



POLISH- HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC FORUM

Accountability of Constitutional State
Organs

24
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OPENING PANEL

Moderator: Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Director, Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc, Hungary

ORGANISER

Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc

DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

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CONCEPT

The conference aims to provide a broad framework for reflection on the accountability of constitutional state organs in the context of Poland's rule of law crisis. Its task is not only to present different legal regimes – constitutional, criminal, administrative, disciplinary, and international – but also to assess whether in practice they truly serve the protection of the state and its citizens, or whether they have been weakened and politicized. The focus will be on the erosion of constitutional control mechanisms and the most important state institutions. During this event, the results of the book chapters will be presented, offering a general diagnosis of accountability-related problems. This conference will serve as a first step – identifying systemic weaknesses and seeking answers to the question of how to hold state authorities accountable for actions formally based on a mandate but materially violating the standards of the rule of law.

PARTNERS

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc,
Central European Association for Comparative Law,
Hungarian Association for Comparative Law,
MTA - Miskolc Academic Committee



09.00 - 09.10

OPENING SPEECH

Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Director, Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc, Hungary

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

09.20 - 09.40

INTRODUCTION OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISKOLC PROGRAMMES

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



PANEL 1

Moderator: Dr. Bartłomiej Oręziak, Assistant Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

09.40 - 10.00

IS THE PRACTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY A SIGN OF THE WEAKNESS OF LEGAL SOLUTIONS IN THIS AREA?

Prof. UO Dr. Paweł Sobczyk, University Professor, University of Opole, Poland

10.00 - 10.20

THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE STATE AND ITS ORGANS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL COUP D'ÉTAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW

Dr. Bartłomiej Oręziak, Assistant Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

10.20 - 10.40

HOW MUCH FREEDOM DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAVE? HOW MUCH DOES IT HAVE COMPARED TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT?

Prof. UKSW Dr. Agata Kosieradzka-Federczyk, University Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland

10.40 - 11.00

DISCUSSION

11.00 - 11.30

BREAK

PANEL 2

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

11.30 - 11.50

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE ERA OF THE CRISIS OF THE RULE OF LAW IN POLAND

Dr. Grzegorz Ociecek, Assistant Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

11.50 - 12.10

LIMITATIONS ON THE CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF CONSTITUTIONAL STATE BODIES AS A DEFICIT IN THE RULE OF LAW – THE EXAMPLE OF POLAND

Dr. Bartosz Lewandowski, Senior Researcher, Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc, Hungary

12.10 - 12.30

PROVING CONSTITUTIONAL DELICTS IN POLAND – EVIDENTIARY CHALLENGES IN HOLDING HIGH STATE OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE

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

12.30 - 12.50

DISCUSSION

12.50 - 13.00

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Prof. UO Dr. Paweł Sobczyk, University Professor, University of Opole, Poland