



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
AND PROMOTION OF THE COMPARATIVE STUDY
**'DOUBT IN FAVOUR OF THE DEFENDANT, GUILTY BEYOND
REASONABLE DOUBT'**

6 October 2017
Hotel Aleksandar Palace, Skopje

AGENDA

09:00-09:15 Registration

09:15-09:30 **Opening remarks**

- ***Gonzalo de Cesare, Head of Human Dimension Department, OSCE Mission to Skopje***
- ***Professor PhD Trpe Stojanovski, President, Association for Criminal Law and Criminology***

09:30-13:00 **Retrospective, meaning, scope of application, co-relation with other principles and standards of contemporary criminal procedure, court reasoning and case law** (presentation by the team of drafters)

(11:00-11:15 Break)

- ***PhD Professor Gordan Kalajdziev, Professor at the Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" Skopje***, with special focus on: Moral values of contemporary criminal procedure and numeric presentation of the standard of proof
- ***Judge Zoran Dimitrievski, Judge at the Appellate Court Skopje***, with special focus on: *In dubio pro reo* today, degree of doubt and, *in dubio pro reo* as a ground for appeal

- **Judge Radmila Dragicevic Dacic, Judge at the Supreme Court of Cassation, Serbia**, with special focus on: Scope and time of application of *in dubio pro reo*, legality of evidence, free assessment of evidence and court reasoning
- **Defence Lawyer Michael G. Karavas, International Criminal Defence Lawyer**, with special focus on: Withman's observation on the origin of beyond reasonable doubt standard, burden of proof; ECHR standard of proof; definition of beyond reasonable doubt standard in the Anglo-Saxon world
- **Defence Lawyer Ruzica Nikolovska, Skopje Defence Lawyer**, with special focus on: Just procedure, as well as national and ECHR case law

13:00-13:45 Lunch

13:45-17:00 **Open Floor Discussion**

- **Judge Paul G. Byron, U.S. District Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida**
- **Professor John Vervaele PhD, Willem Pompe Institute for Criminal Sciences/Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe**
- **Professor Andrew Sanders PhD, Head of School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex – United Kingdom**

(List of discussants is open)

17:00-17:30 **Closing remarks and circulation of copies of the comparative study**