

Radka KOLKUSOVÁ – Research Fellow

Since July 2015, Radka Kolkusová has been a Research Fellow at University Institute of European Studies – IUSE, Turin (Italy).

In 2014, Radka Kolkusová has finished her master studies at The Trnava University in Trnava, Faculty of Law (Slovakia). Her master thesis dealt with Intellectual Property Law infringement occurring in the Cyberspace, whereas she characterized and compared legal systems and jurisdictions of various countries. Simultaneously she has finished postgraduate studies (LL.M) at the Faculty of Law at The Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich (Germany), majoring in International and European Business Law, especially in connection to IP Law and Unfair Competition. IP laws and the laws against unfair competition take different approaches but in practice often also overlap. Whereas IP laws grant an absolute right providing protection against all, unfair competition protection does not require the existence of absolute rights nor does it lead to their creation. The focus of unfair competition law lies far more in the fairness of individual competitive actions. In individual cases, the protection against unfair competition activities can, however, come close to protection through intellectual property rights. For example, unfair competition law provides for protection against parasitic misappropriation or obstruction and protection against deception through confusable Trade Marks. With such a topic was Radka Kolkusová dealing in her rigorosum thesis, which she successfully defended at The Faculty of Law at The Trnava University in Trnava, and in April 2015 she obtained JUDr degree (Juris Utrisque Doctor). Last summer she took part on Summer School on European IP & ICT Law in Austria, where she gained a comprehensive overview of the fields of Intellectual Property Law, that are most relevant from a practitioners view, such as Copyright, Design and Trademark Law, Information Technology Law, Media Law, Data Security and Privacy Law. The Summer School offered her a good platform for exchange of knowledge and expertise in the constantly changing field of Intellectual Property Law.

Since November 2014, Radka Kolkusová is a PhD Candidate at the Paneuropean University, Faculty of Law (Slovakia). In her dissertation she keeps to deal closer and deeper with the topic of Intellectual Property Rights and Unfair Competition, especially occurring on the Internet and in the Information Society. She works as a teacher at the Department of Private Law, whereby she teaches IP and Commercial Law.

Slovak native speaker, she is fluent in English and German.