

Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Conference

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AT THE FRONTIERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION – LOOKING FOR A NEW BALANCE

20 - 21 June 2019, Riga Graduate School of Law (Strēlnieku 4 k-2, W42)

Draft conference programme

20 June

10:00 – 10:10 Welcoming remarks by conference moderator **Inese Freimane-Deksne, Lawyer, LL.M in International and European Law, Riga Graduate School of Law**

10:10 – 10:25 Opening statement by **Dr. sc.pol. Jānis Ikstens, Acting Rector of Riga Graduate School of Law**

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

10:25 – 11:05 **Dr. Armin Cuyvers, Associate Professor of European Law and Jurisprudence, Europa Institute of Leiden University, the Netherlands**

“An absolute sovereign right under EU law? Wightman and the possible implications of the sovereign right to withdraw”

11:05 – 11:35 Coffee break

11:35 – 12:15 **Dr. Nicola Lupo, Professor of Public Law at the Department of Political Science, Luiss Guido Carli University of Rome, Italy**

“The legality principle in the dialogue between European and Italian Courts”

12:15 – 12:55 **Dr. Carri Ginter, Associate Professor of European Law, Tartu University; Partner at Sorainen, Estonia**

“Differences in justifying restrictions on fundamental rights based on the example of reverse discrimination”

12:55 – 14:00 Lunch

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- 14:00 – 14:40** **Baiba Vitoliņa, Director of Consumer Rights' Protection Centre of Latvia**
"Consumer rights in the digital era: new challenges and developments"
- 14:40 – 15:20** **Dr. Peter Rott, Professor of Civil Law, European Private Law and Consumer Law, the University of Kassel, Germany**
"Powerful private actors in the digital economy: between private law freedoms and constitutional law principles"
- 15:20 – 16:00** **Dr. Olha Cherednychenko, Professor of European Private Law and Comparative Law/ Director Groningen Centre for European Financial Services Law, University of Groningen, the Netherlands**
"EU Fundamental rights, private law, and consumer protection in the digital era"

21 June

EUROPEAN COURT'S CASE LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- 10:00 – 10:40** Opening statement by **Eleanor Sharpston, LL.D, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg**
"Not reinventing the wheel – except where you believe it's necessary: borrowings from the EFTA Court in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union"
- 10:30 – 11:10** **Inga Reine, Judge at the General Court of the European Union, Luxembourg**
(topic to be confirmed)
- 11:10 – 11:40** Coffee break
- 11:40 – 12:20** **Peter Gjortler, Legal Advisor at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg**
"Fundamental rights and jurisdiction under the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy"

COMPETITION, BIG DATA AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- 12:20 – 12:50** **Jānis Račko, Member of the Competition Council of Latvia**
"Competition issues and challenges in digital markets"

- 12:50 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:40** **Dr. Christian Bergquist, Associate Professor of Competition law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark**
- “Google and the search for a theory of harm - Is it a fundamental right to understand what you are held accountable for under antitrust?”
- 14:40 – 15:20** **Dr. Juan Luis Manfredi Sanchez, Senior Lecturer of International Communication and Media Policy, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain**
- “Artificial Intelligence and journalism: challenging trust and truth”
- 15:20 – 16:00** **Dr. Thomas Hoffmann, Associate Professor, Tallinn University of Technology**
- “Impact of the digital era on private autonomy”