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## ABOUT MYSELF

Matko Guštin, Master of Laws, is a Teaching Assistant at the Department of Family Law, Faculty of Law, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek (Croatia). Also, he is a Ph.D. student at the Doctoral Study Programme of Law at the Faculty of Law Osijek. Broader scientific interests are related to the field of family law, while narrower scientific interests are related to children's rights, adoption, and family procedural law. The topic of his Ph.D. research (doctoral thesis) is related to adoption, that is adoption in context of protection of the protection of human and children's rights. He is the author of several scientific papers and has presented at several international conferences. Also, he is the Executive Editor of the journal Child and Family in Contemporary Society and the secretary of the Interdisciplinary Lifelong Education Program "Child in Justice System".

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant

**Faculty of Law Osijek** [ 2021 – Current ]

**Address:** Stjepana Radića 13, 31000 Osijek (Croatia) | **Website:** <https://www.pravos.unios.hr/> | **Name of unit/department:** Department of Family Law

Leading seminar classes:

1. Family Law (Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study Programme of Law )
2. Status Law of Citizens (Professional Undergraduate Administrative Study Programme - first cycle degree)
3. Family Law and Family Procedural Law (Undergraduate University Study Programme of Social Work)
4. Rights of the Child (Undergraduate University Study Programme of Social Work)
5. Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Undergraduate University Study Programme of Social Work)

and exercises:

1. Family Law and Family Procedural Law (Undergraduate University Study Programme of Social Work)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### Doctor of (Legal) Science

**Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek** [ 2023 – Current ]

**Address:** Stjepana Radića 13, 31000 Osijek (Croatia)

The Doctoral Study (Ph.D.) Programme of Law

## **English language course for lawyers**

**Faculty of Law Zagreb, University of Zagreb [ 2022 ]**

Address: Trg Republike Hrvatske 14, 10000 Zagreb (Croatia)

Attending the lifelong education program of the Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb organized by the Department of Foreign Languages "English Course for Lawyers" in the academic year 2021/2022; Course Leader: Eamonn Shanahan

## **Master of Laws**

**Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek [ 2016 – 2021 ]**

Address: Stjepana Radića 13, 31000 Osijek (Croatia)

Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study Programme of Law  
Diploma magna cum laude

## **Administrative Officer**

**School of Economics and Administration Osijek [ 2012 – 2016 ]**

Address: Holy Trinity Square 4, 31000 Osijek (Croatia)

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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**Mother tongue(s):** Croatian

**Other language(s):**

**English**

**LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1**

**German**

**LISTENING A1 READING A1 WRITING A1**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1**

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## **DIGITAL SKILLS**

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Internet / MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) / Communication programs (Skype, Zoom, TeamViewer) /  
Searching case law databases / Searching databases of scientific journals / Social networks

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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[2024]

**Protection of Procedural Rights of the Child in Administrative Proceedings with Special Reference to Proceedings Related to Status Law Issues** Guštin, M., Protection of Procedural Rights of the Child in Administrative Proceedings with Special Reference to Proceedings Related to Status Law Issues, Child and Family in Contemporary Society, vol. 1, no. 1, 2024, 27-62.

[2023]

**Intercountry Adoption in the Republic of Croatia through the Prism of the Case of Adoption of Children from DR Congo** Guštin, M., Rešetar, B., Intercountry Adoption in the Republic of Croatia through the Prism of the Case of Adoption of Children from DR Congo, Collected Papers of the Faculty of Law Zagreb, vol. 73, no. 5, 2023, 881-929.

[2023]

**The Impact of the European Court of Human Rights on the Adoption Procedure in the Republic of Croatia** Guštin, M., The Impact of the European Court of Human Rights on the Adoption Procedure in the Republic of Croatia, Collected Papers of the Faculty of Law University of Rijeka, vol. 44, no. 2, 2023, 531-558.

[2023]

**(Un)limited Power of Spouses in the Regulation of Personal Rights and Duties in Croatian Family Legislation** G  
uštin, M., (Un)limited Power of Spouses in the Regulation of Personal Rights and Duties in Croatian Family Legislation, Proceedings - 5th International Scientific Conference European Realities - Power, The Academy of Arts and Culture in Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek, 2023, 269-293.

[2023]

**Merits of Johann Kohlhoffer in the Establishment of Institutional Care for Orphans in Osijek** Guštin, M., Merits of Johann Kohlhoffer in Establishment of Institutional Care for Orphans in Osijek, Conference proceedings "Prominent Germans, Austrians and Jews in the public life of Osijek throughout history", Kordić, Lj., Papa, D., Rišner, Ž. (eds), Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek, 2022, 35-54.

[2022]

**Digitalization of the Croatian public administration with special reference to the social care system** Đanić Čeko, A., Guštin, M., Digitalization of the Croatian public administration with special reference to the social care system, Collected Papers of the Faculty of Law in Split, vol. 59, no. 4, 2022, 793-821.

[2022]

**Comparative Review of Adoption in Croatia and Slovenia: Similarities, Differences and Efficiency** Guštin, M., Comparative Review of Adoption in Croatia and Slovenia: Similarities, Differences and Efficiency, Medicine, Law & Society, vol. 15, no. 2, 2022, 385-418.

[2022]

**Challenges of Protecting Children's Rights in the Digital Environment** Guštin, M., Challenges of Protecting Children's Rights in the Digital Environment, EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges Series (ECLIC), vol. 6, 2022, 453-486.

[2022]

**What Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Taught us About the (In)Effectiveness of Legal Protection Against Domestic Violence?** Lucić, N., Guštin, M., Filipović, S., What Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Taught us About the (In)Effectiveness of Legal Protection Against Domestic Violence?, International Journal Vallis Aurea, vol. 8, no. 1, 2022, 75-95.

[2021]

**The role and significance of clinical legal education on faculties of law in the Republic of Croatia with special overview of the Legal-Economic Clinic of the Faculty of Law in Osijek** Đanić Čeko, A., Jukić, I., Guštin, M., The role and significance of clinical legal education on faculties of law in the Republic of Croatia with special overview of the Legal-Economic Clinic of the Faculty of Law in Osijek, Conference proceedings, Belanić, L., Dobrić Jambrović, D. (eds), Faculty of Law Rijeka, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, 2021, 183-210.

[2022]

**Copyright, plagiarism in science and students' attitudes** Guštin, M., Copyright, plagiarism in science and students' attitudes, Paragraf, vol. 6, no. 1, 2022, 9-46.

[2021]

**Human rights in Croatia under the influence of the pandemic** Guštin, M., Sudar, V., Human rights in Croatia under the influence of the pandemic, Pravnik, vol. 55, no. 107, 2021, 255-268.

[2019]

**Citizenship as a fundamental feature of state jurisdiction in the Republic of Croatia with reference to the western Balkan countries and the citizenship of the European Union** Guštin, M., Citizenship as a fundamental feature of state jurisdiction in the Republic of Croatia with reference to the western Balkan countries and the citizenship of the European Union, Paragraf, vol. 3, no. 1, 2019, 227-252.

## NETWORKS & MEMBERSHIPS

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[ 2022 – Current ] Osijek

**Croatian Society for Legal Protection of Family**

[ 2022 – Current ]

**International Society of Family Law**

[ 2021 – Current ] Osijek

**Alumni Club of the Faculty of Law Osijek**

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

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[ 27/06/2024 – 29/06/2024 ] İstanbul Kültür University, İstanbul

**ConferenceCES „Cha(lle)nging Childhoods: Reimagine Childhoods in Uncertainty and Inequality“** Presentation at the conference under the title: (Historical) Development of children's rights after the Second World War until today: the example of Croatia.

[ 25/04/2024 – 26/04/2024 ] Children's Rights European Academic Network (CREAN), University of Geneva, Ženeva

**Children's Rights: Fostering Dialogue Between Academia and Society** Presentation at the conference under the title: The child as (active) participant in the adoption procedure; presentation of Interdisciplinary Program of Lifelong Education "Child in Justice System"

[ 04/12/2023 – 05/12/2023 ] University of Antwerp, Law and Development Research Group, Antwerp

**9th CREAN Childrens Rights Research Symposium Critical Approaches to Childrens Rights** Presentation at the conference under the title: Children's rights in adoption procedure in international documents and case law of the ECtHR

[ 21/09/2023 – 22/09/2023 ] Central European Academy, Budapest

**II. Annual Scientific Conference of the Central European Academy** Presentation at the conference under the title: The best interest of the child in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in adoption procedures

[ 25/08/2023 – 30/08/2023 ] International Social Work & Society Academy (TiSSA) - Faculty of Law Osijek

**Social work and human rights: advocating disruptive voices** Presentation at the conference under the title: The procedure for establishing adoption in the context of the protection of human and children's rights

[ 12/07/2023 – 15/07/2023 ] International Society of Family Law; Faculty of Law Antwerpen

**Rethinking Law's Families & Family Law** Presentation at the conference under the title: The position of the child between biological and foster family in the Republic of Croatia

[ 12/09/2022 – 16/09/2022 ] Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik

**Social Work Theories and Methods** Presentation at the conference under the title: Possibility of Adoption by Persons of Homosexual Orientation – the Beginning of Changes in Croatia?

[ 16/06/2022 ] Faculty of Law of the Pan-European University in Bratislava, Bratislava (online)

**International Family Law Conference and Debate 2022** Presentation at the conference under the title: The impact of the European Court of Human Rights on the adoption process in Croatia

[ 09/06/2022 – 10/06/2022 ] Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**6th International Scientific Conference on EU and comparative law issues and challenges (ECLIC)** Presentation at the conference under the title: Challenges of Protecting Children's Rights in the Digital Environment

[ 03/06/2022 ] Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**Scientific and professional meeting "Prominent Germans, Austrians and Jews in the public life of Osijek throughout history"** Presentation at a scientific-professional meeting under the title: Merits of Johann Kohlhoffer in the Establishment of Institutional Care for Orphans in Osijek

[ 20/04/2022 ] Faculty of Law Niš, University of Niš (online)

**International Scientific Conference "Systematic Agency in Extraordinary Situations: Experiences and Challenges"**

Presentation at the conference under the title: Challenges of Digitalization of Croatian Public Administration, with Reference to Special Circumstances and Contemporary Challenges under the Impact of COVID-19

[ 25/03/2022 ] The Academy of Arts and Culture in Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**5th International Scientific Conference European Realities - Power** Presentation on the conference under the title: (Un)limited power of spouses in regulating personal rights and duties in Croatian family legislation

[ 2021 – 2022 ] Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**Jean Monnet Module Language and EU Law Excellence** Participation in lectures as part of the project Jean Monnet Module Language and EU Law Excellence (project no. 620231-EPP-1-2020-HR-EPPJMO-MODULE), Faculty of Law Osijek, academic year 2021/2022

[ 08/11/2021 – 12/11/2021 ] Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**Intensive course on lawyer ethics and lawyer skills** Attending lectures by professor James Moliterno (Washington and Lee University) as part of the project "Building Lawyer Ethics Capacities", Faculty of Law Osijek, academic year 2021/2022

[ 26/10/2021 ] Faculty of Law Rijeka, University of Rijeka, Rijeka

**Improving the quality of studies at law faculties in Croatia** Presentation at the conference under the title: The role and significance of clinical legal education on faculties of law in the Republic of Croatia with special overview of the Legal-Economic Clinic of the Faculty of Law in Osijek

[ 14/07/2021 – 16/07/2021 ] Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**Digital Competences of HE Teachers for Innovative Teaching Practices** Education on the use of tools for creating MOOCs organized by the University Computing Center in Zagreb as part of the project Time to Become Digital in Law (DIGinLaw)

[ 25/06/2021 – 30/06/2021 ] Dubrovnik

**Post Pandemic Europe: Politics, Economy and Society** Participation at the 20th Šipan Summer School organized by the Zagreb office of the Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung and the Institute for Development and International Relations

[ 2018 ] Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Osijek

**The child's right to contact according to international law** Jean Monnet chair for cross-border movement of children in the EU, Faculty of Law Osijek - Legal aspects of children's rights to cross-border movement in the EU, perspectives and compliance of Croatian legislation with European regulations

## PROJECTS

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[ 2024 – Current ]

**Support for foster care duration** Collaborator (researcher) on the project of the Association "Breza"

[ 2021 – Current ]

**Legal protection of family and vulnerable groups of society** Internal scientific-research project IP-PRAVOS-2 "Legal protection of family and vulnerable groups of society", project manager: Branka Rešetar, PhD, Full Professor

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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[ 2022 ] Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

**Rector's Award of Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek** Rector's Award for a seminar paper from the course EU External and Internal Security Law under the title "Independence of Kosovo - 13 years later"

[ 2021 ] Faculty of Law Osijek

**Dean's Award for the best scientific research and professional student work of the Faculty of Law Osijek** Dean's Award for the best scientific research and professional student paper of the Faculty of Law in Osijek in the academic year 2020/2021 under the title "Copyright, plagiarism in science and students' attitudes"

[ 2021 ] Faculty of Law Osijek

**Special Dean's Award for exceptional success of Osijek Faculty of Law students in extracurricular activities** Special Dean's Award for the exceptional success of students of the Faculty of Law Osijek in extracurricular activities achieved in the academic year 2019/2020 - award for establishing, managing and maintaining the blog of the Legal-Economic Clinic and creating a publication entitled "Law for Entrepreneurs" and "Entrepreneurial curiosities"

[ 2020 ] Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

**Rector's Award of Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek** Rector's Award for a seminar paper from the course Administrative Law under the title "Aspects of migration law in the European Union and the Republic of Croatia"

[ 2019 ] Faculty of Law Osijek

**Dean's Award for the best scientific research and professional student work of the Faculty of Law Osijek** Dean's Award for the best scientific research and professional student paper of the Faculty of Law in Osijek in the academic year 2018/2019 under the title "Citizenship as a fundamental feature of state jurisdiction in the Republic of Croatia with reference to the western Balkan countries and the citizenship of the European Union"

Faculty of Law Osijek

**Dean's Award for excellent academic achievement** Dean's Award for excellent academic achievement for academic years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

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**Executive Editor** Executive Editor of the journal "Child and Family in Contemporary Society"

Link: <https://hrcak.srce.hr/ojs/index.php/dijeteobitelj/index>

**International Conference ECLIC (EU and Comparative Law issues and Challenges) Predoctoral Conference**

**2024** Member of the program and organizational committee of the international conference ECLIC (EU and Comparative Law issues and Challenges) Predoctoral Conference 2024

**The international "Social Work & Society" Academy (TiSSA) 2023** Member of the organizing committee The international "Social Work & Society" Academy (TiSSA)

**Secretary of the Interdisciplinary Lifelong Education Program "Child in Justice System"** Lifelong education program, Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

## POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE

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[ 2024 ]

**European Days**

"Family as part of European values", Faculty of Law Osijek, 2024

[ 2023 ]

## **Science Festival 2023**

"Protection of children's right to a healthy environment and sustainable economic development", Faculty of Law Osijek, 2023

[ 2022 ]

## **Science Festival 2022**

"Life of children in the digital environment of the European Union", Faculty of Law Osijek, 2022

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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[ 2020 – 2021 ]

### **Zlatko Crnić Foundation**

Scholarship of the Zlatko Crnić Foundation in the academic year 2020/2021 for the most successful law students in the Republic of Croatia

[ 2019 – 2020 ]

### **Osijek - Baranja County Scholarship**

Scholarship of the Osijek - Baranja County in the academic year 2019/2020 for the best students

## **STUDY VISITS AND TRAINING**

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[ 07/05/2024 – 23/05/2024 ]

### **Professional training and research stay within the Erasmus+ program**

Professional training and research stay within the Erasmus+ program at the Faculty of Law, Ludwig-Maximilians University of München (Germany)

[ 08/05/2023 – 08/06/2023 ]

### **Research stay within the Ceepus program**

Research stay within the Ceepus program at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

[ 10/03/2023 – 20/03/2023 ]

### **Professional training and research stay within the Erasmus+ program**

Professional training and research stay within the Erasmus+ program at the Faculty of Law Maribor, University of Maribor (Slovenia)

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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[ 2020 – 2021 ]

### **Student Assistant (demonstrator) at the Department of Administrative Law and Science**

Student Assistant (demonstrator) at the Department of Administrative Law and Science, Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

[ 2021 – 2021 ]

### **Student Assistant on the EU project**

Student Assistant on the EU Project Time to Become Digital in Law (DIGinLaw) (2020-1-HR01-KA226-HE-094693)

[ 2021 – 2021 ]

### **Student ombudsman at the Faculty of Law Osijek**

[ 2020 – 2021 ]

**Student mentor at the Legal-Economic Clinic of the Faculty of Law, Osijek**

[ 2021 – 2021 ]

**Project "Stop plagiarism!"**