

# CIVIS SUMMER SCHOOL

## The fundamental rights of prisoners face to the States' international commitments, prison realities and a necessary evolution of prison and repression concepts

June 29 – July 3, 2026  
Bucharest

**PROGRAM**  
(40 hours of training)

**Monday, June 29**

### 9.30 – Opening session

Welcome remarks:

- Răzvan Dincă, *Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest*
- Rabie Ben Atitallah, *French Institute of Bucharest*
- Ramona Delia Popescu, *Associate Professor, University of Bucharest*
- Natasa Danelciuc-Colodrovschi, *Associate Professor, Aix Marseille University*
- Ekaterini Iliadou, *Associate Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

Opening conference:

- “The function of punishment in the State legal order”, Simona Pavel, *Liaison Magistrate of the French Embassy for Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania*

### 11.00-13.30 – 1<sup>st</sup> module: Round table “Deprivation of liberty in national legal systems”

Analysis grid: What are the national specificities of the sanctions system? Is it mainly focused on deprivation of liberty, for what reasons? What are the main types of deprivation of liberty that exist? What place for pretrial detention and security measures? How have criminal policies and practices evolved over time? What is their effectiveness and what limitations have been identified? What are the legal and extra-legal factors that underlie the reforms adopted or, on the contrary, prevent their adoption? What are the main challenges currently facing States?

Speakers:

- France: Philippe Bonfils, *Professor at Aix Marseille University*
- Greece: Ekaterini Iliadou, *Associate Professor at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*
- Romania: Raluca Mocanu, *Associate Professor at the University of Bucharest*

13.30-14.30: Lunch break

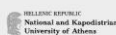
### 15.00-16h30 – Visit to the Constitutional Court of Romania

### 17.00-18.30 – Workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> module: “The specificities of the deprivation of liberty of different categories of prisoners”

The students will be divided into five working groups starting in May. They will have to work on one of the themes below and will present a 20-30 minutes presentation, followed by a debate. The presentation will be part of the students’ assessment criteria for obtaining the credits provided. The work on the proposed themes will begin with the reading of documents that will be made available to them from May 1<sup>st</sup>. At the end of May, a working meeting will be organized to provide feedback on the readings carried out, to discuss any questions that may have arisen during the readings, and the draft outline of the presentation. The themes proposed for study:

- “The system of criminal sanctions applicable to minors and its particularities”
- “Confinement of migrants: administrative detentions, hot spots and refugee camps”
- “The deprivation of liberty of persons with a mental disorder”
- “The detention of radicalized persons”
- “The execution of sentences for women and its particularities”

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## Tuesday, June 30

### 9.30-12.30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> module: Dignity in prison

- “The evolution of the guarantee of the rights of detained persons from the perspective of international and French law: between the hope of a real status and the maintenance of a simple condition”, *Natasa Danelciuc-Colodrovschi, Associate Professor, Aix Marseille University*
- “The inhuman and degrading treatment in Romanian prisons under the scrutiny of the European Court of Human Rights”, *Fabian Niculae, Assistant judge, Constitutional Court of Romania*
- “The Impact of Dignity (or the Lack Thereof) in Prison on Post-Incarceration Trajectories”, *Vincent Consettimi, PhD candidate, Aix Marseille University*

12.30-13.30: Lunch break

### 13.30-18.30 – Workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> module: “Effective respect for the rights and freedoms of prisoners”

For this workshop, students will be divided into seven working groups starting in May. They will have to work on one of the topics below and will present, as part of the workshop, a 15-minute presentation, followed by a debate. The presentation will be part of the students’ evaluation criteria for obtaining the planned credits.

The work will be carried out under the supervision of a teacher-researcher, who will propose a reading list for his group and will organize three zoom meetings from the beginning of May to the end of June.

The topics proposed for study:

- “The right to education of incarcerated minors”, *Constantin Pintilie, Lawyer, Assistant at the University of Bucharest*
  - “Maternity and pregnancy in detention”, *Alexandru Domșa, Lawyer, PhD candidate, University of Bucharest*
  - “Right to respect for private life and correspondence of prisoners”, *Luca Ciubotaru, PhD candidate, University of Bucharest*
  - “Right to confidentiality of personal data of prisoners”, *Andrei Razvan Lupu, Lawyer, Assistant at the University of Bucharest*
- “Prisoner access to Education and Work : A fundamental Right or a discretionary privilege for reintegration?”, *Athina Darivianaki, PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

## Wednesday, July 1st

### 9.30-12.30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> module: “What procedural protection for prisoners?”

- “The jurisdictional protection of prisoners’ rights at the national level”, *Ramona Delia Popescu, Associate Professor, University of Bucharest*
- “Non-jurisdictional protection at the national level. The case of the *Contrôleleur general des lieux de privation de liberté* and of the *Défenseur des droits* in France”, *Natasa Danelciuc-Colodrovschi, Associate Professor, Aix Marseille University*
- “The impact of general principles of criminal law on Greek administrative proceedings: *Ne bis in idem* and presumption of innocence in the context of tax and customs disputes”, *Giannis Angelou, Associated Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

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- “The jurisdictional protection of prisoners’ rights at the international level”, *Paula Marin, Judge, PhD candidate, University of Bucharest*
- “Non-jurisdictional protection of prisoners’ rights at the international level”, *Daniel Pisteu, Judicial police officer, Ministry of the Interior*

12.30-13.30: Lunch break

### 13.30-15.30 – Workshop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> module: “Strategies for defending prisoners’ rights”

In this workshop, participants will work on the study of concrete cases under the supervision of lawyers specializing in criminal law, fundamental rights and freedoms, ECHR law and representatives of NGOs defending prisoners’ rights. They will thus be able to discover the concrete measures that can be taken to act in light of the specificity of each case, how to define the most appropriate defense strategies.

15.30-16.00: Coffee break

### 16.00-18.00: Distribution of the pleading subject

Participants will receive the subject for the pleading competition to prepare for the next day, which will be a kind of grand oral at the end of the training. Students will be divided into groups of 3-4 people to write the pleading.

After an initial work phase, each group will be able to discuss with the lawyers present, ask them questions, and seek advice.

After this discussion, each group will begin writing the pleading.

## Thursday, July 2

9.00-12.30 – 4<sup>th</sup> module: “Social life and the prison environment”

- « Asymmetrical Confinement: The Uneven Legal Framework of Detention in France » *Jules Cistac, PhD candidate, Aix-Marseille University*
- « Prison: a space for the reconfiguration of social ties », *Margaux Dominati, PhD candidate, Aix-Marseille University*

### Round table: A Socio-Professional and Multidisciplinary Approach

Analysis grid:

How can we better understand the prison phenomenon? Is the punitive approach the best way to combat crime? What work is needed to build trust with prisoners? What methods can be considered to prevent recidivism? Can restorative justice be one of the solutions?

Speakers:

- Representative of the Ministry of Justice: *Radu Geamănu, Lecturer, “Nicolae Titulescu” University of Bucharest, Head of department, Directorate for the development of normative acts*
- Former Member of Parliament: *Andrei Răzvan Lupu, Assistant researcher, University of Bucharest*
- Lawyer: *Constantin Pintilie, Bucharest Bar*
- Judge: *Paula Marin, Judge, Bucharest Court*
- Criminologist: *Giogos Giannoulis, Associated Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and Ecaterina Balica, Researcher, Romanian Academy*

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- Psychologist: *Gabriela Dimitriu, Phd candidate, University of Bucharest*
- Sociologist: *Ioan Durnescu, Professor, University of Bucharest*
- Representatives of the associative world: *Georgiana Gheorghe, Executive director, APADOR CH*
- Representative of the National Directorate of Probation: *Iuliana Cărbunaru, PhD candidate University of Bucharest*

12.30-13.30: *Lunch break*

### **13.30-15.30: Finalization work on the preparation of the pleading**

15.30-16.00: *Coffee break*

### **16.00-18.00: Pleading competition**

The jury will be formed by teacher-researchers participating in the Summer School, representatives of the professional and associative environment who participated in the morning round table.

Apart from the reward for the best pleadings, this exercise will also be subject to an evaluation with a view to obtaining the credits provided by the participants.

## **Friday, July 3**

### **9:00-13:30: Visit to Bucharest-Rahova Prison**

- meeting with prison professionals
- meeting with prisoners

13:30-14:30: *Lunch break*

### **14:30-18:00 – As a conclusion: Final debates: “What alternatives to prison?”**

#### **Conference:**

“Custodial sentences: Justification and efficiency”, *Maria Titika Demestiha, PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

“Preventing recidivism through modern rehabilitation models”, *Giogos Giannoulis, Associated Professor of Public Law at the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

### **Presentation of the Student-Drafted Recommendations to Combat Recidivism**

Description: This project engages students in drafting evidence-based recommendations aimed at preventing recidivism. Participants analyse legal frameworks, social policies, and case studies to identify effective interventions. The initiative fosters critical thinking, interdisciplinary research skills, and active participation in policy development, while producing actionable recommendations for institutions working on justice, rehabilitation, and public safety.

### **18:00-20:00 – Closing ceremony and awarding of diplomas**

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