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The Rule of Law **Under Threat: Eroding Institutions** in the Member States and European Remedies

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Universität Erfurt Jean Monnet Chair 20-21 October 2022

Senatssaal, building MG1 Nordhäuser Straße 63 99089 Erfurt

In recent years, the rule of law has plunged into a crisis by developments in different EU member states at the legislative, the executive, and the judicial level. The conference aims to examine the constitutional bases and common traditions of the rule of law. Building on that, it look into worrying developments such as the systematic backsliding of the rule of law in the so-called "illiberal constitutionalism" as well as political influence on the recruitment and election of judges and threats to judicial independence. The conference will also deal with potential remedies that especially the EU has at hands, both as regards legal and political instruments.

	Thursday, 20 October 2022		Friday, 21 October 2022
12.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	9.00	Undermining Judicial Independence as a Rule of Law Problem
13.00	Welcome Address and Introduction Prof. Dr. HermJosef Blanke		Prof. Dr. Aida Torres Pérez Pompeu Fabra University
	University of Erfurt	9.45	Les juridictions supranationales
13.15	The Rule of Law as a Fundamental Value of the Council of Europe, the European Union, and in the Constitutional Traditions Common to the Member States		européennes et la crise de l'Etat de droit Prof. Dr. Jean-Christophe Barbato Ecole de Droit de la Sorbonne
	Prof. Dr. Theodore Konstadinides University of Essex	10.30	Coffee Break
14.00	Illiberal Constitutionalism: Systematic Backsliding of the Rule of Law in the Triangle between	11.00	Questioning the Primacy of Union Law by National Constitutional Courts Dr. Udo Bux European Parliament
14.45	Legislature, Government and Judiciary Prof. Dr. Gábor Halmai European University Institute	11.45	The Toolbox of the European Institutions to Ensure Compliance with the Rule of Law. Article 7 TEU,
14.43	Coffee Break		Rule of Law Dialogue, Budgetary Conditionality
15.15	Political Strategies to Overcome the Decline of International and European Rule of Law Dr. Raphael Bossong German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)		Dr. Jonathan Bauerschmidt Council of the European Union Comment on "Transformative Constitutionalism" Prof. Dr. Michael Riegner University of Erfurt
16.00	Are Judges Politicians in Robes? Comparative Aspects of the Recruitment and Election of Judges Prof. Dr. Piotr Mikuli Jagiellonian University and University of Sheffield	12.45	Closing Remarks Prof. Dr. HermJosef Blanke University of Erfurt
16.45	Comment from a historical perspective Dr. Ned Richardson-Little University of Erfurt		(programme may be subject to changes)



The conference will take place at the University campus as an in-person event. It will also be possible to register for online participation (log in will be communicated upon registration).

Registration by 7 October 2022 at: christel.fliedner@uni-erfurt.de

The number of participants in the event is limited!

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Useful Directions

Erfurt Main Station to the University

From the main station ("Hauptbahnhof") to the University it takes about 20 minutes. The best way to get there is to take the tram.

When you leave the station building at the main exit, you will find the tram stop on your left-hand side. Take the tram line 3 in the direction of "Europaplatz", or line 6 in the direction of "Rieth" and get off at the station "Klinikum/Universität".

From the tram station "University" to the Senate Hall ("Senatssaal")

From the tram stop, cross the street to enter the main entrance of the University. From there, you will already see the "MG1" on your left, the highest building on campus. Enter this building and take the elevator (or the stairs) to the top floor of the building, where the *Senatssaal* is located.

Campus Plan

