

## **Guest lecture of Ms. Gudrun Mosler Tornstorm - President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**



On Thursday, January 12, 2017 University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law had pleasure to host distinguished guests, the top representatives of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe – Ms. Gudrun Mosler Tornstorm, President and Mr. Andreas Kiefer – Secretary General.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Sima Avramović welcomed the guests and gave a short overview of the history of Faculty of Law and University of Belgrade and presented the high rank of the Faculty in the global university education framework. Professor Dragica Vujadinović – Head of Master in European Integration introduced the guest lecturers.



The President of the Congress Ms. Tornstorm and the general secretary of the Congress Mr. Kiefer gave the lecture on the topic: "Council of Europe – organs and bodies and Congress of Local and Regional Authorities – the role and function". Mr. Kiefer presented an institutional structure of the Council of Europe (CE) and the place of

the Congress inside CE. Ms. Tornstorm spoke about concrete activities of this important institutions and about mechanisms and methods with which the Congress contributes to the improvement of the rule of law, democracy and human rights in the member states of CE.

At the end, students were given the opportunity to ask questions, and they were interested in Serbian position inside the Congress, interrelation of local and central governments, decentralization, competences of the Congress regarding the current migrant crisis. The questions and responses produced a very interesting and alive discussion.