

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

12:00-12:45h	Welcome Reception with Light Refreshments
12:45-13:00h	Musical Interlude on the Organ of the Paulinum, <i>Ivo Mrvelj</i>
13:00-13:30h	Welcome Speech <i>Katja Meier</i> , State Minister of Justice Introduction <i>Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz</i> , Leipzig University, Germany <i>Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel</i> , Leipzig University, Germany
13:30-14:00h	Keynote <i>Prof. Piotr Girdwoyń</i> , Ph.D., National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution of Poland, Director, Poland
14:00-15:15h	Panel I: Turmoil in Old EU Member States – A New State of Rule of Law Regression? <i>Prof. Dr. Monica Claes</i> , Professor of European and Comparative Constitutional Law at Maastricht University, Netherlands <i>Prof. Dr. Pieter de Wilde</i> , University of Groningen, Faculty of Arts, Chair in European Politics & Society, Netherlands <i>Prof. Dr. Pietro Faraguna</i> , Associate Professor of Constitutional and Public Law at the University of Trieste, Italy Chair: <i>Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel</i> , Leipzig University, Germany
15:15-15:30h	Coffee Break

15:30-16:30h	<p>Panel II: Safeguarding the Rule of Law in the Course of the Next EU Enlargement</p> <p><i>Petru Istrati</i>, Member of the Justice Expert Group at the Institute for European Policies and Reforms, Moldova</p> <p><i>Dr. Marko Kmezić</i>, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria</p> <p>Chair: <i>PD Dr. Dietmar Müller</i>, Leipzig University, Germany</p>
16:30-17.00h	Coffee Break
17:00-18:00h	<p>Panel III: Mobilizing Civil Society – Strategies and Opportunities in the Fight for the Rule of Law</p> <p><i>Kateryna Ryzhenko</i>, Deputy Executive Director of the NGO “Transparency International Ukraine”, Ukraine</p> <p><i>Sándor Léderer</i>, Director of the Anti-corruption NGO “K-Monitor”, Hungary</p> <p>Chair: <i>Madeleine Hartmann</i>, Leipzig University, Germany</p>
18:00-19:00h	<p>High Level Panel: Societies in Turmoil – Will Courts Rescue Democracy?</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Christine Langenfeld</i>, Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court, Germany</p> <p><i>Bastien Lignereux</i>, Conseil d’État, France</p> <p><i>Prof. MMag. Michal Bobek</i>, MJur (Oxon), Ph.D. (EUI), Dr.h.c., Supreme Administrative Court, formerly Advocate General at the European Court of Justice, Czech Republic</p> <p>Chair: <i>Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz</i>, Leipzig University, Germany</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel</i>, Leipzig University, Germany</p>
19:00-20:00h	Conference Reception

Friday, 27 SEP 2024

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08:30-09:00h

Coffee

09:00-10:30h

Panel IV: Reestablishing the Rule of Law after Backsliding

Prof. MMag. Michal Bobek, MJur (Oxon), Ph.D. (EUI), Dr.h.c., Supreme Administrative Court, formerly Advocate General at the European Court of Justice, Czech Republic

Prof. Wojciech Sadurski, Challis Professor in Jurisprudence, University of Sydney and Professor at the Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, Poland

Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos, Andr ssy University Budapest, Centre for Democracy Studies, Hungary

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Pawe  Ireneusz Karolewski*, Leipzig University, Germany

10:30-11:00h

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30h

Panel V: Learning from the Rule of Law Crisis – Towards a European Democracy Toolbox

Prof. Dr. Ramona Coman, Universit  Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

Prof. Dr. Silvia von Steinsdorff, Humboldt University of Berlin, Institute of Social Sciences, Germany

Friedemann Zippel, European Court of Auditors, Principal Manager, Chamber 2 Directorate, Investment for cohesion, growth and inclusion, LuxembourgChair:

Dr. Robert B ttner, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

12:30-13:00h

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University

Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel, Leipzig University

13:00-14:00h

Farewell Snack