



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

Trier, 24-28 June 2019

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### Speakers

**Johan Callewaert**, Deputy Grand Chamber Registrar, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

**Waltraud Hakenberg**, Professor of EU Law, Institute of European Law of the University of the Saar; former Registrar of the Civil Service Tribunal of the European Union, Luxembourg

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

**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

### Key topics

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

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## Monday, 24 June 2019

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 **Opening of the course**  
*Karolina Rokicka*

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

09:30 **Setting the scene: The rule of law in the EU**  
*Waltraud Hakenberg*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **The rule of law in the recent case law of the Court of Justice of the EU**  
*Waltraud Hakenberg*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Overview of the EU's main rule of law instruments**  
*Laurent Pech*

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **MOCK GROUP EXERCISE: Thresholds for activating Article 7 TEU**  
*Laurent Pech*

17:45 End of first day

19:30 Dinner

## Tuesday, 25 June 2019

### II. VISIT TO THE CJEU

06:45 Departure by bus to Luxembourg

08:20 **Hearing at the Court of Justice**

11:30 **Meeting with Judge Constantinou Lycourgos**

12:30 Return by bus to Trier

13:30 Lunch

14:30 End of second day and free afternoon

## Wednesday, 26 June 2019

### III. SAFEGUARDING THE RULE OF LAW OUTSIDE THE EU

09:15 **The rule of law in the external relations of the EU**  
*Adam Łazowski*

10:45 Coffee break

### IV. ENSURING MORE TRANSPARENCY AND BETTER QUALITY OF EU LAW

11:15 **Better law-making**  
*Adam Łazowski*

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **CASE STUDY on transparency of the legislative process in the EU**  
*Norbert Lorenz*

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **Transparency of the legislative process**  
*Norbert Lorenz*

17:00 End of third day

18:00 Guided city walking tour

## Objective

This five-day course 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 can the procedure of Article 7 TEU 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 the right of access to a court is violated
- how the EU can safeguard the rule of law in its external relations

## Visit to the CJEU in Luxembourg

Participants in this summer course will also have the opportunity to visit the Court of Justice of the EU in Luxembourg.

## Your contact persons



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## Venue

ERA Conference Centre  
Metzer Allee 4  
Trier, Germany

## Thursday, 27 June 2019

### V. FACILITATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- 09:00 **The right of access to a court under Article 6 ECHR and possible restrictions**  
*Johan Callewaert*
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Fair trial guarantees in European law**  
*Johan Callewaert*
- 12:30 Lunch

### VI. SAFEGUARDING THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE JUDICIARY

- 13:30 **Independence of the judiciary**
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **CASE STUDY**
- 17:00 End of fourth day
- 18:00 Walking tour in the vineyards and dinner combined with wine-tasting

## Friday, 28 June 2019

### VI. SAFEGUARDING THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE JUDICIARY (cont.)

- 09:00 **Responsibility and accountability of national courts and judges**  
*Andrej Kmecl*
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **CASE STUDY: how a judge should/should not behave**  
*Andrej Kmecl*
- 12:30 Light lunch and end of the course

*Each session contains discussion time.*

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Programme may be subject to amendment.

### CPD

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### Social programme

After a day's intensive training, enjoy our varied social programme:

The course dinner with fellow participants from various countries



A tour of the historic city of Trier, the oldest in Germany, known for its well-preserved Roman and medieval buildings



A wine-tasting in the Moselle vineyards followed by a traditional dinner in a winery



### Upcoming Conferences

**EU Staff Regulations Cases in Practice**  
Trier, 10-11 April 2019

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human Rights**  
Brussels, 15-16 April 2019

**Sanctions in EU External Relations**  
Trier, 20-21 May 2019

**EU Legislative Procedure in Practice**  
Brussels, 26-27 September 2019