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Dr. Bogusław Lackoroński, Assistant Professor in the Section of Law and International Relations, Institute of International Relations, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw will be visiting the Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, as a part of the Institute's Centre for Polish and Central European Studies programme. The course is a part of the project 'Centres for Polish and Central European Studies at Asian Universities, organised by the Polish Association of International Studies, the Institute of International Relations University of Warsaw and the Centre for Europe of the University of Warsaw and co-funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Poland in the frame of the programme "Cooperation in the field of public diplomacy 2015.

Dr. Bogusław Lackoroński would be delivering lectures at the Institute and other departments in the University on the following topics:

***Doing business in Poland and Central Europe – legal and economic Framework:***

1. General principles pertaining to commercial activity in Poland and CE – EU and constitutional level of legal regulation (right of establishment)–3 h
  - a. From central planning economy to free-market – Polish, Hungarian and Slovakian and Czech model of transformation – the most important legal and economic aspects;
  - b. Freedom of establishment – definition and the rights which the freedom is comprised;
  - c. Importance of the freedom of establishment and its legal protection at a constitutional level – formal and merit requirements which are to be met in order the freedom of establishment could be restrained;
  - d. Different ways of restrictions on the freedom of establishment;
  - e. Ordinary country and the EU regulation related to the freedom of establishment.
2. Undertaking commercial activity in Poland and in CE (details related to exercising right of establishment) – 3 h
  - a. The registration rule – the right and obligation of entrepreneurs to be registered;
  - b. Types of business entities in Poland and in the CE;
  - c. Registers of business entities;
  - d. The importance of fair competition rules, consumer protection and state-aid rules;
  - e. Legal risk connected with conducting commercial activity in Poland and the ways to reduce or eliminate the risk – legally binding interpretation of tax law; the public debate related to in dubio pro tributario rule;
3. Undertaking commercial activity in Poland and in CE by foreign entities (details related to exercising right of establishment)
  - a. Types of approach to exercising the freedom of establishment by foreigners (national treatment clause; the most favored nation clause; reciprocity rule);
  - b. Approaches exercising the freedom of establishment by foreigners applied in Poland and in the other CE countries;
  - c. A special requirements which are to be met by foreigners in order to undertake commercial activity in Poland and in the other CE countries;
  - d. May a foreigner become an EU entrepreneur?
4. Race for investments in CE – examples of foreign establishment and factor which are decisive by choosing the state of investment

- a. Types of foreign investments placed in Poland and in the other CE countries;
  - b. Importance of foreign investments for Poland and the other CE countries;
  - c. The ways of choosing the best for foreign investment – a kind of beauty contest? What does the investor offer, what the hosting state may offer to investor?
  - d. What are the limits of encouraging foreign investors to locate their investments in a given country? (economical, political and legal limits);
5. Legal protection of foreign, especially Indian, investments in Poland
- a. The notion of investment which can be protected under the investments' protection rules;
  - b. Bilateral and multilateral regulations applied to investments' protection.

Examples of disputes which were solved on the basis of international investment law which Poland or CE countries were involved in.