

## FOREWORD BY THE ORGANISERS

We are delighted to present you already the eight edition of international conference papers of the PhD students and young researchers. This year the international conference has been devoted to the topic "The Future Decade of the EU Law".

The shift in the landscape of the EU is evident during the past decade. The spread of technology has unlocked opportunities for future development, milestones were reached in the sphere of data protection and the free flow of the digital single market. However, many of the achievements were followed by challenges some of which were tackled, yet others remain. For example, among the priorities of the European Commission there are the aims of building a more integrated energy union, developing a balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation, and strengthening the EU's position as a global actor. The EU and its Member States made significant achievements and faced challenges, in the context of which one may find it difficult to resist the question as to whether the EU is at a crossroads and what lies ahead. Participants of the International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers discussed both the developments of EU law during the past decade and the prospects of the Union in the future.

Year 2020 will go into history as the year, during which Covid-19 virus pandemic spread throughout the world and many events and meetings had to cancelled or had to be moved to online version. We are happy that our members managed to organize international conference virtually and made it possible for the doctoral students or young researchers to participate in the event and present their ideas in such a way.

Diversity of topics and number of papers shows that in 2014 established International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law by Vilnius University Faculty of Law, Frankfurt am Main J.W. Goethe University Faculty of Law, Paris Nanterre University Faculty of Law and Lodz University Faculty of Law and Administration already created an international platform to develop academic and scientific activities, to enhance quality of doctoral studies in law and to help the interchange of information and ideas among PhD students and professors.

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