

EMPOWERING DOMESTIC JUDICIARIES: THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN ACTORS IN DEFENDING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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DAY 1 (OCTOBER 12) – THURSDAY

12:30 – 13:00 Welcome addresses

Gemma Andreone (CNR-ISGI)

Balázs Majtényi (ELTE)

13:00 – 14:00 Abusive Constitutionalism Against Judicial Independence

Moderator: Gábor Halmai (ELTE, EUI)

Participants: Yaniv Roznai (RCCC, Reichman University), Julian Scholtes (University of Glasgow)

14:00 Coffee Break

14:15 – 14:45 Dimitry V. Kochenov (CEU DI): *Dialogical Rule of Law in the Hands of the Court of Justice*

Q&A

15:00 – 15:30 Madalina Moraru (EUI): *The Role of European Judicial Interactions on the Protection of Judicial Independence and Impartiality*

Q&A

Chair: Lilla Farkas (ELTE)

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Mobilizing Judges On and Off the Bench (Roundtable discussion)

Moderator: Ágnes Kovács (ELTE)

Participants:

Tamás Matusik, Judge and President of the National Judicial Council (Hungary)

Luca Perilli, Judge, Court of Trento (Italy)

Duro Sessa, President of the International Association of Judges

Dorota Zabłudowska, Judge, Member of the Board of IUSTITIA (Poland)

Book Launch co-organized by ELTE and CEU DI:

19:00 – 20:00: The Abuse of Constitutional Identity in the European Union (Oxford University Press)

with author Julian Scholtes (University of Glasgow)

moderator: Gábor Halmai (ELTE, EUI)

discussants: Dimitry V. Kochenov (CEU DI), Nóra Chronowski (HUN-REN CSS), Barbara Grabowska-Moroz (CEU DI)

20:00 Reception at CEU DI

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DAY 2 (OCTOBER 13) – FRIDAY

10:00 – 10:30 András Sajó (CEU PU, CEU DI): *Militant Rule of Law?*

Q&A

10:45 – 11:15 Katarina Sipulova (Masaryk University): *Building a Resilient Judiciary*

Q&A

Chair: Orsolya Salát (ELTE)

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

Panel 1: Resilience and Resistance Against Dismantling Judicial Independence

Chair: Eugenio Zaniboni (University of Foggia)

11:45 – 12:00 Zoltán Gábor Szűcs (ELTE): *Tempered Liberalism versus Illiberal Ruthlessness: The Potential Resources of Judicial Resistance in Illiberal Regimes*

12:00 – 12:15 Barbara Grabowska-Moroz (CEU DI): *Judicial Associations and Rule of Law Crisis in Poland, Hungary and Romania – Strategies and Challenges of Transnational Cooperation and Supranational Litigation*

12:15 – 12:30 Márton Gerő (ELTE): *Civil Society's Responses to the Attacks on the Justice System: The Polish, Hungarian and Israeli Cases*
Discussion

12:50 – 13:50 Lunch Break

Panel 2: European Judicial Cooperation

Chair: Gemma Andreone (CNR-ISGI)

13:50 – 14:05 Agnieszka Frąckowiak-Adamska (University of Wrocław): *The Status of National Judges Appointed in Violation of the EU Standards of Judicial Independence*

14:05 – 14:20 Andrzej Schultz (EUI): *Vertical Judicial Dialogue as a Ping-Pong Game: the Role of the CJEU in Addressing Challenges to Judicial Independence*

14:20 – 14:35 Flóra Fazekas (University of Debrecen): *The Preliminary Ruling Procedure as a Tool for Protecting Judicial Independence*
Discussion

14:55 – 15:15 Coffee Break

Panel 3: Domestic Judiciaries in Peril

Chair: Beáta Huszka (ELTE)

15:15 – 15:30 Dragos Calin (judge, Bucharest Court of Appeals): *À la recherche du temps perdu. The European Commission's Lack of Serious Involvement in Defending the Rule of Law in Romania*

15:30 – 15:45 Ildiko Bartha (University of Debrecen) – Matyas Bencze (Széchenyi István University, HUN-REN CSS): *The Gradual Erosion of Judicial Independence in Hungary*

15:45 – 16:00 Ana Neves (Lisbon University): *Portugal's Judiciary Independence Flaws and Potential Reforms*
Discussion

16:20 Closing Remarks