

## **Laudation**

### **of the work and activities of Dr. Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky**



We offer our congratulations to Dr. Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky on winning this year the *Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum Award*. By giving her this award we would like to recognise her outstanding, high level and exemplary professional activities.

Dr. Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky graduated in 1968 from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Lóránt University (ELTE), where she has been teaching since 1969.

In 1987 she obtained her doctoral degree. Her special fields are the transformation of labour law following the change of the political system, workers' participation and social dialogue, the basic questions of social protection (social law), as well as human rights (fundamental social rights and equal treatment).

From 1991 to 1997 and from 2001 to 2010 she was chair of the Labour and Social Law Department of ELTE, performing also the task of vice-dean of the whole Faculty between 1992 and 1995.

Since 1996 she has been teaching at the College Department of Social Security of the Faculty of Law of ELTE, and as one of the founders she has been and professional head of the related BA courses in labour relations since 2010. At the same time she has been a professor at the Central European University since 1992, where she worked as head of a department between 1997 and 2001.

In addition to her teaching activities, with her rich experience she also helps the work of several international organisations. Since 2001 (re-elected in 2006) she has been a member of the European Committee of Social Rights, which is an independent expert body of 15 members operating to assist the work of the Council of Europe. Since 2009 she has been participating in the work of the Committee which gives a preliminary opinion before the election of members of the Public Service Tribunal of the European Union.

Between 2006 and 2007 she was one of the seven members of the so-called 'flexicurity' Committee, which was tasked by the European Commission to answer questions related to European labour law needs and to draw up proposals for the Commission and the Member States.

From 2004 to 2011 she was the Hungarian member of an expert committee monitoring the implementation of equality between men and women set up by the European Commission; from 2000 to 2003, and then from 2008 she has been participating as an expert in the work of the international cooperation called Transnational Trade Union Rights.

Since 2000 she has been a member of the international scientific advisory council of the European Trade Union Institute, and since 2002 of the international scientific advisory body of the 'Centro Studi Marco Biagi' of the University of Modena.

Besides her teaching and research activities she is also the author of several manuals, studies, and numerous articles. It is at her proposal that the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights started the fundamental rights project focusing on labour law, called 'the Dignity of Labour'. The opening conference of this project was held on 3 May 2012 in the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights.

With the *Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum* Award we would like to recognise and thank Dr. Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky for the tireless work which she has carried out at a very high professional level, as well as for her outstanding activities performed during several decades in the field of labour law.

With her theoretical and practical work she has contributed to a considerable extent to the analysis, knowledge and further development of labour law legislation, to uncovering deficiencies in the relevant regulations and to elaborating the proposals necessary to redress them.

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