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

**Name of the course: JDDO321XA0 The Relevance of Language Rights**

**Purpose of education:**

This course provides an introduction to the Linguistic Rights on a comparative basis. Its aim is to present the forms of the wide-spread legal regulations affecting languages as well as the case law of the ECtHR and the relating international instruments. Moreover, the course intends to present the methodology of research in such a field on the borderline between legal science and arts.

**Course Content:**

The first topic of the course is the legal position of the ‘official languages’ as well as the examination of the linguistic diversity. Both state’s and international organisations’ official language regulations will be under examination. The second main issue is the examination of those languages that are not in official use and often referred to as ‘minority or regional’ or ‘lesser used’ languages. During the semester we will have an overview of the history and present trends of the European legal regulations of language rights. During the semester we have a special attention on the comparative methodology’s main features and challenges in the field of language rights.

**Literature:**

Gerencsér Balázs Szabolcs: Nyelvében él... Budapest: NSKI, 2015.

Tove Skutnabb-Kangas: Linguistic Human Rights. In: Tiersma - Solan (szerk): *The Oxford Handbook of Language and Law.* Oxford University Press, 2012. 235-236.