

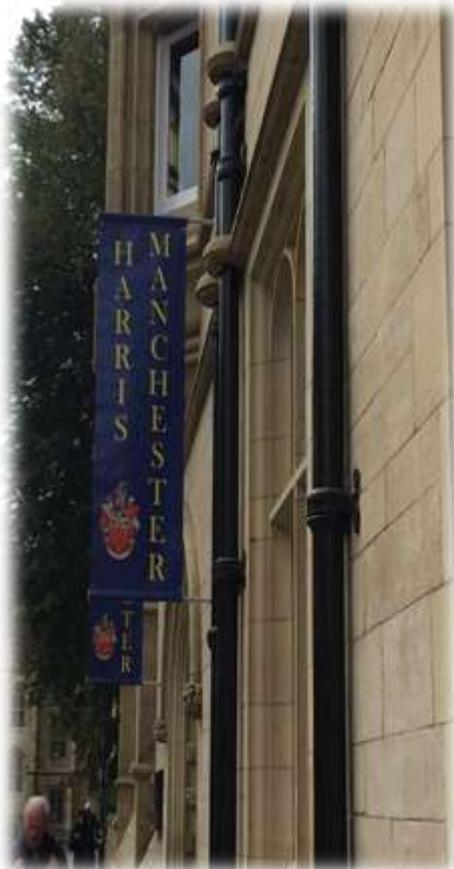
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Report on the research visit to the Oxford University (Harris Manchester College):

***"SET-OFF IN THE EVENT OF OPENING OF INSOLVENCY  
PROCEEDINGS:***

***WHAT CROATIA CAN LEARN FROM U.K. LAW?"***



Supported by the AMAC-UK's for 2018, I had a great honour to visit the Harris Manchester College at the Oxford University in duration for a week in September 2018. My research was about: „*Set-off in the event of opening of insolvency proceedings – what Croatia can learn from U.K. law?*”. Since Croatian legislation owes to the German legal tradition, due to historical circumstances, Anglo-Saxon legal tradition (which member is UK) is unjustifiably neglected in legal science in the Republic of Croatia.



According to the previously submitted research proposal, staying at the Oxford University was indispensable for completing my doctoral dissertation on the topic I have been working for last 3 years. The research was the last part of my PhD thesis in which I explored the

UK legislation and case law on mentioned topic. Although the concept of insolvency set-off in the Croatian context has some similarities with set-off in the UK and EU legal systems, still it can be differently treated. Precisely in order to establish legal certainty, it was essential to find in UK legal systems the guidelines for future Croatian regulation and case law.



My goal was to prove the illogically of the existing legislative framework that regulates the Set-off in Croatia and to provide the legislator with changes in accordance with UK legislation.



Furthermore, during my stay in the UK, I collected all relevant literature and potentially useful sources of law and tried to arrange their procurement at the home university through the future projects. In addition, the skills and

knowledge gained at the Oxford University and through the work with their professors, after returning to the home university, I passed on to other young researchers, professors, students, technical staff and other home university staff.

Staying at the Oxford University also enabled me to expand existing and acquire new knowledge and skills in terms of comparative legal analysis as well as interpretations of the foregoing and understanding the IRAC rules of legal writing and resonation.

In addition, during my staying at the



Oxford University I met so many new colleagues from the area of commercial and insolvency law. Getting acquainted with other cultures, social values and customs throughout the stay at the Oxford University contributed to the development of my team spirit, as well as facilitate cooperation on future (international) projects.

As a result of this collaboration and the conducted experiments, I am currently finalizing my PhD thesis and will defend it in February 2019. Finally, after experiencing and learning about the set-off in insolvency law in UK at the Oxford University and the research group that I belong has had an exceptional influence on my future scientific career. It enabled me to carry out the research on the set-off in insolvency law which is a crucial part of my doctoral thesis at the

University of Zagreb, provided me with the chance to collaborate with a world class research institution in the UK.

During my staying in Oxford I had great social time. I met the representative of the AMAC-UK, Ms. Mira Malovic-Yeeles, who I would like to thank once again for her kindness, all help and hospitality. We spent great afternoon and tried Pimm's (popular summer British drink), which I found very delicious.



I would like to thank once again to the whole AMAC-UK for the honour of receiving this award. The one part of my research that I did, will be a part of my PhD thesis and the other part will be published as a scientific paper in which I shall certainly not forget to mention my thanks to AMAC-UK that funded my research on it.

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