Empowering Domestic Judiciaries: The Role of European Actors in Defending Judicial Independence

co-organized by ELTE Department Of Human Rights And Politics and CNR Institute for International Legal Studies

Date: October 12-13

Venue: Faculty of Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), H–1117 Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A

11:00 – 12:00 Book Launch: The Abuse of Constitutional Identity in the European Union (published by Oxford University Press)

with author Julian Scholtes (University of Glasgow)

moderator: Gabor Halmai (ELTE, EUI)

discussants: Kriszta Kovács (ELTE) and Dimitry V. Kochenov (CEU DI)

Preliminary Event co-organized by ELTE and CEU DI

Buffet Launch

Draft Programme

Day 1 (October 12) – Thursday

13:00 – 13:30 Welcoming addresses

Gemma Andreone (CNR-ISGI)

Balázs Majtényi (ELTE)

13:30 – 14:00 Dimitry V. Kochenov (CEU DI): Dialogical Rule of Law in the Hands of the Court of Justice

Q&A

14:15 – 14:45 Madalina Moraru (EUI): The Role of European Judicial Interactions on the Protection of Judicial Independence and Impartiality

Q&A

chair: Balázs Majtényi

Panel 1: European Judicial Cooperation (chaired by Gemma Andreone)

15:00 – 15:15 Andrzej Schultz (EUI): Vertical Judicial Dialogue as a Ping-Pong Game: the Role of the CJEU in Addressing Challenges to Judicial Independence
15:15 – 15:30 Flora Fazekas (University of Debrecen): The Preliminary Ruling Procedure as a Tool for Protecting Judicial Independence

Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Abusive Constitutionalism against Judicial Independence

Participants: Yaniv Roznai (Harry Radzyner Law School), Julian Scholtes (University of Glasgow)

Moderator: Gábor Halmai (ELTE, EUI)

17:00 - 18:30 Mobilizing Judges On and Off the Bench (Roundtable discussion)

Participants:
Tamás Matusik, judge, President of the National Judicial Council (Hungary)
Luca Perilli, judge, Court of Trento (Italy)
Duro Sessa, former President of the European Association of Judges
Dorota Zabłudowska, judge, Member of the Board of IUSTITIA (Poland)

Moderator: Ágnes Kovács (ELTE)

Dinner

Day 2 (October 13) – Friday

9:30 – 10:00 Andras Sajó (former judges of the ECtHR, CEU): Militant Rule of Law?

Q&A

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

Q&A

chair: Orsolya Salát

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Resilience and Resistance against Dismantling Judicial Independence
(chaired by Eugenio Zaniboni University of Foggia)


11:45 – 12:00 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
12:00 – 12:15 Márton Gerő (ELTE): Civil Society’s Responses to the Attacks on the Justice System: The Polish, Hungarian and Israeli Case

Discussion

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Panel 3: Domestic Judiciaries in Peril (chaired by Lilla Farkas)

14:00 – 14:15 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

14:15 – 14:30 Agnieszka Frąckowiak-Adamska (University of Wroclaw): CJEU and Independence of National Judiciary – Is the Protection Sufficient?

14:30 – 14:45 Ildiko Bartha (University of Debrecen)– Matyas Bencze (University of Győr): The Gradual Erosion of Judicial Independence Hungary

14:45 – 15:00 Ana Neves (Lisbon University): To Curtail the Impact of Portugal’s Judiciary Independence Flaws

Discussion

15:30 Closing Remarks