



Centre de Droit Européen/Centre for European Law

*EU Values and Current Challenges Facing European Society:  
Digitalisation, Illiberalism and the Green Transition*

Joint seminar of Paris Panthéon-Assas University,  
Humboldt University of Berlin and  
University of Warsaw

29-30 May 2026  
Centre de droit européen,  
28 rue Saint-Guillaume, 75007 Paris  
Amphitheater, 1st floor

## PROGRAMME

### DAY 1 — Friday, 29 May 2026

#### 09:00 – Welcome Coffee

#### 09:30 – Introductory Remarks

*Prof. Anastasia Iliopoulou-Penot (Paris Panthéon-Assas University); Prof. Robert Grzeszczak (University of Warsaw) & Prof. Matthias Ruffert (Humboldt University of Berlin)*

#### 9:45 – PANEL I: Democracy

- Chair: *Prof. Matthias Ruffert*
- Discussants: *Alma Leric and Ioannis Koutsoumpinas (Paris Panthéon-Assas)*

##### **Presentations :**

1. *Lotte Neßler & Daniel Schwed (Humboldt): Democracy as a Union Value And a Constitutional Principle (15 minutes)*
2. *Julia Nowikowska (Warsaw): The Digital Environment as a Threat to the Value of Democracy in the European Union (10 minutes)*
3. *Agata Wykowska (Warsaw): Democracy as an Objective of Competition Law: How Competition Law Can Safeguard Democracy in a Tech-Driven Economy (10 minutes)*
4. *Frieda Klaphake & Malena Weyerhorst (Humboldt): The Regulation of Political Advertising under EU Law (15 minutes)*

- Comments by Discussants: 15 min
- Open Discussion: 25 min

11:15 – Coffee Break

#### 11:45 – PANEL II: Rule of Law

- Panel Chair: *Prof. Robert Grzeszczak*
- Discussants: *Martina Minardi (Paris Panthéon-Assas and Bologna) and Mateusz Milek (Warsaw)*

##### **Presentations (10 min each):**

1. *Alice Tsapov (Humboldt): The Rule of Law as a Value of the Union and as a Constitutional Principle*
2. *Lena Tjardes (Humboldt): From Economic to Value Community – The Conditionality Regulation as a turning point in how the EU sees itself (Cases C-156/21 and C-157/21)*
3. *Ha Truong (Humboldt): Infringement Proceedings as a Tool To Enforce Union Values*

- Comments by Discussants: 15 min
- Open Discussion: 20 min

13:00 – Lunch Break (Provided at the Centre for European Law)

### **14:30 – PANEL III: Human Rights**

- Panel Chair: *Dr. Jagna Mucha (Warsaw)*
- Discussants: *Blanche Daban (Paris Panthéon-Assas and Ottawa) and Sibylle Pouillaude (Paris Panthéon-Assas)*

#### **Presentations (10 min each):**

1. *Ellery Ketchum (Humboldt)*: Protecting Human and Minority Rights across the EU's Multi-Level Constitutional Framework
2. *Zuzanna Rajchemba (Warsaw)*: Digital Rights and the Protection of Human Rights in the European Union in the Age of Digitalisation
3. *Konrad Rychter (Warsaw)*: Justice or Automation? Algorithmic Discrimination and Social Inclusion in Light of the AI Act
4. *Paweł Tarnowski (Warsaw)*: EU Citizenship in the Digital Age: Is a Genuine Link Really the Way to Go?

- Comments by Discussants: 15 min
- Open Discussion: 20 min

15:45 – Coffee Break

### **16:00 – PANEL IV: Values and Principles in EU Policies in Times of Transition**

- Panel Chair: *Prof. Anastasia Iliopoulou-Penot*
- Discussants: *Ludivine Boucheron, Rafail Zorzos (Paris Panthéon-Assas) and Dr. Jagna Mucha (Warsaw)*

#### **Presentations (10 min each):**

1. *Barbara Pavleković (Humboldt)*: Solidarity as a Union value?
2. *Michał Chojka (Warsaw)*: The Principle of Sustainable Development as a Superior Objective of the European Union in the Application of Noise Restrictions?
3. *Maria Wnęk (Warsaw)*: The Precautionary Principle in the Case Law of the Court of Justice of the European Union: Scientific Uncertainty, Judicial Review, and the Rule of Law
4. *Tomasz Czajkowski (Warsaw)*: The Influence of the Electricity Market Design Reform on Energy Market Flexibility and Consumer Protection in the EU: A Comprehensive Analysis of Regulation (EU) 2024/1747 and Directive (EU) 2024/1711

- Comments by Discussants: 20 min
- Open Discussion: 20 min

17:20 – End of Day 1

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## **DAY 2 — Saturday, 30 May 2026**

09:15 – Welcome

### **09:30 – PANEL V: Article 2 TEU**

- Chair: *Dr. Loriane Alem (Paris Panthéon-Assas)*
- Discussants: *Félicie Remlinger (Paris Panthéon-Assas), Sveva Troncone (Paris Panthéon-Assas and Naples) and Mateusz Kaik (Warsaw)*

**Presentations (10 min each):**

1. *Felix Wächter (Humboldt)*: Origin, Content, and Effect of Article 2(2) TEU
  2. *Miriam Schmitz Moreno (Humboldt)*: Justiciability and Legal Nature of Article 2, 1st sentence TEU
  3. *Jasmin Güntsch (Humboldt)*: How EU Values Stack Up Against National Constitutional Principles: Article 2 TEU Compared With Member State Equivalents
  4. *Vera Koschinski (Humboldt)*: The Clash Between Shared Values and National Identity: Does Article 4(2) TEU Counterbalance Article 2 TEU?
  5. *Norina Hanke (Humboldt)*: The „Tyranny of Values“: A State-Theoretical Inquiry and Its Contemporary Relevance for EU Law
- Comments by Discussants: 20 min
  - Open Discussion: 40 min

**11:20 – Closing Remarks**

*Prof. Anastasia Iliopoulou-Penot, Prof. Robert Grzeszczak, Prof. Matthias Ruffert*

**11:30 – End of Conference**

12:00 – Lunch at CROUS Canteen, Paris

– Optional: Visit Europa space & Role play