

**Name and Title**

Professor Nikolay Natov

Position

Head of Department of International Law and International Relations at Sofia University St Kliment Ohridski, Law Faculty, 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria

About

Nikolay Natov received his PhD from the Sofia University St Kliment Ohridski in 1986. In 1987 he took up the position of assistant-professor at the same University. After a period of 8 years he became an associate-professor in Private International Law at the Sofia University. He keeps his position at the same University till now. Since becoming associate-professor he has taught extensively at all levels, with specialist modules focusing on international investment, transnational corporations, international commercial arbitration, intellectual property, international transport. In 2004 he became full professor at the same University. He has published five books, the most recent of which is Commentaries on the Code of Private International Law, Part one, CIELA, 2005.

Research Expertise and Interests

His research interests lie primarily in the field of private (civil and commercial) relations with cross-border implications, and he is currently researching on the law of international investment, international commercial arbitration and human rights as well as on the qualification as a general problem of private international law.

Teaching

Professor Natov is teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the following areas: Private International Law, Law of International Investment, International Commercial Arbitration, International Protection of Intellectual Property, International Business Negotiations, Air and Space Law. He is also supervising research on various aspects of Private International Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Law of International Investment, particular issues relating to transnational corporations and human rights.

Lectures abroad

- Legal regime of the international investments in Central and Eastern Europe taught at:
 - University "Tulane", Faculty of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA – 2001
 - University of San Francisco, California, USA – 2002
- International Investments (Eastern and Southeastern Europe) taught at:
 - Law Faculty of the Dresden University of Technology, Germany - 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
 - University "Tulane", Faculty of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA – Summer Semester organized in Rodos, Greece, 2007

Specialisation

- Charles University in Prague – International Air Law, 1989
- Amsterdam University – Contemporary American Law, 1989; International Investment Law – 1995
- Institute of Air and Space Law at the University of Cologne - International Air and Space Law – 1990, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006
- London University – International Trade Law – 1992

- Cambridge University – Contemporary English Law (1992); International Investment Law, 1997
- Academy of EU Law, Florence, Italy – European Union Law - 1993
- The Hague Academy of International Law, the Netherlands – Private International Law – 1994, 1998
- University of Barcelona, Spain – International Protection of Human Rights (Tempus Program) – 1996
- University "Tulane" New Orleans, Louisiana, USA – Legal regime of foreign investments in the US (Fulbright Scholarship of US government research and lecturing in the US) - 2001
- University of San Francisco, California, USA - Contemporary American Law (international aspects of investments in the US) – 2002
- "Jean Monnet" Centre of European Union Law at the Law Faculty of the Dresden University of Technology, Germany - EU Law - 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS) – Wassenaar, the Netherlands – Private International Law (Qualification Problem) – 2005

Key Publications

1994, Private International Law. Special part, SIBI, Sofia, Bulgaria

1997, Law on foreign Investments, CIELA, Sofia, Bulgaria

2000, Foreign Investment in Bulgaria, Kluwer Law International, The Hague, The Netherlands

2006, Commentaries on the Code of Private International Law, Part one, CIELA, Sofia, Bulgaria

Other academic activities

Since 1998 - National Coordinator of the Program Cambridge-Sofia distance learning in modern English law and European Union law of Bulgarian law students and practicing lawyers, carried out by professors of the University of Cambridge, UK, in collaboration with the Faculty of Law at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Non-academic affiliations

Professor Natov is a head of the International Arbitration Court attached to the Legal Interaction Alliance, Sofia, Bulgaria. He is also an attorney-at-law at Sofia Bar, Bulgaria.