



Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Conference
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
25 - 26 April 2019, Riga Graduate School of Law (Strēlnieku 4 k-2, W42)

Draft Programme

25 April

- 10:00 – 10:15** **Welcoming remarks by Dr. Ineta Ziemele, Professor of Riga Graduate School of Law, President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia**
- 10:15 – 10:55** **Dr. Anneli Albi, Professor of European Law, University of Kent, the United Kingdom**
“The three main constitutional cultures in Europe: Towards uniformization or retaining diversity?”
- 10:55 – 11:35** **Dr. Armin Cuyvers, Associate Professor of European Law and Jurisprudence, Europa Institute of Leiden University, the Netherlands**
“Once the sovereign giant is awake: can and should the EU put sovereignty back to bed in the post-Brexit era?”
- 11:35 – 11:55** Coffee break
- 11:55 - 12:35** **Inga Reine (Judge at the General Court of the EU, Luxembourg)**
“European values à la carte? Who should have the right to choose?” (to be confirmed)
- 12:35 – 13:15** **Dr. Monica Claes, Professor of European and Comparative Constitutional Law, Maastricht University, the Netherlands**
“The harmonisation of fundamental rights in the EU”
- 13:15 – 14:15** Lunch break
- 14:15 – 14:55** **Dr. Antonia Baraggia, Assistant Professor of Comparative Law, University of Milan, Italy**
“Political conditionality and EU fundamental values: exploring a controversial constitutional tool”
- 14:55 – 15:35** **Prof. Peter Gjortler, Legal Advisor at the Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg**
“Fundamental Rights in the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy”

15:35 – 16:15 **Dr. Tuomas Ojanen, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Helsinki, Finland**

“The evolving relationship between EU law and the Nordic systems for the protection of fundamental and human rights”

26 April

10:00 – 10:40 **Dr. Carri Ginter, Associate Professor of European Law, the University of Tartu, and Partner at Sorainen, Estonia**

“Legal implications of not asking for preliminary rulings by the highest courts”

10:40 – 10:55 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel discussion among judges of the Courts:

**Ineta Ziemele, President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia;
Egils Levits, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg;
Inga Reine, Judge at the General Court of the EU, Luxembourg**

“Autonomy of EU Law and common constitutional traditions: interplay between EU courts and national courts” (to be confirmed)

12:30 – 13:10 **Dr. Ágnes Kovács, Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law and Legal Theory, University of Debrecen, Hungary**

“The European Judiciary: some implications of a normative concept”

13:10 – 14:10 Lunch break

14:10 – 14:50 **Dr. Juha Raitio, Professor of European Law, University of Helsinki, Finland**

“Rule of Law in European context - Is it just a “rhetorical balloon” and what are the national challenges?”

14:50 – 15:30 **Dr. Lars Karlander, Lecturer in Constitutional Law and EU Law, Uppsala University, Sweden**

“Direct horizontal effect of EU Fundamental Rights: problems and possibilities”

15:30 – 16:10 **Kristīne Līcis, Representative of Latvia before International Human Rights Organisations**

Topic to be confirmed