

Third Leipzig Rule of Law Conference

A New Era of Rule of Law Challenges

– Programme –

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

Location: Leipzig University, Paulinum

Thursday, 26 September 2024

12:00-13:00h	Welcome Reception with Light Refreshments
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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>
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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, t.b.c., Professor of European and Comparative Constitutional Law at Maastricht University, Netherlands</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Pieter de Wilde, t.b.c., Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway</i>
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15:00-15:20h	Coffee break
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15.20-15:30h	Musikalischer Beitrag: Gewinner Prague Junior Note 2024
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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, t.b.c., Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria

16:30-16:50h **Coffee break**

16:50-17:00h **Musikalischer Beitrag: Gewinner Prague Junior Note 2024**

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

Sylvia Gregorczyk-Abram, Attorney, Co- Founder of the "Free Courts" Civic Initiative (Wolne Sądy), Warsaw

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

18:00h **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 September 2024

09:00-10:30h **Panel IV: Reestablishing the Rule of Law after Backsliding**

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

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

Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos, Andrassy University Budapest, Centre for Democracy Studies,

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, t.b.c., Université Libre de Bruxelles

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

12:30-13:00h

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Dr. Astrid Lorenz, Leipzig University

Prof. Dr. Mattias Wendel, Leipzig University

13:00-14:00h

Farewell Snack

