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 Vītoliņa, 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”