

The Rule of Law

Bridging or Sanctioning Differences?

Draft Program 28 – 29 September 2023

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

Location

Leipzig, Federal Administrative Court
Conference languages German and English, simultaneous translation is provided.



28 SEP 2023

TIME PROGRAM

09:00-12:30h

Court Simulation CJEU (Summer School)

Oral Hearing

13:00-14:00h

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Andreas Korbmacher, President of the Federal Administrative Court

Introduction

Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, *Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel*, Leipzig University

Welcome Speeches

Katja Meier, Saxon State Minister of Justice and for Democracy, European Affairs and Gender Equality

Prof. Dr. Eva Inés Oberfell, Rector Leipzig University

14:00-15:30h

**(Parallel
Sessions)**

A) Recent Developments in Legal and Political Perspectives

Constitutional and Democratic Resilience

Prof. Dr. Pál Sonnevend, ELTE Budapest, Faculty of Law

Countering Rule of Law Backsliding From a European Perspective: How Effective are the New Instruments?

Dr. Julio Baquero Cruz, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Faculty of Law and Criminology

Civil servants and the Rise of Anti-constitutional Sentiment in Germany: Reclaiming the Rule of Law

Mathias Weilandt, Secretary of State, Saxon State Ministry of Justice, Democracy, European Affairs and Gender Equality

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel*, Leipzig University

B) Court Simulation CJEU (internal - Summer School)

Promulgation of the Judgment

TIME PROGRAM

16:00-17:00h
(Parallel
Sessions)

A) Debating the Academic Debates in Law and Political Sciences

Containing the Illiberal Backlash: The Debate on the Role of Constitutional Courts in the ECE Countries

Prof. Dr. Petra Guasti, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences

Bridging or Sanctioning Differences? The Debates in Political Sciences – A view from outside ECE

Prof. Dr. César Colino, UNED, Political Science Department

Bridging or Sanctioning Differences? The Debates in Legal Scholarship

Prof. Dr. Päivi Leino-Sandberg, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law

Chair: Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University

B) Debating Civil Society Revolt Against Rule of Law Challenges

Judicial Activism against Rule of Law Restrictions in Poland,
Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram, Wolne sądy, Free Courts Organization Poland

Defending the Rule of Law before the ECJ,

Filipe Marques, Judge and former President of the European Judges Association MEDEL

Protection and Europeanization of Civil Society and the Role of the European Parliament

Dr. Sergey Lagodinsky, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair Committee on Legal Affairs

Chair: Dr. Claudia Matthes, Humboldt-University Berlin, Institute of Social Sciences

C) Roundtable of the Saxon Minister of Justice with Participants of the Summer School (internal)

17:15-18:45h

Panel Discussion: Safeguarding the Rule of Law – What Results?

Dr. Katarina Barley, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Igor Tuleya, Judge at the District Court of Warsaw

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Chairs: Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel, Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University

19:00h

Reception and Dinner for Invited Guests



29 SEP 2023

TIME PROGRAM

9:00-9:05h

Welcome

9:05-9:30h

Opening Keynote Speech: The Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights

Prof. Dr. Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union

9:25-9:40h

Keynote Speech: Rule(s) of Law? A View From the Commission

Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz*, *Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel*, Leipzig University

9:40-11:25h

Regional or National Peculiarities in Understanding the Rule of Law?

Historicizing the Constitutional Crisis in Poland: The Spectrum of Critical Discourses

Dr. Naum Trajanovski, University of Warsaw, Faculty of Sociology

The Rule of Law – a Czech Perspective

Dr. Jana Ondřejková, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Law

Rule of Law as the Rights of the Volk: Human Rights, the Basic Law and the Far-Right since German Reunification

Dr. Ned Richardson-Little, University of Erfurt, Department of History

Rule of Law Narratives in East Central Europe

Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, *PD Dr. Dietmar Müller* and *Jan Němec*, PhD, Leipzig University, Institute of Political Science

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz*, Leipzig University

11:15-11:45h

Break

TIME PROGRAM

11:45-13:15h

Defining Rule of Law Standards – Understanding Entanglements between EU Law and Domestic Law

Between Conceptual Autonomy and Constitutional Traditions: Defining Rule of Law Standards in Terms of EU Law

Prof. Dr. András Jakab, University of Salzburg, Department of Public, International and European Law

Judicial Activism against Rule of Law Challenges and its Effects on Defining Rule of Law Standards

Dr. Claudia Matthes, Humboldt-University Berlin, Institute of Social Sciences

Rule of Law Standards and the Preliminary Ruling Procedure: A View From Legal Practice

Dragos Calin, Judge at Bucharest Court of Appeal and Co-chair of the Romanian Judges Forum

Illiberal Democracy as a transformative tool to change Rule of Law Standards

Prof. Renáta Uitz, Central European University, Department of Legal Studies / CEU Democracy Institute

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13:15-13:30h

Bridging or Sanctioning Differences? Conclusion and Open Questions

Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel, Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University

Concluding Remarks

Katja Meier, Saxon State Minister of Justice and for Democracy, European Affairs and Gender Equality
