

EU Enlargement Strategy in the Western Balkans: Effects on the Rule of Law

Zürich, Friday/Saturday, 31 October/01 November 2014
ETH Zürich, IFW Building, Haldeneggsteig 4, Room no. RZ F 21

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

Friday, October 31, 2014

14.30 – 14.45	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig, Full Professor of European Politics, Center for Comparative and International Studies, ETH-Zurich
14.45 – 15.15	EU Enlargement Strategy in the Western Balkans: Effects on the Rule of Law (presentation of the project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Asya Zhelyazkova, Postdoctoral Fellow at the European Politics Research Group, ETH-Zurich • Dr. Ivan Damjanovski, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje • Mr. Zoran Nechev, Doctoral researcher in EU enlargement and conditionality policy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
15.15 – 15.45	Discussion
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 16.30	The EU transformative power: conditions for its effectiveness, including in the rule of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pierre Mirel, Honorary Director-General of the European Commission
16.30 – 17.00	The role of civil society in ensuring effective reforms and fulfilling EU conditionality in the rule of law sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Erwan Fouéré, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); former EU Special Representative and Head of Delegation in the EU External Service in Macedonia
17.00 – 17.30	Discussion
17.30 – 17.45	Coffee break

17.45 – 18.15	Is enlargement over? The erosion of trust and what can be done about it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kristof Bender, <i>European Stability Initiative Deputy Chairman</i>
18.15 – 18.30	Discussion
19.30 – 21.00	Dinner (at “zum Grunen Glas” restaurant)
Saturday, November 01, 2014	
09.00 – 09.30	Reflections on the EU’s approach to rule of law reforms in candidate states: Blinded by success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Antoaneta Dimitrova, <i>Associate Professor at the Institute of Public Administration and coordinator of the Master’s Programme in Public Administration, Leiden University</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Europeanization by rule of law implementation in the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Zoran Ilievski, <i>Associate Professor and Head of the Political Science Department, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje</i> • Dr. Marko Kmezić, <i>Lecturer and Senior Researcher at the Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz</i>
10.00 – 10.45	Discussion
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 11.45	The dynamics of EU rule transfer in Justice and Home Affairs to the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Florian Trauner, <i>Assistant Professor of Political Science and Deputy Director of the Institute for European Integration Research, University of Vienna</i>
11.45 – 12.15	The banality of the evil - EU conditionality, domestic resistance and patterns of rule of law reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Arolda Elbasani, <i>Jean Monnet Fellow at Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, EUI Florence</i>
12.15 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch (at the ETH faculty restaurant “Dozentenfoyer”)
14.30 – 15.00	Weak rule of law, transitional justice, and reconciliation in Bosnia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jessie Hronesova, <i>Doctoral Candidate and Researcher in Post-War Institutional Designs and Transitional Justice, University of Oxford</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Democratisation after EU Accession: the case of Croatia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Danijela Dolenc, <i>Assistant Professor of Comparative politics, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb</i>
15.30 – 16.15	Discussion
16.15 – 16.45	Concluding remarks, wrap-up and coffee
17.00	End of workshop

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