



Helsinki Law Clinic

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"The value of The Helsinki Law Clinic for our team was indisputable for the following reasons. Firstly, we were able to meet with the Law Clinic very quickly and seek guidance for our burning issues. This service was approachable and seemed like the appropriate level of guidance we needed for our potential startup. Secondly, the Law Clinic deciphered the legislation into regular speech and gave us a landscape of the legislation surrounding our issues. Lastly, and what illustrates the Law Clinic most appropriately, they admitted they were students, but simultaneously they were able to give us follow-up steps for our issues and recommendations for appropriate legal counsel" (client, M.P.)

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Helsinki Law Clinic

Objectives

Helsinki Law Clinic has two objectives: 1) give law students an opportunity to apply their acquired knowledge to real cases and teach practical lawyering skills 2) provide public service and improve access to law. Further, by enlisting pro bono services of practicing lawyers the Clinic aims to build connections within legal community.

Helsinki Law Clinic was launched as a pilot project at the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki in spring 2016, preceded by a preparatory course in autumn 2015. The Clinic is organised as a university course which means that students can not only gain experience but also further their studies by participating with the Clinic. Nevertheless, the clinic work is also an exceptional opportunity not only for students but also for volunteering lawyers to lend their knowledge and expertise to make a significant contribution to the community.

"Thanks a lot for your support, what you are providing is a great deal for people who need help and don't know how to act and react" (client, C.Z.)

Helsinki Law Clinic gives advice in legal questions and problems, but cannot represent clients and act on their behalf. The services are focused on three particular fields of law: migration, discrimination and start-ups. These fields have been chosen to provide legal services to persons who would otherwise fall outside generally available legal aid, the public legal aid in particular.

Even if the Clinic cannot act on clients' behalf, it empowers them and gives sufficient understanding of the legal considerations relevant to their case to enable them to proceed and find solutions to problems and questions.

Participants

Helsinki Law Clinic is organised around several different roles: teaching personnel, students, tutors, volunteer lawyers and partners.

The teaching personnel arrange the training sessions, teach required skills, oversee the processing of the cases, conduct the weekly round sessions, and are in charge of the overall coordination of the Clinic. They also have the responsibility of tasks and duties related to University administration such as enrolment of students to the course, evaluation of the work, and the provision of general support as needed. Different members of teaching personnel may have different duties and functions.

Volunteer lawyers are the basis of legal expertise and quality of service of the Helsinki Law Clinic. Their primary role is to review and comment memorandums prepared by the student-lawyers before any advice is given to the client. The lawyers are also very welcome to participate at the weekly round sessions where new cases are being discussed and students seek consultation for the cases they are already working on. In addition, the Clinic also invites lawyers to make presentations, both at the training sessions and during the semester, on the topics they specialise in. All lawyers participating with the Clinic have current experience on practicing law and those reviewing the memorandums must have the qualifications to practice law and represent clients in court (they are either advocates or licensed legal counsels).

"In all truthfulness, the Helsinki Law Clinic has been the best part of my studies this far" (student)

Tutors are former students of Helsinki Law Clinic who continue to participate with the clinic after they have completed the course. Their role is to support new students in case work and complement the guidance provided by the

teaching personnel based on their previous experience of the Clinic work.

The main work at the clinic is performed by the students (student-lawyers). The student-lawyers handle cases directly under the supervision of the teaching personnel and volunteer lawyers and are responsible of the cases assigned to them. The tasks include conducting client interviews, analysing cases and preparing advice in the form of a legal memorandum, and finally providing the client with the advice at a counselling

meeting. The student-lawyers are responsible of case progression and need to keep the client informed and handle client correspondence. Especially because of the focus on migration, discrimination and start-up law Helsinki Law Clinic has an opportunity to welcome also exchange students and students from International and Comparative Law and International Business Law programmes. In consequence the working language at the Clinic is English and participating students can benefit from international working environment. Because of the demanding tasks and responsibility, students enrolling on the course are expected to be at an advanced stage in their studies.

Partners

The University of Helsinki provides the basic framework for the operation of Helsinki Law Clinic. However, our partner organisations are crucial in providing direct contact surface to the clients and an opportunity for the Clinic to operate where it is actually needed.

Helsinki Law Clinic relies on several partners to establish itself among potential clientele. The partners generally provide the clinic with premises where student-lawyers can conduct client interviews and meetings. In addition, they open venues for street law sessions, where student-lawyers teach and explain law in simple layman terms. The partners also use their own networks to distribute information about the Clinic.

Partners are chosen based on their established position among the potential clients of the Helsinki Law Clinic, migrants and start-up entrepreneurs in particular. The central location of premises is also an important factor.

Case Procedures

Helsinki Law Clinic takes new cases, in principle, through drop-in client interviews during consultation hours. At the interviews students practice their interviewing skills and collect information relevant to the case. However, they also represent the Clinic to the client and explain the nature of legal advice provided by the Clinic. The clients must also always sign a client statement where they acknowledge the terms on which the Clinic operates.

Each week all students at the Clinic gather on a round session. The round is a teaching tool that allows students to learn from their peers by presenting interesting cases to a bigger group for discussion. The Clinic welcomes volunteer lawyers to participate on the rounds to impart their expertise and practical insight to the discussions. The participation of lawyers also gives the students a chance to consult with them on any difficult questions they have faced in the cases they are working on. During the round sessions also decisions concerning new cases are taken. This may result in referral to another instance or organisation that is better positioned to advice the client or advance their case. Such instances include for example the public legal aid office, NewCo Helsinki, Consumer ombudsman, or Refugee Advice Centre.

"As a whole the Law Clinic was definitely the best experience I've gotten from the University, and something similar should be mandatory for all students during their studies, even if it was just demonstrations and not actual clients. To practice interviewing and working on cases is such a big part of what most lawyers will work with in the future" (student)

Legal memorandum is the central tool used at Helsinki Law Clinic to analyse cases and prepare advice for the client. In the memorandum student-lawyers research the law, prepare objective argumentation and analysis of the case, and finally provide their conclusions and possible recommendation to the client. The recommendations may, for example, take the form of ready arguments to be delivered to a court or an authority, or comments to documents that have been under review. The legal memorandum is always reviewed and commented by a volunteer lawyer before the advice is presented to the client.

The final step of the Clinic proceedings is a counselling meeting with the client. In the meeting the student-lawyers present the conclusions of their legal research to the client and hand out the reviewed memorandum. The meeting allows the clients to ask for clarifications immediately, but they may also return with follow-up questions within two weeks time.

Student-lawyers conduct all clinic procedures from interviews to counselling. Case progression is monitored by the teaching personnel and advanced by internal deadlines and coaching by the tutors, but student-lawyers themselves are responsible for delivering good, clear and timely advice. Client correspondence is also an important part of the responsibilities of student-lawyers. In the counselling meeting students can often get direct feedback and comments from the client.

Other activities

Street Law is an instrument that allows students to bring legal knowledge to the ordinary people on the streets. The aim is to teach law in layman terms in order to raise understanding and empower people to take action in their own case. The model was developed in the United States but has been applied around the world and is now incorporated as an important part in the activities of Helsinki Law Clinic. To plan and prepare a successful street law session the student-lawyers need not only to master the substance but also be able present it in an understandable way.

To support the same aim as street law sessions, Helsinki Law Clinic produces materials that help in understanding certain legal situation or in taking action to gain access to rights. Such materials may include, for example, leaflets or forms.

In addition to work for the community, Helsinki Law Clinic has launched a biannual seminar series under a general topic 'Law Clinics and Access to Justice' to discuss and advance the Clinics objectives. The seminars may relate either directly to clinical legal education or access to law on one of the substance fields the Clinic works on. The aim of the series is to develop legal clinical education in Finland and promote cooperation between the University, legal community and social society.

"I want to thank everyone who has made this experience possible and I hope that the Helsinki Law Clinic is here to stay!" (student)

Initiative 2015

A proposal for a law clinic was drafted by Dr. Dorota Gozdecka and Dr. Magdalena Kmak already several years ago. However, a new initiative was launched in 2014. In spring 2014, Dr. Magdalena Kmak and doctoral candidate Tuomas Tiittala made plans for the clinic, brought together people who had expressed interest in it, and hosted an experienced clinician from the United States who held a workshop on clinical legal education in the Faculty of Law in Helsinki. In autumn 2014, they drafted a project plan and discussed the project with law professors of the Faculty of Law. In spring 2015, they suggested that courses 'Introduction to Law Clinic Programme' and 'Helsinki Law Clinic' would be included in the Faculty of Law under Public International Law teaching programme for the academic year 2015–2016. In late spring 2015, doctoral candidate Nadia Tapia joined the team, while Dr. Kmak's moved to another project. Shortly before the course started, doctoral candidate Ketino Minashvili entered the teaching crew. Administrative duties for the course were performed by María José Belmonte Sánchez, a research assistant at the University of Helsinki, in the project Intellectual History of International Law: Empire and Religion. Dr. Jarna Petman, Deputy Director of the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, has been continuously supervising the Clinic project since autumn 2015, and has participated in the project planning.

In total 18 students participated in the course. Participating students had teaching sessions on legal ethics, migration, discrimination, start-up, and interviewing and counselling. After the training students had a chance to practice their newly acquired skills in simulated case exercises. These exercises covered interviewing, counselling and round sessions using hypothetical cases and fictitious clients. One of the main goals of the Introduction course was to "pave the way" for the opening of the Helsinki Law Clinic in January 2016. The introductory course also included serving real clients: Through 'Legal Information Desk'—arranged as part of the introductory course—the Faculty of Law and students participated in the campaign 'University of Helsinki Says Welcome'. Six times, two hours per week, students of the introductory course assisted asylum seekers and refugees in their various legal issues.

Activities 2016

Helsinki Law Clinic was launched in the beginning of 2016 and started to receive clients in February. In the spring semester 18 students, and in the autumn 7, completed the Clinic course. Four students from the spring continued as tutors in the autumn. For most of the students the experience at the Clinic was a unique, and according to some - one of the best, learning opportunity, even if it at times required a significant amount of work within a tight schedule. For some operating within limited deadlines was an important part of learning.

Before starting case work the students were given an intensive three day training to cover the essential aspects of the clinic procedures and skills required in client contacts. Particular emphasis was put to interviewing and counselling skills and group work as success on these areas is pivotal to the experience clients on the one hand and students on the other get about the Clinic. Detailed examination of the Clinic's case handling protocol, confidentiality agreement and other documentation is also a necessary part of the training. In addition, students were introduced to the topics of focus at the Clinic, migration, discrimination and start-up, by guest lecturers in order to give students a basic understanding of the most common questions

"Thank you for your message and great work! All the guidance you provided was clear and precise, thus I didn't have any further questions"
(client, M.Z.)

arising at interviews. The guest lecturers in the spring were Tero Kivinen, Helena Sahlstedt, Mikko Tanskanen; and in the autumn Heli Aali, Magdalena Kmak, Mikko Tanskanen, Ilkka Tuominen and Aija Valleala.

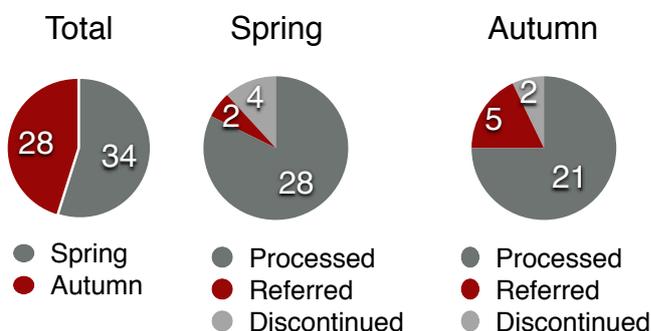
Volunteer lawyers reviewed and commented on the memorandums and participated on the rounds. There was no typical contribution as the Clinic procedures allow great flexibility to lawyers to limit their commitments. As a result the pro bono work performed by a volunteer lawyer varied from reviewing a few memorandums per semester to continuous participation in distribution of the clinic case load as well as attending most of the rounds.

The volunteer lawyers participating over the year were Miika Pusa, Mikko Tanskanen, Matti Rautakorpi, Helena Sahlstedt, and Janette E Ducran.

The teaching personnel from 2015, Ketino Minashvili, Nadia Tapia and Tuomas Tiittala continued into spring 2016. In February 2016 Tuomas Tiittala resigned from the project and Dr. Magdalena Kmak was appointed as the Director of the Clinic. In March 2016 Aleksi Seilonen joined the teaching personnel to provide support in the coordination duties and case work and in the autumn shared the duties of other teaching personnel on equal basis. María José Belmonte Sánchez continued in charge of administrative duties in the Helsinki Law Clinic throughout the year.

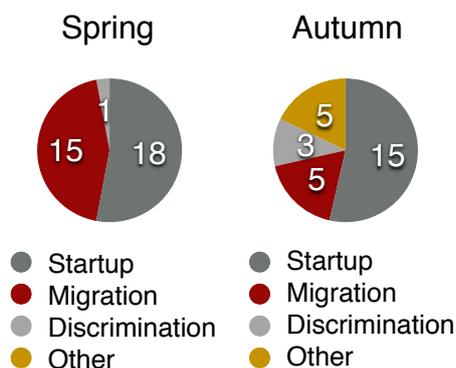
Number of cases

Helsinki Law Clinic received during the year of 2016 a total of 62 cases, 34 in the spring and 28 in the autumn semester. Of the 62 cases 7 were referred to other organisations or instances that were considered better positioned to help the client and 6 were discontinued due to clients request or inactivity. The aim of being able to give advice within two to three weeks from the interview could not be reached in most cases. However, the Clinic procedures became more efficient and streamlined during the autumn semester, especially because of rescheduling of the interviews right before the weekly round session.



Case categorisation

The cases received by the Helsinki Law Clinic fell roughly into two categories – start-up related and other cases. Majority of the other cases concerned migration law or legal difficulties migrants had faced in Fin-



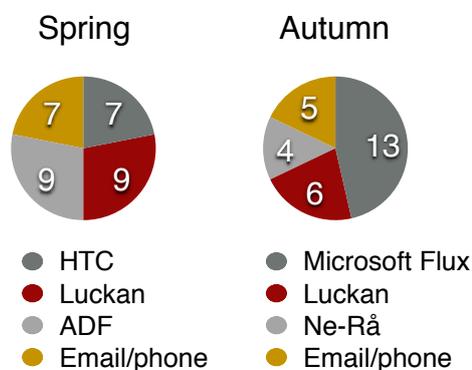
land. Because many of the start-up cases concerned a corporation set up or being set up by migrants, it is evident, even if the nationality of the clients was not recorded, that the majority of the clients at Helsinki Law Clinic were non-nationals.

During 2016 the Clinic received 33 cases related to start-ups. Even if most cases were unique and presented each with their own characteristics, some common themes such as terms of a shareholders agreement, intellectual property rights and terms of various service agreements were prominently present among the questions posed by the clients. In comparison, the total of 20 of migration law cases were received comprising mainly questions about residence status or nationality. Only 4 cases were directly about discrimination. The remainder of the cases, 5 in total, touched upon a variety of topics such as criminal law, freedom of speech, and human rights. In one case Helsinki Law Clinic assisted in bringing a case to the European Court of Human Rights.

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Interviews

Helsinki Law Clinic received most cases in interviews during consultation hours that were held in partner organisations' premises. In the spring the interviews took place in Helsinki Think Company, Aalto Design Factory and Luckan Integration. For two cases information on the location is not available. For the autumn the places of interviews were changed to Microsoft Flux, Luckan integration, and Ne-Rå. Of the total of 28 cases during the autumn semester, 13 were received at Microsoft Flux, 6 in Luckan Integration and 4 in Ne-Rå. Another 5 cases were received by email.



Street law

In 2016 Helsinki Law Clinic organised 13 street law events. Of these sessions 8 were directed to start-up entrepreneurs and 5 to migrants (Annex I). Each group of student-lawyers was expected to plan and conduct at least one session during the semester but some of the groups were willing on their own motion to arrange also additional sessions. The topics for the sessions were selected on the basis of cases that had arrived to the Clinic and seemed to present a question that many other entrepreneurs or migrants apart from the client were likely to have. One case in particular was followed by a street law session for asylum seekers living in reception centres where instructions were given on how to file good and argued complaints in case the treatment in the reception centre did not meet the standards set in law. During this session the student-lawyer also introduced a complaint form they had prepared, that was intended to be handed to the Migration Service in cases where no sufficient time to consult a lawyer had been allowed before the asylum interview.

Leaflets

To support the street law sessions and to answer the most common questions arising in the interviews the student-lawyers in the spring term produced leaflets explaining the law in simple terms on some specific topics such as different corporate forms, data protection, right to work, family based residence permits and gender based price discrimination.

Seminars

During the spring semester and with the support of the Polish Consulate, the Clinic prepared an event on 'Law Clinics and Access to Justice'. This event combined the theoretical and practical aspects of the legal

clinical practice in different countries and was a great platform to share the experiences and challenges with other law clinics in Europe.

For the event the Helsinki Law Clinic invited Magdalena Olczyk (Kozłminski University, Poland), Enrica Rigo (University Roma Tre, Italy), Saqib-Razo Razaq and Siri Sofie Eng Rudå (Juss-Buss, Norway) to present their experiences in working in legal clinics in their countries from a practical and institutional point of view. Their views were complemented by the experiences of the students from the Legal Clinic at the Roma Tre University, students of the Helsinki Law Clinic, University of Helsinki and the representative from Pykälä Legal Aid Committee.

The event closed with the practical experiences from Juulia Tuomaala (Legal Aid Office, Turku, Finland), Markus Himanen (Freedom of Movement Network) and Heli Aali (Refugee Advice Centre, Finland).



The conference was a joint effort between Dr. Kmak's project, Law and the Other in Post-Multicultural Europe, and the Helsinki Law Clinic. It brought together around thirty participants from different backgrounds such as students, practitioners and diplomats.

In the autumn semester the Helsinki Law Clinic continued with the seminar theme from the spring and it was extended to a continuous seminar series. The topic of the autumn event was further defined as "Law Clinics and Access to Justice: Cooperation between Law Clinics, Universities, and Lawyers". The autumn seminar was designed as a common venue where representatives of the Finnish Bar Association,

legal clinics, pro bono network and universities meet to find ways of cooperation in a common aim of bringing justice to vulnerable groups of the society, those, who cannot afford commercial lawyers.

Introductory presentation by the Clinic's teaching personnel and one of the Clinic's volunteer lawyers, Miika Pusa, opened the round table by putting the clinical education in Finnish context. The Helsinki Law Clinic invited Dr. Filip Czernicki, President of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation; Dmitry Shabelnikov, Director for Russia at PILnet (The Global Network for Public Interest Law); Mikko Manner, Partner, Head of Helsinki office, Roschier; Janne Nurminen, Senior associate, Roschier (both - representatives from the Finnish Bar Association); Dr. Kimmo Nuotio, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki.

"Thank you for the feedback, its very extensive and insightful"
(client, S.M.)

In October 2016 representatives of the Law Clinic participated in the Roundtable Discussion "International Experience of Cooperation between Legal Clinics and Non-profit Organisations". This Roundtable was initiated by EU-Russia Civil Society Forum and supported by the Center of Development of Legal Clinics.

Publicity

Helsinki Law Clinic has already become known and established among its clientele. Information of the services is available at the Clinic website and in distributed in social media on the Clinic's Facebook site and via partner organisations.

For better recognisability a logo was designed for Helsinki Law Clinic by Magdalena Kmak and Antti Sadinmaa.

Just before the launch the Clinic appeared in the Bar association's journal Advokaatti (5/2015) and a year after the journal made a follow-up interview (Advokaatti 6/2016) about the Clinic. The Clinic has also been noted in Talouselämä (25/1/2016).

Contributions/funding

During this pilot phase the project counted on few sources of financing.

The Faculty of Law has provided the framework for Helsinki Law Clinic, organised as an optional course. The Faculty has offered the necessary facilities for teaching the course, storing and confidential handling of case files, and financial support for the organisation of the seminars.

However, the realisation of the Clinic as a project could not have been possible without the financial and institutional support of the Polish Consulate in Finland. The Consulate has given the Clinic funds for office supplies, book purchases, and travel fees. As an exchange, the Clinic is providing legal consultations in Polish by phone and email.

The University of Helsinki Teachers' Academy has also financially supported the Clinic's activities by providing funds for organisation of travels abroad and bringing in international experts on legal clinical education.

Assessment

Helsinki Law Clinic has been received well both by the clients and the students. The clients have found the advice provided by the Clinic useful and very helpful in outlining their available options. The students on the other hand have been inspired by the possibility to put their learning in action and do real legal work to benefit the community. For many of the students the Clinic work has been the very part missing from the curriculum or optional studies. As the student and client satisfaction are the two core objectives of the Clinic, after piloting the project for one year, it is clear that the project warrants continuation and formal establishment by the Faculty of Law.

"Many thanks for the brilliant work you done - great job!" (client, S.G.)

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The procedures at the clinic are being continuously reviewed and developed. For the autumn semester, after consultation with the University's IT-support, an Eduuni platform was introduced to student-lawyers for case handling and preparations of memorandums in a secure environment. Further, the position of a tutor was established and already four students from the first course supported new entrants during the autumn term. Also, the documentation of the Clinic was reviewed and complemented for the autumn semester, and revised for the spring semester 2017 in consultation with the University's legal department. The role of the volunteer lawyers has been clarified and strengthened and the overall intent is to create a solid framework for the Clinic to operate in.

Even if the Clinic is after its first year of piloting running in good form, some further development is necessary. Most importantly the Clinic should have an office where to function. Premises would be required in first place for students, tutors and the teaching personnel to meet and work in sufficient privacy. This would also provide to intensify the experience of the Clinic and strengthen the sense of community. As a long term goal, the Clinic should aim to also have a place for the client meetings at the university. In addition to premises it is important that more of the clinic administrative work is shifted to students, tutors in particular. This way the Clinic can achieve its ideal of being a clinic run by the students and grow without multiplying the administrative duties of the teaching personnel. Finally at some point the Clinic should move to use a proper case management system and communication tools developed specifically for legal clinics or law firms.

"We are extremely happy for your contribution and expertise at Helsinki Law Clinic. Your help has been very valuable for us and it is now much easier to continue from here. We will warmly recommend HLC to anyone we know that might need your services!" (client, V.S.)

Next steps

In 2017 the clinical work will generally continue as before. The Helsinki Law Clinic is looking forward to become formally established by the faculty and start to create networks with other European law clinics. The Clinic will already be participating in a project together with Swedish, Norwegian and Russian institutions to develop network and tools for clinical education and other projects are in the planning.

Partners

Activities of the Helsinki Law Clinic would not have been possible without the support of the partner organisations, who both provide venues for the activities (for interviews, counselling and street law sessions), and help to disseminate the information to their clientele.

Luckan Integration, the Finland-Swedish Information and Cultural Centre, provides as part of their activities a variety of support for immigrants under their Luckan integration initiative. Luckan Integration has been a strategic partner for Helsinki Law Clinic from the beginning in October 2015. It has provided a central venue for the interviews and street law sessions.

Ne-Rå is an initiative working under the auspices of Kalliolan setlementti, where social work students provide guidance and counselling on social services and benefits and gives information about housing possibilities. Helsinki Law Clinic initiated contact with Ne-Rå in October 2015 and starting from the autumn semester 2016 they have provided a good venue for the interviews and street law sessions.

Helsinki Think Company (HTC) is a space of the University of Helsinki, in which entrepreneurs and "change makers", as they define them in HTC, meet and share ideas. Since the first communication in October 2015 HTC has been serving as a venue for the Helsinki Law Clinic to meet clients, and arrange street law sessions.

Aalto Design Factory (ADF) is an "ideal physical and mental working environment for product developers and researchers" which gathers a number of entrepreneurs and startups. During spring semester 2016 ADF was the focal location of HLC interviews and street law sessions.

Microsoft Flux is a community space for startups to network and explore their business ideas. Cooperation and weekly interview sessions started at Microsoft Flux in the beginning of the autumn semester 2016, which has also served as a place for street law sessions and client meetings.

We wish to warmly thank all our partners. We also wish to thank all the lawyers who have given their valuable time and experience for the project. Finally, we wish to thank the students and tutors whose committed work has made the Helsinki Law Clinic happen.

Annex I: Street law sessions

The migration/discrimination groups conducted the following sessions:

"What to do when waiting for your asylum decision?" - February 17 at Luckan Integration.

"Negative decisions on asylum application: What to do?" - February 22 at Koskela Reception Centre.

"What to do when things go wrong: Asylum seekers and complaints" - April 28 at Luckan Integration.

"Protests and hate speech" - November 23 at Coffee Without Borders

"Deportation and Finnish law - What to do?" - December 13 at Ne-Rå

The start-up groups conducted the following sessions:

"Shareholders agreement: Part I" - April 12 at Aalto Design Factory.

"Starting your business right: Introduction to corporate forms" - April 26 at Aalto Design Factory.

"Be sure in your future: Dealing with pension insurance issues in startups" - April 20 at Helsinki Think Company.

"Your startup is worth investment: Introduction to drafting investment agreements" - May 10 at Aalto Design Factory.

"Shareholders Agreement: Introduction" - May 25 at Aalto Design Factory.

"Why do we need shares at LLC?: The importance of shares as a financial instrument" - May 31 at Helsinki Think Company.

"How to legally protect your creative work" - December 13 at Microsoft Flux

"Shareholders' agreement" - December 16 at Helsinki Think Company

Annex II: Events' programmes

Spring event



LAW CLINICS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

LECTURE HALL 10, FABIANINKATU 33, HELSINKI

9:00 Welcome

9:15–10:45 Session I - Work of the Law Clinics

Magdalena Olczyk, Koźminski University
Enrica Rigo, University Roma Tre
Saqib-Razo Razaq & Siri Sofie Eng Rudå, Juss-Buss, Norway

10:45–11:15 Coffee and Tea

11:15–12:45 Session II - Experience of Students

Students from Legal Clinic at the Roma Tre University
Students of the Helsinki Law Clinic, University of Helsinki
Students from Pykälä Legal Aid Committee

12:45–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:45 Session III - Access to Justice: migrants, asylum seekers, refugees

Juulia Tuomala, Legal Aid Office, Turku
Markus Himanen, Freedom of Movement Network
Heli Aali, Refugee Advice Centre



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**Law Clinics and Access to Justice:
Cooperation between Law Clinics, Universities, and Lawyers**

December 9, 2016

Faculty Room (P545), Porthania, 5th Floor
Yliopistonkatu 3, Helsinki, Finland

Roundtable discussion

15:00-15:20 Introduction by coordinators of the Helsinki Law Clinic, and

Miika Pusa, Associate lawyer, Kauttu & Co Attorneys Ltd, Volunteer lawyer at HLC

15:20-16:10 Keynote Address by *Dr. Filip Czernicki*, President of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation

16:10-16:25 Coffee

16:25-18:00 Panel Presentations and Discussion

Dmitry Shabelnikov, Director for Russia at PILnet (The Global Network for Public Interest Law)

Mikko Manner, Partner, Head of Helsinki office, Roschier
Janne Nurminen, Senior associate, Roschier
(Representatives from the Finnish Bar Association)

Kimmo Nuotio, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki