



EQUALITY IN AN EVER-INTEGRATING EUROPE IN GENERAL TERMS

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Central European Academy

DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

21-22 November 2024

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

CEA - Diósgyőr auditorium

(Major Udvar Office Building, HU-1122 Budapest, Városmajor utca 12-14.)

CONCEPT

The conference "Equality in an Ever-Integrating Europe in General Terms" addresses one of the most pressing questions facing the European Union (EU) today: how to balance deeper integration with the principle of equality among its Member States. As the EU continues to evolve, the challenge lies in ensuring that all Member States, regardless of size, wealth, or historical context, are treated equally while fostering closer cooperation. The research group behind this initiative aims to explore whether such balance is achievable, particularly in the face of growing debates about the EU's governance methods—whether intergovernmental or supranational—and the adequacy of its current operational structure. The conference will examine the EU's commitment to equality as outlined in its founding treaties, such as the principle of subsidiarity, where decisions should be made as close to citizens as possible. It will also delve into how equality manifests in areas like human rights, judicial cooperation, foreign policy, and the regulation of new technologies like AI. Presentations will explore a range of issues, from state sovereignty and its impact on international law to the ways equality and democratic legitimacy intersect in EU cooperation. By bringing together high experts the conference will foster a multi-dimensional understanding of equality in the EU. It will probe the potential gaps in the current system, particularly regarding the balance between Member State equality and the EU's effectiveness as a global actor. The aim is to advance the discussion on how to maintain solidarity and respect for national diversity while enhancing European integration in the years to come.

PARTNERS

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc,

Central European Association for Comparative Law



09.30 - 10.00

**REGISTRATION
WELCOME COFFEE**

PANEL 1

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Marcin Adam Wielec, Full Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

10.00 - 10.10

OPENING SPEECH

Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Centre Director, Central European Academy, Hungary

10.10 - 10.40

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES OF THE CEA

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Deputy General Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.40 - 11.00

STATE SOVEREIGNTY AS A DRIVING MOTOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Dr. Katarína Šmigová, Dean, Associate Professor, Pan-European University, Slovakia

11.00 - 11.20

SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS IN EU LAW: AN OBSOLETE INSTRUMENT OR A MEANS OF FAIR COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES WITHIN THE EU

Dr. David Sehnálek, Vice-Dean, Associate Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

11.20 - 11.40

STRUCTURAL HYBRIDITY AND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AMONG MEMBER STATES OF THE EU

Dr. Benjamin Flander, Associate Professor, University of Maribor; Senior Researcher, Law Institute of the Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia

11.40 - 12.00

DISCUSSION

12.00 - 13.30

LUNCH BREAK



PANEL 2

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Emőd Veress, Researcher, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

13.30 - 13.50

THE NATURE OF THE LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Prof. Dr. László Trócsányi, Rector, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Hungary

13.50 - 14.10

EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY IN LIGHT OF THE EQUALITY OF THE MEMBER STATES

Dr. Lénárd Sándor, Head, Mathias Corvinus; Associate Professor, Karoli Gaspar University, Hungary

14.10 - 14.30

THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS CATALOGUES WITHIN THE EU: INTERACTIONS AND CHALLENGES

Prof. Dr. Marieta Safta, Full Professor, University Titu Maiorescu, Romania
and

Prof. Dr. Tudorel Toader, Full Professor, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania

14.30 - 14.50

FOREIGN POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Prof. Dr. Bojan Tubić, Full Professor, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

14.50 - 15.10

NAVIGATING THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMISSION'S DISCRETIONARY POWERS WITHIN THE INFRINGEMENT PROCEEDINGS

Prof. Dr. Michael Siman, Full Professor, Pan-European University, Slovakia

15.10 - 15.30

RELIGION AND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY ON EU LAW

Prof. Dr. Frane Staničić, Full Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia

15.30 - 15.50

DISCUSSION

15.50 - 16.00

CLOSING OF THE DAY

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Deputy General Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

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WELCOME COFFEE

DAY 2

HUNGARIAN EU PRESIDENCY TOPICS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CEA PROFESSORS' NETWORK

The Central European Academy launched international research projects in 2023, focussing on the priority themes of the Hungarian EU Presidency. The research groups focused on the EU Presidency themes from the perspectives of the Central European academic communities. As part of these projects, several conferences and dissemination events have been organised, scientific papers and blog studies have been published. The most important results of the research groups have also been published in books. In the present conference panel, books from 5 research groups will be presented by the book editors: international concept of the rule of law, economic governance, demography, migration, and common defence policy.

10.00 - 10.10

HUNGARIAN EU PRESIDENCY TOPICS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CEA PROFESSORS' NETWORK - OPENING SPEECH

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Deputy General Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.10 - 10.30

KEYNOTE SPEECH - THE SUPRANATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF THE RULE OF LAW

Dr. János Bóka, Minister, Ministry of EU Affairs; Senior Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

10.30 - 10.40

DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES IN CENTRAL EUROPE - LEGAL AND FAMILY POLICY RESPONSE

Prof. Dr. Tímea Dr. Heinerné Barzó, General Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.40 - 10.50

MIGRATION AND CENTRAL EUROPE: CHALLENGES AND LEGAL RESPONSES

Dr. Anikó Raisz, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.50 - 11.00

SHIELDING EUROPE WITH THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Centre Director, Central European Academy, Hungary

11.00 - 11.10

THE IMPACT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE REGULATION OF FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Dr. Zoltán Nagy, Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

11.10 - 11.40

COFFEE BREAK



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PANEL 3

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Zoltán Nagy, Researcher, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

11.40 - 12.00

SCOPE AND TRENDS OF EU JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

Prof. Dr. Marcin Adam Wielec, Full Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

12.00 - 12.20

EFFICIENCY OF JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL MATTERS

Prof. Dr. Sanja Savčić, Full Professor, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

12.20 - 12.40

REGULATION OF AI IN EU LAW AND PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY

Dr. Bartłomiej Oręziak, Assistant Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

12.40 - 13.00

PROPERTY TAX: GOOD OR BAD (EUROPEAN) TAX?

Prof. Dr. Michal Radvan, Vice-Dean, Full Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

13.00 - 13.20

DISCUSSION

13.20 - 13.30

CLOSING OF THE DAY

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Deputy General Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

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