

CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Dr. Martin Belov

born on 07.09.1979 in Sofia, Bulgaria

Scientific degrees:

PhD in constitutional law (2009). Topic of the PhD thesis: “Direct Democracy – National and Comparative Legal Aspects”

Higher education:

University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2004),
Master in Law. Graduated cum laude.

Professional Experience:

1. Permanent academic positions:

- Professor (Associate Professor) in Constitutional and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2018 – till now)
- Chief Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2011 – 2018)

- Senior Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2009 – 2011)
- Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2008-2009)
- Lecturer in Constitutional and Comparative constitutional law at the New Bulgarian University, Law Department (2005 – 2016)
- Lecturer in German Constitutional law and European law at ZEDES “Germanicum” (2005-2010)

2. Other academic positions and temporary teaching experience:

2.1. Visiting professorships

- Adjunct and Visiting Professor in Constitutional and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University Roma Tre, Rome, Italy (2019 – till now)
- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at Reichman University, Herzliya, Harry Radzyner Law School, Israel (2021, 2022 and 2023)
- Visiting Professor in Constitutional and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University Paris II Pantheon-Assas (2019)
- Visiting Professor at the University LUISS ‘Guido Carli, Rome, Italy (2019)
- Visiting Professor in Constitutional Semiotics at the “Goethe” University, Frankfurt am Main and European Academy of Legal Theory (2019)
- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at Europa-University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany (2017 and 2018)
- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at “Masaryk” University (Brno, Czech Republic) (2018)
- Visiting Professor in European Constitutional Law and Governance at European Law and Governance School, Athens, Greece (2017 and 2020-2021)
- Visiting Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law at the Berufsakademie Sachsen, Staatlichen Studienakademie Bautzen (Germany) (2016)

2.2. Guest lectureships

- Guest lecturer in Constitutional Law (Jagiellonian University of Cracow, Poland) (2022)
- Guest lecturer in Constitutional Law and Comparative Constitutionalism ('Aristoteles' University of Thessaloniki, Greece) (2022)
- Guest lecturer in European and Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Girona, Spain (2019)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Bari "Aldo Moro", Italy (2018)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Södertorn, Stockholm, Sweden, (2017)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy (2016)
- Lecturer in European and Comparative Constitutional Law at a seminar organized by the European Parliament, Luxembourg (2016)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Warsaw, Poland (2015)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Lisbon, Portugal (2012)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the State University of Milan, Italy (2011)
- Guest lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Cologne, Germany (2007-2009)
- Guest Assistant Professor in Constitutional Law at the University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Law (2005-2006)

3. Academic research positions:

- Project Researcher at the Centre for Advanced Studies (2019-2020 and 2013-2014)
- Guest Researcher at the Institute for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland (2014)
- Expert of Justice Development Foundation (2011 - 2016)
- Project researcher at Max-Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (2010- 2012)
- PhD student in Constitutional law at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2006-2008)
- Researcher on the project “The Judicial Power in Bulgaria in the Context of the Accession of Bulgaria to the EU: Reform of the State Investigators and State Prosecutors Office”, Center for Study of Democracy (2005)

4. Public lectures (selection of the most important of them):

- “Goethe” University, Frankfurt am Main and European Academy of Legal Theory (2021)
- University ‘Pompeu Fabra’, Barcelona (2019)
- University of Oxford (2018)
- “Goethe” University, Frankfurt am Main and European Academy of Legal Theory (2018)
- “Sigmund Freud” University, Vienna (2018)
- LUISS “Guido Carli”, Rome, Italy (2016)
- University of Lodz, Poland (2015)

5. Administrative and other positions

- Vice Dean of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law, responsible for international relations and digitalization (2019 until now)
- Academic director of the Master program ‘Human Rights and Their Protection’ University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Law (2020 until now)

- Academic director of the Winter school of the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” co-organized with ‘Konrad Adenauer’ Foundation (2021 until now)
- Academic director of the Summer school in European Constitutional and Administrative Law of the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” (2016 until now)
- Coordinator of the University Agency of the Francophonie for the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” (2016 until now)
- Erasmus coordinator of the Law Faculty of the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” (2015 until now)
- External Consultant of the National Assembly of Bulgaria (2011-2012)
- Legislative assistant at the Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria (2004-2005)

Membership in boards of scientific journals

- Member of the International Advisory Board of International Journal of Parliamentary Studies (2020 until now) <https://brill.com/view/journals/parl/parl-overview.xml?language=en&contents=About>
- Member of the international advisory board of DPCE Online (2023 until now)
- Member of the scientific board of the New Authoritarianisms and Democracies (NAD-DIS) Journal, published by the University of Milano, Italy <https://riviste.unimi.it/index.php/NAD/about/displayMembership/217> (2019 until now)
- Savremenno parvo (‘Contemporary Law’) (2021 until now)
- Member of the editorial board of the ‘Collection of Papers’ Journal of the University of Nis, Serbia (2019 until now)

Membership in scientific organizations, commissions and councils

- Member of the International Association of Legislation (2018 until now)
- Member of the European Group of Public Law (2018 until now)
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (2018 until now)
- Member of the Board of Coordinators of the Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (2014 - 2018)
- Bulgarian association for philosophy of law and social philosophy
 - member of the Governing Board responsible for the international relations (2010 - until now)
 - member (2003 - until now)
- Member of the Bulgarian Scientists Union, section “Legal sciences” (2014 until now)
- Member of the Commission for Quality of Education of the Law Faculty of University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2011 - 2018)
- Member of the Faculty Council of the Law Faculty of University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2011 - until now)
- Member of the General Assembly of the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2015 - 2018)
- Member of the Candidate Proposals for University Government Positions Committee of the General Assembly of the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski (2015 - 2018)

Participation in international scientific projects:

1. LEGITIMULT - Legitimate Crisis Governance in Multilevel Systems (HORIZON 2030 consortium) (2022 – 2026)
2. CEE Constitutional Heritage Research Group, Priority Research Area “Heritage” - Strategic Program Excellence Initiative at the Jagiellonian University (Poland) (2022 – till now)

3. Parliament and the notion of Time: in the context of Covid-19 (consortium of universities led by the University of Lille, France) (2021-2022)
4. European Constitutional Court Network Project (University of Innsbruck and University of Salzburg, Austria) (2020 – till now)
5. The Rule of Law in Post-Socialist Countries and the future of European Integration (University of Trieste, Italy) (2022-2023)
6. MODERN-A: MODERN-ization in Partnership through Digitalization of the Academic Ecosystem (European Commission and University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”)
7. Rule of Law Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe (Konrad Adenauer Foundation and University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”) (2021-2022)
8. Rule of Law and Its Safeguards - Principles, Judiciary, Constitutional Court (Konrad Adenauer Foundation and University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”) (2021)
9. Freedom of Expression as a Common Constitutional Tradition in Europe (European Law Institute, Vienna) (2020-2021) – member of the advisory board of the project
10. EMU Choices (Salzburg Center for Studies of the EU, University of Salzburg, Austria) (2015 - 2018)
11. National Constitutions and EU Integration (Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies SCEU at Paris Lodron-University Salzburg and ECSA Austria) (2016-2022)
12. Varieties of Democracy (University of Oslo, Norway and University of Gothenburg, Sweden) (2015-2016)
13. The Role and Future of National Constitutions in European and Global Governance (7th Framework Program, European Research Council, University of Kent, UK) (2012-2018)
14. Human Dignity in Europe (University of Lucerne, Switzerland) (2014-2019)
15. Administrative law and administrative reform in Eastern Europe (Oxford, Great Britain) (2012-2013)

16. Establishment of National Legal Systems in Post-ottoman South Eastern Europe. Deconstruction, Formation and Transfer of Normativity (Max-Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt am Main) (2010-2012)

Participation in national scientific projects:

1. The Covid-19 Crisis and the Future of Liberal-Democratic Constitutional Models (Science Research Fund, Ministry of Education of the Republic of Bulgaria) (2021-2023)
2. Supremacy of law as a response to the financial and economic crime (Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Justice Development Foundation) (2013)
3. The Judiciary between the Facts and Norms (Justice Development Foundation) (2012)
4. Roman and Contemporary Public Law (University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” in cooperation with several Spanish universities) (2012)
5. Equality – a Road to Progress (Commission for Protection of Discrimination and Justice Development Foundation) (2011)
6. National and European Dimensions of the Contemporary Constitutionalism (University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski”) (2010)
7. 130 Years Bulgarian Constitutionalism – Problems and Tendencies (University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski”) (2009)

Participation in scientific conferences:

1. Rule of Law (Rome, Italy) (2023)
2. LEGITIMULT – Legitimate Governance of Crisis in Multilevel Systems (HORIZON 2030 consortium) annual meeting (Bergen, Norway) (2023)

3. Constitutional Traditions and Constitutional Transitions (Cracow, Poland) (2023)
4. 'The rule of law in post-socialist countries and the future of European integration' (Trieste, Italy) (2022)
5. Climate Change and Public Law: Challenges, Policies, Future Perspectives (EGPL Annual Reunion 2022) (Legrena, Greece) (2022)
6. The Complex World of Philosophical and Non-Religious Beliefs. Legal and Social Aspects (Venice, Italy) (2022)
7. Final Conference of the European Constitutional Courts Network (Innsbruck, Austria) (2022)
8. Thirty Years since the Accession of Bulgaria to the European Convention of Human Rights (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2022)
9. Political Legitimacy and Deliberative Democracy (Sofia) (2022)
10. National conference „130 Years Legal Education in Bulgaria“ (Sofia) (2022)
11. The Covid-19 Crisis and the Future of the Liberal-Democratic Constitutional Models (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2022)
12. The role of the CEE countries in shaping the common European constitutional heritage (Cracow, Poland) (2022)
13. Rule of Law – Between Constitutional Transition and Democratic Backsliding. Central and Eastern European Perspectives (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2022)
14. Francophone Legal Days 'Sovereign Europe: Challenges, Needs, Decisions' (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2022)
15. The Impact of Covid-19 on National Constitutional Systems (Rome, Italy) (2021)
16. Rule of Law in Bulgaria. Problems of the Constitutional Justice and the Judiciary (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2021)
17. International Conference on the occasion of the Hellenic Presidency at the Council of Europe on the topic 'The European concept of State as "Service Public" and crises' (Athens, Greece) (2020)
18. Parliament and the notion of Time: in the context of Covid-19 (webinar organized by the University of Lille, France) (2020)
19. 'Human Rights and Their Protection in Times of Pandemic' (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2020)

20. European Public Law Organization annual reunion devoted to “Public Law: 30 Years Later” (Legraina, Greece) (2019)
21. The Role and Future of National Constitutions in European and Global Governance (London, UK) (2018)
22. EMU Choices annual workshop (Orebro, Sweden) (2018)
23. European Public Law Organization annual reunion devoted to “Brexit” (Legraina, Greece) (2018)
24. 10th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Constitutional Identity and Social Memories in Central and Eastern Europe” (Timisoara, Romania) (2018)
25. Human Rights 70 Years after the Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2018)
26. Rotterdam Law Network annual meeting devoted to the legal education (Bergen, Norway) (2018)
27. EMU Choices annual workshop (Lisbon, Portugal) (2017)
28. European Public Law Organization annual reunion devoted to the topic “Freedom of Speech” (Legraina, Greece) (2017)
29. Rotterdam Law Network annual meeting devoted to the legal education (Rotterdam, Netherlands) (2017)
30. 4th Conference of the European Society for Comparative Legal History “Culture, Identity and Legal Instrumentalism” (Gdansk, Poland) (2016)
31. 8th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Central and Eastern European socio-political and legal transition revisited - theoretical perspectives” (Budapest, Hungary) (2016)
32. Rotterdam Law Network annual meeting devoted to the legal education (Konstanz, Germany) (2016)
33. Comparative Law Methodology and National Constitutional Identity (Trento, Italy), (2015)
34. 7th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Global Governance and its Effects on State and Law” (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
35. Law and Rights (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)

36. Law and Legal Order (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
37. IACL Roundtable “Shaping constitutional rules for a balanced budget” (Bucharest, Romania), (2014)
38. Constitutionalism and Transition in Eastern Europe: 25 Years Later (Sofia, Bulgaria), (2014)
39. Assessing the EU’s Responsiveness to Constitutional Rights: Data Retention, Arrest Warrants and Beyond (Canterbury, UK), (2014)
40. IX IACL World Congress of Constitutional Law “Constitutional Challenges – Global and Local (Oslo, Norway), (2014)
41. 6th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (Zagreb, Croatia) (2014)
42. 135 Years Democratic Constitutional Tradition in Bulgaria (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2014)
43. 135 Years Bulgarian Parliamentarism (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2014)
44. Political Mobilization in East Central and Southeast Europe (Regensburg, Germany) (2014)
45. Direct democracy in interdisciplinary and international context (Dresden, Germany) (2013)
46. Constitutional Review and Democracy (Belgrade, Serbia) (2013)
47. Role of the local self-government in the development of the territory: Russian and European experience (St. Petersburg, Russia) (2013)
48. 5th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (Greifswald, Germany) (2013)
49. Administrative law and administrative reform in Eastern Europe (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
50. Constitutional guarantees and human rights and freedoms protection mechanisms (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
51. Social functions and legal nature of the fundamental human rights (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
52. The rights of the citizen as patient (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
53. Roman and contemporary public law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)

54. The Judiciary between the Facts and the Norms (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
55. Normative dimensions of the intimacy (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
56. The Supreme Judicial Council – what reforms are necessary and why? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
57. The fiscal pact and the crisis of the Euro today and tomorrow (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
58. The Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria – 20 years later – is a constitutional reform necessary? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2011)
59. Emergence of national legal systems in the post ottoman South East Europe. Deconstruction, formation and transfer of normativity (Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 2010)
60. 20 years since the adoption of the fourth Bulgarian constitution – constitutional consensus and constitutional conflicts (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2010)
61. The European Union After Lisbon - An Increased Closeness to Citizens? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2010)
62. European dimensions of the contemporary constitutionalism (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2009)
63. National dimensions of the contemporary constitutionalism (Borovetz, Bulgaria) (2009)
64. Information technologies day at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ochridski”, Faculty of Law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2009)
65. Cultural transfer and cultural conflict (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2009)
66. 130 years Bulgarian constitutionalism – the contemporary tendencies (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2008)
67. 130 years Bulgarian constitutionalism – the classical problems (Sveti Vlas, Bulgaria) (2008)
68. 7th International Workshop for Young Scholars (WISH): “Europe – a continent of immigration? Legal challenges in the construction of European migration policy” (Berlin, Germany) (2008)
69. International scientific conference “Informatics in the scientific knowledge” (Varna, Bulgaria) (2008)

70. Power change in the Central and Eastern Europe states (Cologne, Germany) (2008)
71. Academic evening of ZEDES “Germanicum” (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2007)
72. Problems of the electoral legislation in Bulgaria (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2006)
73. XXI World Congress of IVR “Law and Politics” (Lund, Sweden) (2003)
74. Legal argumentation (Hamburg, Germany) (2003)
75. Epistemology and methodology of comparative law in the light of the European integration (Brussels, Belgium) (2002)
76. Consumer Protection in the German and European law (Sveti Vlas, Bulgaria) (2002)
77. Actual problems of the Bulgarian penal law (Sveti Vlas, Bulgaria) (2002)
78. Actual problems of the German and European Commercial Law (Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria) (2002)

Organization of scientific conferences:

- Rule of Law – Between Constitutional Transition and Democratic Backsliding. Central and Eastern European Perspectives (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2022)
- Rule of Law in Bulgaria. Problems of the Constitutional Justice and the Judiciary (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2021)
- Seminar ‘Human Rights and Their Protection in Times of Pandemic’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2020)
- IV Sofia legal science week ‘Law and Revolution’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2020)
- III “Erasmus” legal science week ‘The Role of Courts in Contemporary Legal Orders’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2019)
- ‘Human Rights 70 years After the Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2018)
- II “Erasmus” legal science week ‘Rule of Law at the Beginning of the XXI Century’ (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2018)

- Global Constitutionalism and Its Challenges to Westphalian Constitutional Law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (joint conference with the European Academy of Legal Theory) (2017)
- I “Erasmus” legal science week (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2017)
- 7th CEE Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists “Global Governance and its Effects on State and Law” (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2015)
- Roman and Contemporary Public Law (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2012)
- ECLN Congress Ceci n'est pas une Constitution - Constitutionalisation without a Constitution? (Sofia, Bulgaria) (2008)

Specializations:

1. University of Oxford (UK) (2017)
2. Institute for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland (2014)
3. Max-Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (2011)
4. Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany (2009)
5. Technical University of Dresden, Germany (2006)
6. University of Cologne, Germany (2006, 2009)
7. University of Gent, Belgium (2004)
8. University of Strasbourg “Robert Schumann”, France (2003)
9. University of Hamburg, Germany (2002 - 2003)
10. European Academy for Legal Theory, Brussels, Belgium (2001)
11. University of Vienna, Austria (2001)
12. “Society and Law of Germany”, ZEDES “Germanicum” (Dresden/Sofia) (1999-2001)
13. University of Bremen, Germany (2000)

Scholarships:

- Konstantin et Zinovia Katarovi Foundation (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Center for Advanced Studies (Sofia, Bulgaria)
- European Commission;
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD);
- European Academy for Legal Theory (EALT, Brussels, Belgium);
- University of Vienna (Austria)
- University of Strasbourg “Robert Schumann” (France)
- German and European Law Institute (Sofia, Bulgaria; Hamburg, Germany)

Languages:

- English – excellent (C2)
- German – excellent (C2)
- French – very good (B2)
- Russian – excellent (C1)
- Bulgarian – mother tongue