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EQUALITY IN AN EVER- INTEGRATING EUROPE IN SPECIFIC TERMS

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DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

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VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

Masaryk University in Brno - Faculty of Law
Veveří 70 611 80 Brno, Czechia

CONCEPT

The conference "Equality in an Ever-Integrating Europe in Specific Terms" seeks to address the nuanced and practical challenges of maintaining equality among EU Member States in the context of deepening European integration. While the European Union aspires to build a closer union that respects the diversity of its members, there are ongoing debates about how this equality should manifest in specific areas. This event will focus on real-world examples where the principle of equality is tested in the functioning of the EU. Topics such as judicial cooperation, intergenerational equality, and the interpretation of EU law by national courts will be explored in depth. The presentations will also address pressing issues such as sovereignty and equality in the context of migration, taxation policies, and foreign relations, offering a closer look at how these policies influence mutual cooperation. Through case studies like the Croatian Constitutional Court's interpretation of EU law and the experiences of former Yugoslav states integrating into the EU, the conference will offer practical insights into how equality is maintained—or challenged—within the Union. The goal is to foster a deeper understanding of how intergovernmental cooperation, legal frameworks, and national identities interact in an increasingly integrated Europe, while identifying potential areas of tension and avenues for policy refinement.

PARTNERS

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc,
Central European Association for Comparative Law
Masaryk University - Faculty of Law



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09.30 - 10.00

**REGISTRATION
WELCOME COFFEE**

SECTION 1

Moderator: Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.00 - 10.10

OPENING SPEECH

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

10.10 - 10.30

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES OF THE CEA

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

10.30 - 10.50

EQUALITY OF MEMBER STATES BEFORE THE EU INSTITUTIONS

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

10.50 - 11.10

**INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY WITHIN THE EU.
SOME PERSPECTIVES OF REFLECTION**

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

11.10 - 11.30

**FROM FEDERATION TO UNION: SLOVENIA'S
JOURNEY THROUGH MEMBERSHIP AND
EQUALITY IN YUGOSLAV AND EUROPEAN
CONTEXTS**

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

11.30 - 11.50

DISCUSSION

11.50 - 13.20

LUNCH BREAK



SECTION 2

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

13.20 - 13.40

SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL COOPERATION ON EXAMPLE OF MIGRATION ISSUES

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

13.40 - 14.00

EQUALITY AS THE FOUNDATION OF JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS IN THE EU – BETWEEN VALUE AND ANTI-VALUE

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

14.00 - 14.20

THE DIFFERENT APPROACH OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WHEN INTERPRETING THE ROLE AND SCOPE OF THE EU LAW AND OF THE ECHR

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

14.20 - 14.40

DISCUSSION

14.40 - 14.50

CLOSING OF THE DAY

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Central European Academy; Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

09.30 - 10.00

REGISTRATION WELCOME COFFEE

SECTION 3

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Attila Dudás, Full Professor, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

10.00 - 10.20

SOVEREIGN BUT INTERDEPENDENT

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

10.20 - 10.40

FREEDOM TO CONTRACT IN THE LIGHT OF EU REGULATIONS

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

10.40 - 11.00

WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE: PUSHING THE LIMITS OF REBUS SIC STANTIBUS UNDER ARTICLE 50 OF THE EU TREATY

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

11.00 - 11.20

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXATION – COOPERATION OR COMPETITION?

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

