

The Department of the History of Law

The Department of the History of Law of the Faculty of Law of the Trnava University in Trnava is a scholarly and pedagogical workplace conducting research and teaching in the field of Hungarian, Czechoslovak and Slovak national legal history and world legal history. The department also provides for teaching of the methodological bases of scholarly work and marginally offers also selected courses from the broad area of interest of members of the Department, such as the clinical education in the field of legal journalism, Sports Law, advocacy and trial skills, notary public skills, Innovative Technologies and Law, etc. The Department offers courses at all levels of study, with an emphasis on bachelor's and doctoral study programs.

Scholarly research in legal history carried out by the staff of the Department of the History of Law consists in examining historical legal institutes, as well as their social, economic, political and cultural context. At the same time, the legacy of history for the political and legal present is being examined. Last but not least, the current legislation is being critically assessed and evaluated in the light of historical changes in social life.

The methodology used by the members of the Department is interdisciplinary and includes methods, concepts, interpretive schemes and terms of legal science, historical science, as well as other humanities and social sciences - e.g. sociology, cultural and social anthropology, archaeology, and especially philosophy. The members of the department cooperate with representatives of the mentioned disciplines, and participate in domestic and foreign conferences and in grant projects from the abovementioned areas.