

3rd International Summer School (September 25th – 29th 2023)

Human Rights in Theory and Practice: The Dynamic Evolution of Fundamental and Human Rights in Europe

Welcome

We are happy to invite you to the 3rd International Summer School “Human Rights in Theory and Practice”, which will take place in Leipzig and online from September 25th to 29th 2023. The Summer School will focus on „The Dynamic Evolution of Fundamental and Human Rights”. Topics such as religious freedom, climate litigation, migration and the digital space will be explored from an interdisciplinary perspective. Once again, it will be one of the Summer School’s key characteristics that speakers will include both academics as well as practitioners, offering the unique opportunity to gain insights into current theoretical discussions as well as the everyday challenges of practicing law.

Who should participate?

The Summer School is aimed at advanced students of law, political science, international relations, and similar fields. Prior knowledge about the European Human Rights System may be beneficial but is not required.

Certificate

Upon successful completion of the Summer School in person participants will be awarded a certificate worth 5 ECTS, online participants will receive a certificate worth 3 ECTS.

Course Venue

You will be able to choose whether you would like to participate online or in person. The Summer School is located in the city of Leipzig. Popular for its numerous parks, surrounding lakes and its nightlife, it also is home to one of Germany’s oldest Universities. Besides, Leipzig bears witness to incomparable historical significance and still allows its visitors to feel these events. From Bach and Goethe to the Battle of Leipzig and the Peaceful Revolution that heralded the end of the German Democratic Republic in 1989, eventually leading to the reunification of Germany. You will also experience Leipzig as a city that has a lot to offer in terms of leisure activities, from bars and restaurants to outdoor sports.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not provided and must be organized by every participant, but we will share recommendations for affordable accommodation.

Fee

The fee is 30 EUR for online participants and 150 EUR for in person participants.

The in person fee covers: the opening dinner, lunches, refreshments, course materials and exclusive access to the Rule of Law Conference.

Rule of Law Conference

Following the Summer School, participants will take part in this year’s Rule of Law Conference on September 28th and 29th. The Conference takes place in Leipzig and is organised by the Saxon State Ministry of Justice and for Democracy, Europe and Equality in cooperation with Leipzig University. We have invited leading academics and practitioners in the field of the rule of law and are happy to announce that Koen Lenaerts, President of the CJEU, Katarina Barley, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Didier Reynders, EU Commissioner for Justice, and Igor Tuleya, Judge at the District Court of Warsaw, have already confirmed their participation.

Registration procedure

You can find the link to our application form on our [Website](#). Successful applicants will be chosen shortly after registration closes on 1st July. Participants will be informed via email and provided further guidance on payment and planning.

Summer School Team

The Summer School is jointly organized by Prof. Dr. Matthias Wendel (Leipzig University), Prof. Dr. Stephanie Schiedermaier (Leipzig University), Prof. Dr. Dominik Steiger (TU Dresden, ZIS) and InVEA e.V. and supported by the Saxon State Ministry of Justice and for Democracy, Europe and Equality.

Monday, September 25 th	Tuesday, September 26 th	Wednesday, September 27 th	Thursday, September 28 th	Friday, September 29 th
08:00 – 09:30 Initial Registration 09:30 – 10:15 Welcome (<i>Mattias Wendel</i>)	09:00 – 10:15 Externalisation in Migration Law (<i>Juan Santos Vara</i>)	09:00 – 10:15 Framing Climate Change in Terms of Fundamental and Human Rights at National, Supranational and International Level (<i>Dirk Hanschel</i>)	09:00 – 12:00 Court Simulation CJEU: Oral Hearing	09:00 – 09:45 Welcome (<i>Astrid Lorenz, Mattias Wendel</i>) Keynote Speech: EU Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law (<i>Koen Lenaerts</i>) Keynote Speech: Rule(s) of Law? A View From the Commission (<i>Didier Reynders</i>)
10:30 – 11:45 From “Freedom” to “Equality”? (Re-)Framing the Freedom of Religion in Terms of Non-Discrimination (<i>Aqilah Sandhu</i>)	10:30 – 11:45 Reforming the Law of Migration and Asylum in Line with Fundamental and Human Rights (<i>Pauline Endres de Oliveira</i>)		13:00 – 14:00 Welcome (<i>Andreas Korbmacher, Eva Inés Obergefell, Katja Meier & Astrid Lorenz, Mattias Wendel</i>) Keynote Speech (<i>Franziska Brantner</i>)	
12:00 – 13:15 Freedom of Religion and the Pluralism of Fundamental Rights in Europe (<i>Elke Cloots</i>)	12:00 – 13:15 The Relationship Between Freedom and Security in the Digital Space (<i>Johannes Eichenhofer</i>)	10:30 – 11:45 Rethinking Procedural Law – Legal Standing and Strategic Litigation in Climate Change Cases (<i>Thorsten Deppner</i>)	14:00 – 15:30 (Parallel Sessions) A) Recent Developments in Legal and Political Perspectives (<i>Pál Sonnevend, Pawel Filipek, Julio Baquero Cruz, Mathias Weilandt</i>) B) Court Simulation CJEU: Promulgation of the Judgment	09:45 – 11:15 Regional or National Peculiarities in Understanding the Rule of Law? (<i>Naum Trajanovski, Jana Ondřejková, Ned Richardson-Little, Astrid Lorenz, Dietmar Müller, Jan Němec</i>)
14:15 – 15:30 Pushbacks at the EU Borders: a Fundamental and Human Rights Perspective (<i>Francesco Cherubini</i>)	14:15 – 15:30 Content Moderation and Big Tech: Fundamental Rights Protection by Means of Corporate Oversight Boards? (<i>Niklas Eder</i>)	12:00 – 13:15 Holding Corporations Accountable under Fundamental and Human Rights in Climate Law? (<i>Ana María Suárez Franco</i>)	16:00 – 17:00 (Parallel Sessions) A) Debating the Academic Debates in Law and Political Sciences (<i>Petra Guasti, César Colino, Päivi Leino-Sandberg</i>) B) Debating Civil Society Revolt and Judicial Activism Against Rule of Law Challenges (<i>Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram, Filipe Marques, Sergey Lagodinsky</i>) C) Roundtable of the Saxon Minister of Justice with Participants of the Summer School	11:45 – 13:15 Defining Rule of Law Standards – Understanding Entanglements between EU Law and Domestic Law (<i>András Jakab, Claudia Matthes, Dragos Calin, Renáta Uitz</i>)
16:15 – 17:30 European Fundamental and Human Rights as a Safeguard against Dublin Transfers (<i>Francesco Maiani</i>)	15:45 – 17:00 Safe Harbor, Privacy Shield, Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework – How to Legally Transfer Data between the US and the EU (<i>Elaine Fahey</i>)	14:15 – 15:30 Climate Litigation – Threatening or Strengthening Democratic Rule-Making (<i>Remo Klinger</i>)		
19:00 – 21:00 Opening Dinner in Auerbachs Keller	18:00 – 19:30 Guided tour of the city center	16:30 – 18:30 Canoe Trip	17:15 – 18:45 Panel Discussion: Safeguarding the Rule of Law – What Results? (<i>Katarina Barley, Viktor Vadász, Igor Tuleya</i>)	13:15 – 13:30 Conclusion and Open Questions (<i>Astrid Lorenz, Mattias Wendel</i>) Concluding Remarks (<i>Katja Meier</i>)