



POLISH- HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC FORUM (INTERNATIONAL LAW)

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ORGANISER

Central European Academy

DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

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CONCEPT

This conference will critically and comparatively engage with international and European Union law as vehicles through which state sovereignty is shaped, constrained, and, in some cases, disrupted within current legal and political systems.

Against the backdrop of increasing globalisation and the deepening integration of law, this event will explore the growing tension between the autonomy of national constitutional regimes and the influence of a framework of supranational legal standards. Traditionally, international and EU law have been constructed to promote peace, cooperation, human rights and the rule of law. However, their overwhelming influence is raising issues regarding the influence of external actors, democratic legitimacy, and the erosion of constitutionally defined self-determination.

At the conference, law will be described as a medium of both governance and intervention - a device that enables coordination and controls compliance simultaneously. This ambivalence positions legal norms at the centre of a broader discussion about control, legitimacy, and consent within the state system.

The aim is to examine the structural and normative implications of legal integration by framing supranational law as a collaboration between authority and obligation. For the discussions, we adopt a comparative constitutional perspective. Particular attention is given to the experiences of Central and Eastern Europe, given that these constitutional and political trends have posed new challenges to our understanding of sovereigntist approaches as revolutionary developments in national and supranational law. Specific cases centred on Hungary, Poland and Serbia reflect the various ways in which constitutional systems respond to international and EU legal pressures and how sovereignty is reframed, as well as where the limits of legal integration are contested or reaffirmed.

The overarching objective of this conference is to create an interdisciplinary forum in which we can explore whether international and EU laws are in fact working mainly as frameworks for cooperation, tools of constraint, or vehicles for intervention – and what this means for the future of the European state-centred legal order and for the world.

PARTNERS

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc,
Central European Association for Comparative Law,



OPENING PANEL

Moderator: Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Director, Central European Academy, Hungary

09.00 - 09.10

OPENING SPEECH

Prof. Dr. Marcin Wielec, Associate Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

09.10 - 09.30

INTRODUCTION OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN ACADEMY PROGRAMMES

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

PANEL 1

Moderator: Dr. Enikő Krajnyák, Senior Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

09.30 - 09.50

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND EU LAW AS INSTRUMENTS OF INTERFERENCE IN THE STATE SYSTEM. INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH.

Prof. Dr. Mariusz Muszyński, Associate Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland

09.50 - 10.10

SHAPING CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE ECtHR CASE LAW

Károly Benke, First assistant magistrate, Constitutional Court of Romania, Romania

10.10 - 10.30

INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

Anna Faber-Wiercińska, PhD Student, Ferenc Deák School of Law, University of Miskolc; Junior Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

10.30 - 10.50

INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF HUNGARY

Ivan Jokanovic, Senior Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

10.50 - 11.10

THE COMPLEXITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW AND THE HUNGARIAN LAW – THE SOVEREIGNIST APPROACH AS A PARADIGM SHIFT.

Prof. Dr. Lilla Berkes, Associate Professor, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary

11.10 - 11.30

DISCUSSION

11.30 - 12.30

BREAK

PANEL 2

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Paweł Sobczyk, Associate Professor, University of Opole, Poland

12.30 - 12.50

THE PRIMACY OF EU LAW OVER NATIONAL LAW FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW – A LEGAL SOLUTION FOR CONFLICTS BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND THE COURT OF JUSTICE?

Dr. David Sehnálek, Vice-Dean, Associate Professor, Masaryk University, Czechia

12.50 - 13.10

INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW IN THE CONSTITUTIONS OF SELECTED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Dr. Aleksandra Syryt, Associate Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

13.10 - 13.30

RECEPTION AND EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW À LA FRANÇAISE

Dr. Péter Kruszlicz, Assistant Professor, University of Szeged, Hungary

13.30 - 13.50

THE ITALIAN LEGAL SYSTEM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Prof. Dr. Benedetta Vimercati, Associate Professor, University of Milan, Italy;
Prof. Dr. Luigi Crema, Associate Professor, University of Milan, Italy

13.50 - 14.10

THE ARCHITECTURE OF OPEN STATEHOOD


Dr. Benedikt Riedl, Senior Researcher, LMU Munich, Germany

14.10 - 14.30

DISCUSSION


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