

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Dr. Polona Pičman Štefančič is Director of Rea IT Research Centre, and founder and chairman of Sladki nasmehi, a non-profit organization for children in need. Previously, she was Research Associate at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, and has served as a Fulbright Scholar at the Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law. She is national delegate to the Technical Committee 9 of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), a member of e-Justice Committee of the Slovenian Ministry of Justice, and a board member of the Institute for Electronic Participation. Since 2003, she is also Gartner, Inc representative in Slovenia. Her research focuses on legal conditions that are most likely to be conducive to successful e-democracy initiatives, and she is currently engaged in the EU project Puzzled by Policy.

Dr. Polona Pičman Štefančič holds Doctorate of Science from the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law. As Classical Flautist and Professor of Flute, she also holds a BA from the Music Academy. She was awarded Fulbright scholarship and Zois scholarship for talented students. She has won several awards for her research work, among others the most prestigious Prešern Award from the University of Ljubljana, and the Award of Slovenian Government Public Relations and Media Office.

Her latest book is called e-Democracy (Uradni list Republike Slovenije 2008), and she has recently co-authored two chapters in Connecting Democracy: Online Consultation and the Flow of Political Communication (MIT Press 2012). She is also a co-author of the book Prelude to Democracy: Civil Society and Freedom of Public Communication. Her opus includes numerous articles, essays, and chapters on civil society, democracy, lobbying and e-government.

DEGREES & UNIVERSITIES

2007 Doctor of Science, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law
2004 Masters of Science, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law
2000 BA in Law (Magna cum Laude), University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law
1999 BA in Music, Academic Musician - Flautist, University of Ljubljana, Academy of Music
1999 BA in Music, Professor of Flute, University of Ljubljana, Academy of Music

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

2003 State Bar exam
2001 Public administration exam (foreign affairs, international relations, foreign policy)

EDUCATION

2006 - 2007 Fulbright Scholar
2001 - 2004 Postgraduate Studies in Law (magna cum laude)
1994 - 2000 Faculty of Law at University of Ljubljana - Program of International Law (magna cum laude)
1990 - 1994 High School Gimnazija Kranj (magna cum laude)
1982 - 1990 Elementary School in Kranj (magna cum laude)

EDUCATION IN MUSIC

1994 - 1999 Academy of Music at University of Ljubljana
1990 - 1994 Music and Ballet High School Ljubljana (magna cum laude)
1979 - 1990 Elementary Music School (magna cum laude)

AWARDS

2006 Gartner Globe Award
2000 Prešern Award of University of Ljubljana for the paper titled "Legal aspects of lobbying and functioning of interest groups in the process of Slovenia's integration into the European Union"
1999 Award of Government Public Relations and Media Office of Republic of Slovenia for best diploma from courses dealing with European integration
1999 - 2000 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fellowship
1990 - 1999 Zois Fellowship for talented students
1988 - 1994 National awards in fields of Mathematics, Slovene, English and Logic

WORK HISTORY AND POSITIONS

2011 - Founder and Chair of Sladki nasmehi, a non-profit organization for children in need
2009 - to date Slovenian Representative, Technical Committee (TC9), International Federation for Information Processing (Relationship between Computers and Society)
2009 - 2010 External Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana
2009 - to date Member of E-justice Project Committee, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia
2008 - to date Member of Expert Council of the Institute for Electronic Participation
2007 - to date Research Center Director, Rea IT d.o.o.

2006 - 2007 Fulbright Visiting Researcher, Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law
2004 - 2007 Research Associate, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana
2002 - 2003 Court Services Officer, Higher Court of the Republic of Slovenia
2001 - 2002 Attaché for Latin America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
1996 - 1998 Officer in charge of International Student Exchange Program, Academy of Music
1996 - 1997 Member of Student Parliament of University of Ljubljana
1996 - 1997 Chairman of Student Parliament Committee for Culture
1994 - 1999 Music Teacher, Music Schools in Kranj and Ljubljana

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2010 - 2013 Puzzled by Policy
2006 - 2009 International working group on online consultation and public policy-making
2004 - 2007 The inclusion of European legal terminology into Slovenian legal system
2004 - 2006 Law and democracy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Legal Frameworks and Institutional Contexts for Public Consultation for Executive Branch Actions: European Union, in: Peter Shane and Stephen Coleman (eds.): Connecting Democracy: Online Consultation and the Flow of Political Communication, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA 2012, pp. 430-469

The Legal Environment for Electronic Democracy (co-authored by Peter Shane), in: Peter Shane and Stephen Coleman (eds.): Connecting Democracy: Online Consultation and the Flow of Political Communication, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA 2012, pp. 470-506

The Legal Regime Affecting Online Consultations in Europe, in: I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society, I/S, Columbus, Ohio 2011

E-democracy, Uradni list Republike Slovenije, Ljubljana 2008

Prelude to Democracy: Civil Society and Freedom of Public Communication, Manet, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana 2005 (co-authored by Andraz Tersek)

Slovenian Civil Society in the Information Age: Are We There Yet?, in: Slovenian Law Review, Vol. 2, No. 1/2, Ljubljana 2005, pp. 137-153

E-democratization of Public Administration, in: Javna uprava, Vol. 43, No. 3/4, Ljubljana 2007, pp. 65-83

Institutionalization of Local e-Democracy, in: Lex Localis, Vol 4, No. 1, Maribor 2006, pp. 137-156

Human Rights in the Information Society, in: Ljubo Bavcon (ed.): Legal Dimensions of Human Rights, Littera, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana 2006, pp. 117-122

E-elections - distant vision or impending reality, in: Javna Uprava, Vol. 42, No. 4, Ljubljana 2006, pp. 903-920

E-Democracy – IT Security Challenge, in: Novakovič, Sašo (ed.): In Partnership with IT Towards Business Excellency, Days of Slovenian Informatics, Ljubljana 2006, pp. 1-6 (co-authored by Marko Štefančič)

Legal Institutionalization of e-Democracy, in: Collection of Scientific Discussions (Zbornik znanstvenih razprav), Vol. LXVI, Ljubljana 2006, pp. 259-285

Legal Challenges of e-Democracy, in: Legal Practice (Pravna Praksa), Vol. 24, No. 25, Ljubljana 2005, pp. 28-29

European Participative Democracy for Lobbyists Only, in: Legal Practice (Pravna Praksa), Vol. 24, No. 38, Ljubljana 2005, pp. 11-12

Constitutional Democracy Principle: Lobbying as a Practical Aspect of Participative Democracy in Information Age, in: Revus, No. 5, Ljubljana 2005, pp. 103-118