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Preface

The «Igalo Series» gathers together contributions written by students that attended the *European Union and Legal Reform* Summer School organised annually by the Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD) and the Law Faculty of the University of Belgrade. The CCSDD is a partnership between the Faculty of Law of the University of Bologna and the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). The CCSDD carries out research and training in the field of comparative constitutional law with particular focus on countries undergoing a democratisation process. The Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade is one of the oldest Law faculties in South Eastern Europe with a long tradition of legal research and teaching.

The Summer School brings together students and academics from various countries in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. During the week-long program, students and faculty discuss the constitutional implications of EU enlargement and the lessons that can be learnt from the founding members of the European Economic Community (EEC).

Besides the heavy financial crisis, which is affecting almost every European country, the European Union is actually facing difficult and important challenges. First of all, it is having to deal with the challenge of a new enlargement. In fact, after a long and quite problematic process of integration, Croatia is expected to become the 28th member state of the European Union in July 2013. Moreover, one should not forget that there are five recognised candidates for membership: Iceland, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. Secondly, the European Commission is also carefully following the political, insti-

tutional and legal developments in Hungary. In fact, part of the new 2012 Constitution and a number of cardinal laws failed to comply with EU law.

To harmonise the current Eastern, Central and South Eastern European legal systems with EU countries and cultivate ground-breaking legal thinking it is essential to train a new generation of legal practitioners and academics. This is the very reason why we try to recruit Ph.D students as well as young practicing judges and lawyers. The one-week Summer School takes place every year at the end of July and is open to final-year undergraduate students and graduate students in Law and Political Science.

As an official Summer School of the University of Bologna, it assigns 7 European ECTS credits to participants who successfully complete the course. The School is organised in Igalo (Herceg-Novi), Montenegro, which is located in a very attractive spot between Orjen, the highest peak of the Dinara mountain range and the mouth of one of the most beautiful bays in the world, the Bay of Kotor (Boka Kotorska).

The institutions that funded the Summer School in 2010 included: Robert J. Abernethy, Sonja Valtasaari McHugh Seminar and Scholarship Program, the University of Bologna and Coordinamento Adriatico. Donors of previous editions include: Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Central European Initiative, Provincia di Ravenna and the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio in Bologna.

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