

**THE RULE OF LAW IN EUROPE - VISION AND CHALLENGES**

**Thursday, 15 April 2021**

**Seminar Room (Human Rights Building, Strasbourg) and KUDO  
Interpretation into English and French**

**09.15 a.m. - 09.30 a.m. – Welcome and opening remarks**

Chair: Anja Seibert-Fohr, Judge elected in respect of Germany

Robert Spano, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Christine Lambrecht, Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection

**09.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. – Panel I: The Rule of Law and the Health Crises**

Chair: Raffaele Sabato, Judge elected in respect of Italy

Stéphanie Dagon, Professor of Law, University of Geneva:

*Rule of Law and Health Crisis of Yesterday and Today: What Role for the ECtHR?*

Patricia Popelier, Professor of Law, University of Antwerp:

*The Role of Courts in Times of Crisis: A Matter of Trust, Legitimacy and Expertise*

Commentators:

Paul Lemmens, Section President, Judge elected in respect of Belgium

Armen Harutyunyan, Judge elected in respect of Armenia

Alena Poláčková, Judge elected in respect of the Slovak Republic

Ana Maria Guerra Martins, Judge elected in respect of Portugal

**11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. – Panel II: The Rule of Law and Judicial Independence**

Chair: Anja Seibert-Fohr, Judge elected in respect of Germany

Kateřina řimáčková, Judge of the Czech Constitutional Court:

*Dissenting Opinions in Constitutional Courts: A Means of Protecting Judicial Independence and Legitimising Decisions*

Hans Petter Graver, Professor of Law, University of Oslo:

*Can International Institutions deal with National Dismantling of the Rule of Law?  
Some Thoughts based on the Recent EUCJ Judgement in Case C 824/18*

Commentators:

Iulia Antoanella Motoc, Judge elected in respect of Romania

Péter Paczolay, Judge elected in respect of Hungary

Lorraine Schembri Orland, Judge elected in respect of Malta

**12.30 p.m. Lunch break**

**2.15 p.m. -3.45 p.m. – Panel III: The Rule of Law in the Digital Age**

Chair: Síoфра O’Leary, Section President, Judge elected in respect of Ireland

Andrew Murray, Professor of Law, London School of Economics:

*The Rule of (Human) Law in the Digital Age*

Oreste Pollicino, Professor of Law, Bocconi University:

*Digital Private Powers Exercising Public Functions: How to deal with this Constitutional Paradox in the Digital Age?*

Commentators:

Ganna Yudkivska, Judge elected in respect of Ukraine

Dmitry Dedov, Judge elected in respect of the Russian Federation

Tim Eicke, Judge elected in respect of the United Kingdom

Mattias Guyomar, Judge elected in respect of France

**3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Closure of the meeting**