RULE OF LAW IN EUROPE

October 22nd, 2021, Prague

09:30 – 10:00
REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:15
INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

Pavel SVOBODA
Chair of the Board of the IKDP and Former Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament

10:15 – 11:45
I. PANEL: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EU

The first panel will focus on defining the rule of law in the European Union and on presenting a paper published for the conference. What is the practical relevance of the rule of law for the functioning of the EU? What can and cannot be included to this area? And what instruments exist for enforcing the rule of law on the EU level?

Jiří PŘIBÁŇ
Professor of Law – Cardiff University
Pavel SVOBODA
Chair of the Board of the IKDP and Former Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament
Angelos CHRYSSOGELOS (online)
Research Associate of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
Ivana JANŮ
Former Vice-President of the Constitutional Court

11:45 – 12:45
LUNCH BREAK

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12:45 – 14:15
II. PANEL: CURRENT ISSUES REGARDING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EU

The second panel will reflect on controversial areas regarding the rule of law in the EU countries. Where the flaws in this context can be found? What is the European Commission's approach to this situation through the annual Rule of law report? This conference receives financial support from the European Parliament. Sole liability rests with the organisers – Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and Institute for Christian-Democratic Politics. The European Parliament is not responsible for the activity.

Věra JOUROVÁ (online)
Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Values and Transparency
Martin SMOLEK
Deputy Minister for Legal and Consular Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Vít DOSTÁL
Executive Director of the AMO Research Center
Jana PLAŇAVOVÁ-LATANOWICZ
Centre for Europe – Warsaw University

14:15 – 14:30
COFFEE BREAK

14:30 – 16:00
III. PANEL: RULE OF LAW AND DEALING WITH THE PANDEMIC IN CZECHIA

The last panel will focus on Czech context at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. What did the pandemic show about the rule of law in Czechia? Can certain precedents for future crisis management be drawn from the government's approach to the pandemic in contrast to subsequent interventions of the Supreme Administrative Court and the Constitutional Court?

Jan KYSELA
Department of Political and Social Sciences of the Faculty of Law – Charles University in Prague
Martin BUCHTÍK
Director of the STEM Empirical Research Center
Marek VÝBORNÝ
Member of the Constitutional and Legal Committee of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic
Andrea PROCHÁZKOVÁ
Editor of the "Respekt" Weekly Magazine

16:00
CLOSING REMARKS