



During the period from the 1st to the 30th of November, the Leuven Centre for Public Law welcomed visiting scholar Laura Kadile from the University of Latvia.

Dr.iur.Cand. Laura Kadile, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Steven Lierman, conducted a study on the legal framework of patients' rights in Belgian national law and drafted a publication covering an interdisciplinary overview on the assessment of the decision-making capacity to consent to treatment in patients` with mental disorders. In addition, Laura presented the results of her PhD thesis at a public seminar organised by the Leuven Centre for Public Law.

L.Kadile is a lawyer, doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Latvia and PhD Candidate at the Faculty of Law of the University of Latvia. Laura specialises in civil law and particularly in health law.

In the forthcoming months, Laura will defend her PhD thesis, which covers the development of a study on the existing regulation for the protection of rights of patients with limited capacity and the practice of their application. She researches the common legal issues of the rights of patients with a limited capacity not only in Latvian healthcare institutions but also in Europewide and internationally.

Until now, L.Kadile has gained experience in legal practice working for an office of sworn advocates in the field of civil, commercial and administrative law. In addition, Laura has been a teaching fellow, giving lectures and seminars to students - future lawyers, medical nurses and physicians.

L.Kadile actively participates in national and international scientific conferences, seminars, as well as publishes scientific papers, including with foreign academics. Recent publications are devoted to the issues of legal capacity and decision-making capacity in Latvian patients' rights law, healthcare quality indicators as a tool for safeguarding patient with limited capacity and physician rights, as well as assessment of decision-making capacity of patients with capacity disorders during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Latvia.

Photo from Laura's personal archive.