

# 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.



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## TIME

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**12:00-12:45h**

**Welcome Reception with Light Refreshments**

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**12:45-13:00h**

**Musical Interlude on the Organ of the Paulinum, *Ivo Mrvelj***

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**13:00-13:30h**

**Welcome Speech**

*Katja Meier*, State Minister of Justice

**Introduction**

*Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz*, Leipzig University, Germany

*Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel*, Leipzig University, Germany

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**13:30-14:00h**

**Keynote**

*Prof. Piotr Girdwoyń*, Ph.D., National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution of Poland, Director, Poland

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**14:00-15:15h**

**Panel I: Turmoil in Old EU Member States – A New State of Rule of Law Regression?**

*Prof. Dr. Monica Claes*, Professor of European and Comparative Constitutional Law at Maastricht University, Netherlands

*Prof. Dr. Pieter de Wilde*, University of Groningen, Faculty of Arts, Chair in European Politics & Society, Netherlands

*Prof. Dr. Pietro Faraguna*, Associate Professor of Constitutional and Public Law at the University of Trieste, Italy

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

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**15:15-15:30h**

**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**

*Petru Istrati*, Member of the Justice Expert Group at the Institute for European Policies and Reforms, Moldova

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

Chair: *PD Dr. Dietmar Müller*, Leipzig University, Germany

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**16:30-17.00h**      **Coffee Break**

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

*Kateryna Ryzhenko*, Deputy Executive Director of the NGO “Transparency International Ukraine”, Ukraine

*Sándor Léderer*, Director of the Anti-corruption NGO “K-Monitor”, Hungary

Chair: *Madeleine Hartmann*, Leipzig University, Germany

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**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

*Bastien Lignereux*, Conseil d’État, France

*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

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

*Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel*, Leipzig University, Germany

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

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08:30-09:00h

Coffee

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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*, Andrassy University Budapest, Centre for Democracy Studies, Hungary

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

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10:30-11:00h

Coffee Break

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11:00-12:30h

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

*Prof. Dr. Ramona Coman*, Université 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, Luxembourg

Chair: *Dr. Robert Böttner*, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

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**12:30-13:00h**

**Concluding Remarks**

*Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University*

*Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel, Leipzig University*

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**13:00-14:00h**

**Farewell Snack**

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