

The State of Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe

Conference 4 December

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This conference brings together student analyses on the evolving state of the rule of law across Europe and its neighbourhood. The presentations explore a wide range of contemporary challenges: media narratives surrounding Italy's cooperation with Libya on migration; the strategic use of sovereignty rhetoric in Hungary and Georgia; the impact of major political and legal affairs on the rule of law in France; political influence over judicial appointments in Spain; the implications of Belgium's proposed "Quintin" law restricting the right to freedom of association; constitutional developments in Slovakia that threaten fundamental rights; and the deterioration of rule-of-law standards in Georgia under the Georgian Dream government. Together, these case studies offer a comparative perspective on how democratic principles, judicial independence, and fundamental rights are being tested across different political contexts.

This conference is organized as part of the course Rule of Law and Mutual Trust in Global and European Governance, taught by Ramona Coman and Cecilia Rizcallah.

It is part of the activity programme of the IEE's Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence *BoundEUries*. The conference is open to anyone interested.

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Programme

8h00-8h30 *To what extent is respect for the rule of law mentioned in Italian media coverage of the renewal of the Italy-Libya memorandum on migration management?*
By Florian Adamowicz, Luca Rifelj, Elie Byamungu Nzenze, Juliette Salleras

8h30-9h00 *Rule of Law in the Digital Age : Reassessing threats to the European Union and its Member States.*
By Hugo Le Ménès-Rego, Léonard Paradan, Jonathan Cambriani, Nina Duhamel, Ella Micallef

9h30-10h00 *State of the rule of law in France in the face of major political and legal affairs - Sarkozy's case & international perspectives*
By Emilie Decourcelle, Nina Strickler, Esther Nicolas, Mattea Ferrer

Break

10h15-10h45 *The rule of law in Spain: Political influence in judicial nominations*
By Imane El Ayoubi, Alessia Ruta, Andrea Abril, Adelina Sula

10h45-11h15 *The call for the elimination of radical groups in Belgium under the Quintin law proposal - a risk to the Rule of law and freedom of association ?*
By Maé Kindoki, Hugo Hilaire, Vanessa Anastasoglou, Antonio Cardone

11h15-11h45 *The rule of law in Slovakia : When the Constitution turns its back on fundamental rights*
By Erika Courtois, Hanin Saleh, Nikola Fabianova, Elise Depoortere, Raul Jurca

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12h -13h

Lunch break

13h-13h30

Hungary and the EU spying scandal: how it affects mutual trust

By Hadja Diallo, Lily Coeckelberghs, Yasmin El Moussaoui, Irene Curto,
Maxence Gallais

13h30-14h

*Deterioration of Georgia's Rule of Law after the conservative party Georgian
Dream's rise to power.*

By Juan Carlos Luque Lopez, Valeria Martin Martínez, Charlotte Vincent,
Adrian-Ilie Sabau