**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND COURTS**

**Scope of lectures (the order may be changed)**

1. Introduction to the Course. An Overview of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence Law. Terminology and Different Approaches
2. Introduction to Comparative Law
3. Principles and objectives of Criminal Procedure. Criminal Justice Systems around the world. Phases of criminal process: overview. The participants to criminal process.
4. Investigation. The balance of power between the Police and public prosecutor. The role of investigative judge (*judge d’instruction*).
5. Pre-trial. The dossier of criminal process and the access to it. Disclosure and discovery.
6. Trial. The role of the court (judge) in a trial. The role of the jury.
7. Detention on remand in comparative perspective.
8. Negotiated Justice. Out-of-court settlements. Victim rights in criminal trial.
9. Plea bargaining. Trial-avoiding procedures
10. The role of European Convention on Human Rights and EU law in criminal proceedings
11. European standards regarding criminal courts
12. Right to a fair trial
13. Minimum defence rights
14. Gathering of evidence and human rights protection
15. Illegally obtained evidence in criminal proceeding