

The Rule of Law

A New Era of Rule of Law Challenges

Program

26 – 27 September 2024

Saxon State Ministry of Justice, Democracy, European Affairs and Gender Equality
in Cooperation with Leipzig University

Location

University of Leipzig, Paulinum
Conference languages German and English, simultaneous translation is provided.



Thursday, 26 SEP 2024

TIME	PROGRAM
12.00-13.00h	Welcome Reception with Light Refreshments
13.00-13.30h	Welcome Speeches <i>Katja Meier, State Minister of Justice</i> Introduction <i>Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel, Leipzig University</i>
13.30-14.00h	Keynote <i>Prof. Piotr Girdwoyń, Ph. D., National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution of Poland, Director</i>
14.00-15.00h	Panel I: Turmoil in Old EU Member States - A New State of Rule of Law Regression? <i>Prof. Dr. Monica Claes, Professor of European and Comparative Constitutional Law at Maastricht University, Netherlands</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Pieter de Wilde, University of Groningen, Chair in European Politics and Society, Netherlands</i>
15.00-15.30h	Coffee Break

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15:30-16:30h **Panel II: Safeguarding the Rule of Law in the Course of the Next EU Enlargement**

Adrian Ermurachi, Institute for European Policies and Reforms,
Moldova, Co-Executive Director

Dr. Marko Kmezić, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of
Graz, Austria

16:30-17:00h **Coffee Break**

17:00-18:00h **Panel III: "Mobilizing Civil Society - Strategies and Opportunities in the Fight for the Rule of Law"**

Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram, t.b.c., Attorney, Co- Founder of the "Free
Courts" Civic Initiative (Wolne Sądy), Warsaw

Sándor Léderer, Director of the Anti-corruption NGO "K-Monitor",
Hungary

18:00-19:00h **High Level Panel: Societies in Turmoil – Will Courts Rescue Democracy?**

Prof. Dr. Christine Langenfeld, Judge at the Federal Constitutional
Court, Germany

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19:00-20:00h **Conference Reception**

Friday, 27 SEP 2024

TIME	PROGRAM
From 8:30h	Coffee
09:00-10:30h	<p>Panel IV: Reestablishing the Rule of Law after Backsliding</p> <p><i>Prof. MMag. Michal Bobek</i>, MJur (Oxon), Ph.D. (EUI), Dr.h.c., Supreme Administrative Court, Czech Republic, formerly Advocate General at the European Court of Justice</p> <p><i>Prof. Wojciech Sadurski</i>, Challis Professor in Jurisprudence, University of Sydney and Professor at the Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos</i>, Andrassy University Budapest, Centre for Democracy Studies</p>
10:30-11:00h	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30h	<p>Panel V: Learning from the Rule of Law Crisis - Towards a European Democracy Toolbox?</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Ramona Coman</i>, Université Libre de Bruxelles</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Silvia von Steinsdorff</i>, Humboldt University of Berlin, Institute of Social Sciences, Germany</p> <p><i>Friedemann Zippel</i>, European Court of Auditors, Principal Manager, Chamber 2 Directorate, Investment for cohesion, growth and inclusion</p>
12:30-13:00h	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz</i>, Leipzig University</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel</i>, Leipzig University</p>
13:00-14:00h	Farewell Snack