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Preface

The *Igalo Series* publications launched in 2009, feature articles, essays and contributions by students who have attended the *European Union and Legal Reform* Summer School courses.

Since 2003 *European Union and Legal Reform* Summer School courses have been organised jointly 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 Southeastern Europe, with a long tradition of legal research and teaching.

Each year, the Igalo Summer School brings together students and academics from different European countries, particularly participants from Central and East European countries and the Western Balkan region. During the week-long program, various issues and aspects of the European integration processes, constitutional and political transformation and legal reform are deliberated and discussed. Participants who successfully complete the course are awarded seven European ECTS credits.

The *Igalo series* have been in previous years edited by junior faculty members of the School: Sara Pennicino (2009), Francesco Biagi (2010) and Čarna Pištan (2011).

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