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WORK EXPERIENCE

Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

City: Osijek | **Country:** Croatia

[2026 – Current] **Research Assistant**

- Full-time research assistant at the Chair of Private International Law
- Employed within the Croatian Science Foundation's program "Young Researchers' Career Development Project - Training New Doctoral Students", under the mentorship of Prof. Mirela Župan, PhD.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[2026 – Current] **PhD Candidate**

Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

City: Osijek | **Country:** Croatia | **Field(s) of study:** Business, administration and law:
• Law

[2020 – 2025] **Master of Laws (LLM)**

Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

City: Osijek | **Country:** Croatia | **Field(s) of study:** Business, administration and law:
• Law

PROJECTS

[2026 – Current] **"Young Researchers' Career Development Project - Training New Doctoral Students" of the Croatian Science Foundation**

- The goal of the "Young Researchers' Career Development Project" is to develop an integral and stable programme of funding young researchers at the doctoral and post-doctoral levels. This Programme finances the development of scientific careers of young researchers, striving toward continuous education and exchange of knowledge with the ultimate aim of creating a network of scientists whose skills can compete in the international scientific community.
- Within the project I am employed as a full-time research assistant at the Faculty of Law Osijek, under the mentorship of Full Professor Mirela Župan, PhD.
- The scientific research within the project is focused on determining the origin of a child in private international law

Link: <https://hrzz.hr/en/funding-programmes/young-researchers-career-development/>

[2026 – Current]

JUST BONDING: Filiation in Private International Law between biology, law, and society

- Member of the project team of the J. J. Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek. The team leader is Full Professor Mirela Župan, PhD, project partner
- The project is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Funding scheme Weave/Lead Agency
- The aim of the JUST BONDING project is to ensure the continuity of the cross-border status of the parent-child relationship and the recognition of filiation

Link: <https://data.snf.ch/grants/grant/220287>

PUBLICATIONS

[2026]

Civil Status Recognition and the Exercise of Free Movement Rights in the EU

Reference: Oberkirš, K., Civil Status Recognition and the Exercise of Free Movement Rights in the EU, EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges Series (ECLIC), 10, 2026, pp. 951-977.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Dean's Award for the Best Student Scientific Research and Professional Paper Awarding institution: Faculty of Law Osijek

Special Dean's award for the best student scientific research and professional paper of the Faculty of Law Osijek for the academic year 2024/2025, for the paper entitled: "The Conflict Between a Child's Right to Privacy and a Parent's Right to Freedom of Expression in the Context of Sharenting"

Scholarship of the "Zlatko Crnić" Foundation Awarding institution: The foundation "Zlatko Crnić"

Scholarship in the Academic Years 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025

Dean's Awards for Academic Excellence Awarding institution: Faculty of Law Osijek

Dean's Awards for Academic Excellence in the Academic Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

Annual Award for the Best Students of the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

Awarding institution: The International Association of Lions Clubs - Lions Club Osijek

Rector's Award of Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek Awarding institution: Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek

Rector's Award of Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek for the academic year 2021/2022, for the paper entitled: "The legality of NATO's humanitarian intervention in Serbia in 1999"

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

[02/2025 – 06/2025]

ERASMUS+ Student Mobility

I spent one semester at the Universidade Portucalense Infante D. Henrique (UPT) in Porto, Portugal, on a student exchange as part of an ERASMUS+ study stay, from February to June 2025.

[2022 – 2025]

Volunteer at the Law Clinic

I have been volunteering at the Law Clinic "Osijek PRO BONO" for free legal assistance since 2022, and in the winter semester of the academic year 2024/2025 I was a student mentor

[10/2024 – 01/2025] **Student Assistant (demonstrator)**

I was a demonstrator at the Chair of International Law, Legal Theory Science, Methodology and Physical and Health Education, in the courses Theory of Law and State and Introduction to Law in the winter semester of the academic year 2024/2025

[23/09/2024 – 27/09/2024] **Human Rights Summer School in Novi Vinodolski**

[02/09/2024 – 13/09/2024] **Practice at the Public Institution County Development Agency of Osijek-Baranja County**

[28/07/2024 – 04/08/2024] **ELSA Summer Law School (SELS Rijeka on Diplomacy and Law)**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

Portuguese

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

DRIVING LICENCE

Cars: B