

Program

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

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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 will 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

12.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
13.00	Welcome Address and Introduction Prof. Dr. Herm.-Josef Blanke <i>University of Erfurt</i>
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 Prof. Dr. Theodore Konstadinides <i>University of Essex</i>
14.00	Illiberal Constitutionalism: Systematic Backsliding of the Rule of Law in the Triangle between Legislature, Government and Judiciary Prof. Dr. Gábor Halmai <i>European University Institute</i>
14.45	Coffee Break
15.15	Political Strategies to Overcome the Decline of International and European Rule of Law Dr. Raphael Bossong <i>German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)</i>
16.00	Are Judges Politicians in Robes? Comparative Aspects of the Recruitment and Election of Judges Prof. Dr. Piotr Mikuli <i>Jagiellonian University and University of Sheffield</i>
16.45	Comment from a historical perspective Dr. Ned Richardson-Little <i>University of Erfurt</i>

Friday, 21 October 2022

9.00	Undermining Judicial Independence as a Rule of Law Problem Prof. Dr. Aida Torres Pérez <i>Pompeu Fabra University</i>
9.45	Les juridictions supranationales européennes et la crise de l’Etat de droit Prof. Dr. Jean-Christophe Barbato <i>Ecole de Droit de la Sorbonne</i>
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	Questioning the Primacy of Union Law by National Constitutional Courts Dr. Udo Bux <i>European Parliament</i>
11.45	The Toolbox of the European Institutions to Ensure Compliance with the Rule of Law. Article 7 TEU, Rule of Law Dialogue, Budgetary Conditionality Dr. Jonathan Bauerschmidt <i>Council of the European Union</i>
	Comment on “Transformative Constitutionalism” Prof. Dr. Michael Riegner <i>University of Erfurt</i>
12.45	Closing Remarks Prof. Dr. Herm.-Josef Blanke <i>University of Erfurt</i>

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