hosted the conference “The Legal System of the Independent State of Croatia”. The conference was devoted to the legal-historical study of the Independent State of Croatia (1941–1945), which was a puppet government of Nazi Germany during the occupation of Yugoslavia in World War II. The participants of the conference presented papers which dealt with various aspects of the statehood of the Independent State of Croatia in an effort to answer the question as to whether the Independent State of Croatia could be considered a state from the viewpoint of legal theory. The papers presented at the conference have been published as a collection. This contribution to legal history is of immense importance as it sheds a new light on the regime which organized and implemented the genocide of Jews, Serbs, and Roma people in the territories controlled by the Independent State of Croatia.

The University of Niš Faculty of Law together with the Balkan Association for Roman Law and the Italian Cultural Institute in Belgrade hosted the international conference “UNIVERSUM IURIS ROMANI – The Universality of Roman Law” from 12 to 14 October. The main theme of this conference was the importance of Roman law as the foundation of all continental legal systems. Participants in the conference came not only from the Balkans, but also from Italy and Spain. The conference also included guided tours of the most important ancient archaeological sites in the vicinity of Niš – the palace of Emperor Constantine and the palace of Emperor Galerius.

On 25 October the Serbian Academy of Science and Arts and the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law organized a discussion to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coronation of King Stephen the First-Crowned (1196–1228), the first ruler of mediaeval Serbia to receive the title of king. Among other topics related to mediaeval Serbia, the development of Serbian mediaeval law was discussed.

Following a long-established tradition, “Forum Romanum”, the Club for Ancient Legal History and Roman Law which is based at the University of Belgrade Faculty of

Law, organised a series of lectures on various topics of legal history. These lectures took place every Friday during the semester. The topics discussed this year were: the Edict of Milan and the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire; Election Fraud in Ancient Rome; the persecution of intellectuals in Serbia: the case of Mihailo Đurić; the oratory of Cicero; and the history of Roman Belgrade.