LETTER OF MOTIVATION

With my application for PhD studies at the University of Copenhagen, first of all I would like to contribute to the work and scientific research of the **Centre for Comparative and European Constitutional Studies**. My career goal is to teach and conduct research at the University as a PhD student. The title of my chosen research topic is: *'Harmonizing Constitutional Values: What Europe Can Teach to the World'*. Under this project I would like to research the progress of harmonizing constitutional values in the European Union with an outlook to the globalization of constitutional issues on the international level, with de lege ferenda recommendations in my PhD theses. This research topic fits into the 'Issues of Constitutional Legitimacy and Constitutional Pluralism' PhD research area, led by Professor Antoni Abat Ninet. My topic is novel and very actual since globalization and historical events in the world today require rethinking our political, constitutional and legal concepts. As Mark Tushnet states, 'the globalization of constitutional law is inevitable'.

For successfully completing my plans at the University I both have scientific and professional background with more than 15 years of relevant work experience. I taught constitutional law, comparative constitutional law and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights at Hungarian universities. Besides, I have worked e.g. for the Hungarian Ministry of Justice as a legal advisor in the field of public law. For further information please refer to my CV.

Presently, my general research interests lie in integrating theoretical concepts with practical considerations in studying the development and the complex interaction of European Union Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and the forming body of Global Law in the world today. In the last several years I have developed two main areas of focus: the inevitable globalization of world economy, politics and legal systems and the effects of globalization on the national legal systems. I have a stabile scientific background with a sort of publications from what I highlight the first Hungarian Comparative Constitutional Law Handbook after 1989 which was written together with some professors of Hungarian universities for law students. I also deeply researched the issues of European constitutionalism and the use of comparative constitutional law in legislation and judicial decision making which are also the core research topics of the Centre for Comparative and European Constitutional Studies.

I am convinced that with my previous carrier, publications and my motivation to create added value to the work of the Centre for Comparative and European Constitutional studies and also to the international scientific community I am one of the best candidates for the PhD position at the Faculty of Law.

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