**Name of the lecturer: Balázs Szabolcs Gerencsér**

**Name of the course: JDDO325XA0 Public Law and Social Science in the USA**

**Purpose of education:**

This course aims at illustrating, through the example of the United States, the different methods and perspectives in social science research that result from the impact of different legal systems and families. The basic thesis of the course is given by Zoltán Magyary's work: ‘The American State’ (Amerikai Államélet), which also recommends an explicit research methodology for the USA, which can be used even today, adapted to contemporary conditions. During the course, we explore two main topics. One is the development of a comparative legal methodology for continental and American Anglo-Saxon legal systems. The other is new aspects of research management that can help students to be as effective as possible in foreign research.

**Syllabus:**

1. American state – experiences of Magyary

2. Comparative methodology: legal cultures

3. Peculiarities of federalism in the study of society (Latino example)

4. Member State specificities in the study of society (Latino example)

5. Public Administration Management and Administrative Law in the USA

6. Research management

7. Selection of topic and host research institution

8. Library experience

9. Statistical research

10. Scientific relations and networks

11. presentation

12. presentation

Literature:

Mathias Siems: Comparative Law. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Susan Rose-Ackerman, Peter L. Lindseth: Comparative Administrative Law. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2010.