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## Education

- 2009 – Doctorate in Law (Ph.D), Magna cum laude, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland  
Thesis: “International Trade in Gambling Services”, published by Wolters Kluwer International (ISBN 9789041132482)
- 2004 – Master in Sports Administration, Académie Internationale de la Science et Technologie du Sport (AISTS), Lausanne, Switzerland  
Dissertation: “The Implications of European Law on the Financing of National Sport Organisations”
- 2004 – LL.M. [Diplôme d’études approfondies] in European and International Economic Law, Universities of Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel and Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2001 – Master of Law [Maîtrise] in European Law, University of Paris I Panthéon – Sorbonne
- 2000 – Bachelor of Laws [Licence], University of Paris I Panthéon – Sorbonne, France
- 2001 – Bachelor of Laws, University of Bucharest, Romania
- 1997 – Baccalaureate, National College Sf. Sava, Bucharest, Romania

## Professional experience

- Since 2015: Professeure titulaire at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- Courses: “Economic Law and Sports” (since 2009/2010), “Integrity of Sports Organizations” (since 2012/2013).
- Swiss National Research Fund holder (2020-2023) for a research project on the “Legal Commentary of the Macolin Convention”
- Co-direction of the Sports Law Doctoral School with Prof. Antonio Rigozzi
- Since 2012: Lawyer at SPLC Avocats & Notaires, Neuchâtel ([www.splc.ch](http://www.splc.ch)); Managing Partner of the firm since 2014
- Since 2014: Lecturer in Sports Law (Sports Justice), University of Bucharest
- Since 2013: Lecturer in Sports Law (Sports Contracts and Financing), University of Fribourg
- Since 2012: Lecturer in Sports Law (Public Financing of Sport, European Sports Law) at the FIFA Master - International Master in Management, Law and Humanities of Sport (CIES)

2014, 2015 – Università della Svizzera Italiana (Lugano): Invited Professor in Betting & Gambling Law and Policy, in the Master program in Public Management and Policy

2009-2012 – Institut de Hautes Etudes en Administration Publique (IDHEAP, Lausanne), Part-time Researcher in Gambling & Betting Law and Policy

2010-2012 – SPLC Avocats & Notaires (Neuchâtel): Lawyer, trainee for the bar exam

2009-2010 – Loterie Romande (Lausanne): Lawyer and scientific collaborator reporting directly to the CEO; specialized in sports betting

2008-2009 – European Court of Justice (Luxemburg): Head of Cabinet to Hon. Justice C. Toader

2006-2008 – International Olympic Committee (Lausanne): Lawyer, Project officer (institutional matters & good governance)

2003-2006 – University of Bucharest: Part-time Lecturer in Constitutional Law

2001-2006 – Constitutional Court of Romania (Bucharest): Magistrate-assistant

2000-2001 – Linklaters & Alliance law firm (Bucharest office): Trainee

**Other experiences**

Member of the UEFA Disciplinary Body

Arbitrator to the Independent Arbitration Court of ExpertSuisse

External Consultant to Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne

Member of the Swiss Lawyers' Federation (Fédération Suisse des Avocats, FSA)

Member of the Swiss Association of Sports Law (ASDS)

Member of the Swiss Society of Criminal Law (Société Suisse de Droit Pénal, SSDP)

**Language skills**

Romanian (mother tongue); French (highly proficient); English (highly proficient); Spanish (advanced skills); Italian (advanced skills); German (intermediary skills)

**PUBLICATIONS :**

Global bibliography: <https://www.unine.ch/madalina.diaconu/home/publications.html>

• **Monographs:**

Diaconu M., “Essential Principles of Swiss Law Applied to Sports”, to be published in 2021

Diaconu M., “Droit économique et sport. Aspects suisses et internationaux”, Ed. Helbing Lichtenhahn (Collection neuchâteloise), 2015

Diaconu M., “International Trade in Gambling Services”, Ed. Wolters Kluwer Law International, The Hague/ Los Angeles, 2010, 273 p.

- **Articles and other contributions:**

Diaconu M., Kuhn A., "Match-fixing, the Macolin Convention and Swiss Law: An Overview", Jusletter (www.jusletter.ch), 16 September 2019.

Diaconu M., "The European Response to Match-fixing: A Legal Update", Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, to be published in 2019

Direction and coordination of the study "Criminal Law Provisions for the Prosecution of Competition Manipulation", UNODC – IOC, 2017

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Diaconu M., Veuthey A., "Sports betting : How Much Room for Advertising ?", CausaSport, 2/2014

Diaconu M., "Jeux hors-la-loi ou loi hors-jeu ?", public conference to the Musée d'art et d'histoire de Neuchâtel, 12 March 2014

Diaconu M., "Broadcasting Rights in Sport", conference at the World Trade Organization – TRIPs Council, 11 October 2013

Diaconu M., "La bonne gouvernance des organisations sportives : état des lieux et perspectives", in: Betting, Sport and Integrity: Past, Present and Future from a lawyer's perspective, International Review on Sport and Violence, no 7/2013, pp. 62-73

Diaconu M., "Le financement du sport par les paris sportifs : un essai de typologie", in : Jusletter 16 juillet 2012

Villeneuve JP, Diaconu M., "Cheating to win / Cheating to lose: Structural responses to match fixing. Lessons learned in the fight against doping", International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics, 2012

Diaconu M., Veuthey A., "Citius, Altius, Ingeniosius?: Of Sports, Mind Games and Poker", Causa Sport 1/2012

Diaconu M., Veuthey A., "Poker, hasard ou adresse: les jeux (ne) sont (pas) faits", Jusletter, April 2012

Diaconu M., "Sport Betting and the Governance of Sport", communication to the 8th European Conference on Gambling, European Association for the Study of Gambling, Vienna, September 2011

Diaconu M., Villeneuve JP., "A quand une agence mondiale anti-corruption ?", Le Temps, 28 October 2010, p.17

Diaconu M., Villeneuve JP., "Integrating Gambling in the Governance of Sport. Financial Opportunities and Ethical Challenges", communication to the Sport & EU conference, Ghent, July 2010, published in the Sport&EU Review, vol. 3, 1/2010

Diaconu M., “Dynamiques suisses et internationales dans le domaine des paris sportifs”, Working paper IDHEAP, 2010

Diaconu M., “The "Bolkestein directive" and the attempted harmonisation of games of chance: skates and perspectives”, in: L'harmonisation internationale du droit – Chappuis Christine; Kadner Graziano Thomas; Foëx Bénédic (éds.), Genève, Schulthess Verlag, 2007

Diaconu M., “The Implications of European Law on the Financing of National Sport Organisations”, communication to the 33rd General Meeting of the European Olympic Committees, Dubrovnik, December 2004

Diaconu M., “The Baltic Olympic Committees – Typology, Challenges and Development Opportunities within the European Union”, 77 p., IOC Publications, 2004