

Constitutional Challenges – Judging under Pressure

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Evening event: “Judging in a Constitutional Democracy”

Venue: Humboldt University Berlin, Faculty of Life Sciences, Hörsaal 10, Invalidenstrasse 42
(see map [here](#)). Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for check-in.

17:00 Welcome by Prof. Julia von Blumenthal, President of Humboldt University, and Prof. Cornelia Woll, President of the Hertie School

Conversation among Judges

- Daphne Barak-Erez (Supreme Court of Israel)
- Ivana Jelić (European Court of Human Rights)
- Sonia Sotomayor (Supreme Court of the United States)

Chairs: Başak Çalı (Hertie School) and Nora Markard (University of Münster)

19:00 Reception with wine and pretzels, hosted by the Integrative Research Institute Law & Society at Humboldt University Berlin

Friday, February 9, 2024

Symposium: “Current Challenges for Constitutional Law”

Venue: Hertie School, Forum, Friedrichstraße 180, 10117 Berlin

8:00 Registration & Coffee reception
Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for check-in.

8:50 Welcome by Nora Markard (Chair for Public Law and Human Rights, University of Münster)

9:00 Keynote, followed by Q&A

Catharine A. MacKinnon (University of Michigan and Harvard University)

Chair: Cathryn Costello (University College Dublin and Hertie School)

10:00 Roundtable I: Persistent Inequalities

Introductions: Nora Markard (Chair for Public Law and Human Rights, University of Münster)

- Chair: Shreya Atrey (University of Oxford)
- Kate O’Regan (University of Oxford; formerly South African Constitutional Court)
- Sarah Ganty (Ghent University)
- Cara Röhner (Frankfurt University of Applied Science)

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 Roundtable II: Democratic Backsliding

Introductions: Silvia von Steinsdorff (Integrative Research Institute Law & Society, Humboldt University Berlin)

- Chair: Mirosław Wyrzykowski (University of Warsaw; formerly Constitutional Tribunal of Poland)
- Kim Lane Scheppele (Princeton University)
- Fiona De Londras (University of Birmingham)
- Mariana Velasco-Rivera (Maynooth University)
- David Kosař (Masaryk University)

13:30 Light lunch

15:00 Roundtable III: The Climate Crisis

Introductions: Başak Çalı (Center for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School)

- Chair: Natalia Ángel Cabo (Constitutional Court of Colombia; Universidad de los Andes)
- Gabriele Britz (University of Gießen; formerly German Federal Constitutional Court)
- Juan Auz (Hertie School)
- Usha Natarajan (The American University in Cairo)
- Sam Bookman (Harvard Law School)

16:30 Concluding remarks, ideas for future projects

17:00 Reception with drinks, hosted by the Hertie School

Conference hosts:

Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School

Chair for Public Law and Human Rights, University of Münster

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Conveners:

- Prof. Başak Çalı (Hertie School)
- Prof. Cathryn Costello (University College Dublin and Hertie School)
- Prof. Nora Markard (University of Münster)

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