



Online Summer Course on the Rule of Law in the European Union

Webinar, 22-26 June 2020
(mornings)

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Speakers

Nuria Diaz Abad, Member of the Spanish General Council for the Judiciary (CGPJ); former President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ), Madrid

Andrej Kmecl, Judge, Administrative Court of Ljubljana; Vice-President of the Association of European Administrative Judges

Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska, Judge, Supreme Court of the Republic of North Macedonia, former judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Skopje

Norbert Lorenz, Director for Parliamentary and Financial Affairs, Legal Service, European Parliament, Luxembourg

Constantinos Lycourgos, Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

Adam Łazowski, Professor of EU Law, University of Westminster, London

Laurent Pech, Professor of European Law, Middlesex University London

Jan Petry, Policy Officer, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels

Key topics

- The rule of law in the EU: the Article 7 TEU procedure and the case law of the CJEU
- Independence and authority of the judiciary in Europe
- Fair trial guarantees in European law
- Transparency of the legislative process in the EU

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Monday, 22 June 2020

- 08:45 Connecting to the online session
09:00 **Opening of the course and getting to know the platform. Introduction of participants.**
Karolina Rokicka

I. UPHOLDING RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

- Speaker: Nuria Diaz Abad*
09:30 **The rule of law in the recent case law of the Court of Justice of the EU**
10:00 Questions
10:15 Break
CASE STUDY: Analysis of a court case concerning the rule of law
10:30 **Part 1: Preparation in working groups**
11:00 **Part 2: Discussion in working groups**
11:30 Break
11:45 **Part 3: Presentation in plenary and discussion**
12:45 **Summary**
13:00 End of first day

Tuesday, 23 June 2020

- 08:45 Connecting to the online session
09:00 **Opening of the Tuesday session**
Karolina Rokicka

II. UPHOLDING RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (cont.)

- Speakers: Laurent Pech and Constantinos Lycourgos*
09:05 **Overview of the EU's main rule-of-law instruments**
Laurent Pech
09:50 Questions
10:00 Break
WORKSHOP: Thresholds for activating Article 7 TEU
10:10 **Part 1: Preparation in working groups**
10:40 **Part 2: Discussion in working groups**
11:10 Break
11:20 **Part 3: Presentation in plenary and discussion**
12:20 **Summary**
12:35 Break
12:45 **Upholding respect for the rule of law in the European Union**
Constantinos Lycourgos
13:15 Questions
13:30 End of second day

Wednesday, 24 June 2020

- 09:00 Connecting to the online session
09:15 **Opening of the Wednesday session**
Karolina Rokicka

III. SAFEGUARDING THE RULE OF LAW OUTSIDE THE EU

- Speakers: Adam Łazowski and Jan Petry*
09:20 **The rule of law in the external relations of the EU**
Adam Łazowski
10:00 Questions
10:10 Break

Objective

This webinar over five half-days will provide a thorough introduction to the rule of law in the European Union.

Who should attend?

Legal practitioners seeking an introduction to the rule of law in the European Union.

You will learn...

- what is the case law of the CJEU with regard to the rule of law
- in which cases the procedure of Article 7 TEU can be triggered
- how to access documents in the EU
- under which circumstances a reform of the judicial system can threaten the independence of the judiciary
- when fair trial guarantees are violated
- how the EU can safeguard the rule of law in its external relations
- how the EU can safeguard the rule of law during the pandemic

Interactive Webinar

The online summer course will be hosted on ERA's own online training platform. You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-quality speakers and other participants, break out into working groups and work collaboratively on case studies. We will make the most of the technical tools available to deliver an intensive, interactive training experience. As the platform is hosted on our own server, the highest security settings will be applied to ensure that you can participate safely in a high-quality training environment.

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WORKSHOP on the rule of law in the external relations of the EU

- 10:20 **Part 1: Preparation in working groups**
10:50 **Part 2: Discussion in working groups**
11:20 **Part 3: Presentation in plenary and discussion**
12:10 Break
12:30 **Examples of third countries going through justice reform – how to implement European standards in practice**
Jan Petry
13:15 Questions
13:30 End of fourth day

Thursday, 25 June 2020

- 09:00 Connecting to the online session
09:15 **Opening of the Thursday session**
Karolina Rokicka

IV. ENSURING MORE TRANSPARENCY IN EU LAW-MAKING

Speaker: Norbert Lorenz

- 09:20 **Transparency of the legislative process – introduction**
CASE STUDIES on transparency of the legislative process in the EU
09:50 **Part 1: Preparation in working groups**
10:20 Break
10:30 **Part 2: Discussion in working groups**
11:00 **Part 3: Presentation in plenary and discussion**
12:00 Break
12:15 **Transparency of the legislative process – summary**
12:45 Questions
13:00 End of fourth day

Friday, 26 June 2020

- 09:00 Connecting to the online session
09:15 **Opening of the Friday session**
Karolina Rokicka

V. SAFEGUARDING THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE JUDICIARY

Speaker: Andrej Kmecl

- 09:20 **Independence and accountability of national courts and judges**
10:00 Questions
10:15 **INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION: Challenges of extra-judicial conduct of judges (work in working groups and in plenary sessions)**
11:00 Virtual joint coffee break

VI. FACILITATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Speaker: Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska

- 11:15 **Fair trial guarantees in European law**
11:45 Questions
12:00 **INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION: Right to an independent and impartial tribunal (work in working groups and in plenary)**
12:45 Closing of the course
13:00 End of the course

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