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***Comparing Populisms and Democracies: Local Specificities in the Rule of Law Crisis
(and its Resolution?)***

16-17 June 2022

**West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Law, Romania
(hybrid format)**

Organizers:

**Dr Alexandra Mercescu (West University of Timisoara) & Dr Manuel Anselmi (Università degli
Studi di Bergamo)**

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Day 1: Thursday, 16th June

Online: Link (valid for both days)

<https://meet.google.com/okf-xrft-vgh>

On site: West University of Timisoara, street Bd. Vasile Parvan, nr. 4, Amphitheatre A1.1

08.45-9.15

Welcome Address

**on behalf of the Rectorate of the West University of Timisoara
on behalf of the organizers
on behalf of the Embassy of Italy in Bucharest**

09.15-10.45

Book Launch and Discussion

Anti-Constitutional Populism (CUP, 2022), edited by Martin Krygier, Adam Czarnota and Wojciech Sadurski

Moderator: Alexandra Mercescu

Speakers: **Martin Krygier** (University of New South Wales) /online, **Adam Czarnota** (University of New South Wales /University of Wrocław), **Wojciech Sadurski** /online (University of Sydney)

Discussants:

Carlo Ruzza (School of International Studies, University of Trento)

Wojciech Zomerski (Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory, University of Wrocław) /online

11.00-12.15

Keynote speech

John Pratt (Victoria University of Wellington) /online

The End? Punishment, Populism and the Threat to Democratic Order

12.15-13.15

Lunch Break

13.15-15.00

Panel 1

Chair: Manuel Anselmi

Adam Czarnota (University of New South Wales / University of Wrocław)

Democratic Frustration. Populism and Challenge to Liberal Constitutionalism in Central-Eastern Europe

Giuseppe Martinico (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa)

Between Mimeticism and Parasitism: Populism in a Comparative Perspective

Zoltán Szente (Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)

Populist Constitutionalism – Conceptual and Empirical Problems

Carlo Ruzza (School of International Studies, University of Trento)

Populism, Anti-Populism and The Rule of Law

15.00-15.15

Coffee break

15.15-16.45

Panel 2

Chair: Adam Czarnota

Paolo Graziano (University of Padua)

Crises, Leadership, Neopopulism

Lorenzo Viviani (University of Pisa) /online

Populism and Democracy: The Challenge of Populist Personalisation of Leadership in Post-Representative Democracy

Lucian Bojin (West University of Timisoara)

Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy in the Age of Populism

17.00-18.30

Panel 3

Chair: Paolo Graziano

Hans-Jörg Trenz (Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze)

Enhanced Value Conflicts and Crisis of The Rule of Law: Towards a Differentiated European Union of Values?

Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz (Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)

The Role of Constitutional Traditions under Populist Government

Sorina Doroga (West University of Timisoara)

Populism, Nostalgia and the Law



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starting at 20.00
Conference dinner
at Hotel Timisoara
Mărășești street 1-3

Day 2: Friday, 17th June

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On site: West University of Timisoara, Bd. Vasile Parvan, n 4, Amphitheatre A1.1

09.15-10.30
Keynote speech

Nadia Urbinati (Columbia University) /online
Gambling with Representation: The Multiple Forms of Populism

10.30-11.00
Coffee break

11.00-12.30
Panel 4
Chair: Michał Stambulski

Bojan Bugaric (University of Sheffield) /online
The Two Faces of Populism: Between Authoritarian and Democratic Populism

Paul Blokker (University of Bologna)
Populist Constitutional Politics and Civil Society Fundamentalism

Manuel Anselmi (University of Bergamo)
Penal Populism, Civil Society and the Crisis of the Rule of Law in Italy

12.30-13.30
Lunch break

13.30-15.15

Panel 5

Chair: Lucian Bojin

Renata Deskoska (University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius”, Skopje) /online

Populism and Democratic Erosion in Macedonia (2008-2017)

Michał Stambulski (Erasmus University of Rotterdam / CLEST - Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory)

Populist Jurisprudence? Examining Selected Case Law of the Polish Constitutional Court (2017-2020)

Andreea Verțeș-Olteanu (West University of Timisoara)

The Constitutional Court, Civil “Special” Pensions and Populism in Romania

Djordje Gardasevic (University of Zagreb) / online

Constitutional Court and Populist Referendum Initiatives: The Case of Croatia

15.15-15.30

Coffee Break

15.30-17.00

Panel 6

Chair: Sorina Doroga

Flaminia Saccà, Luca Massidda (University of Tuscia, Viterbo)

Democracies Under Pressure in Pandemic Times: Rule of Law Crisis in Angela Merkel and Victor Orbán’s Political Narrative

Oscar Mazzoleni (University of Lausanne)

Individual Sovereignism. How Populist Rhetoric Hijacks Rules of Law in Times of Pandemic

Alexandra Mercescu (West University of Timisoara / Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory / Nomos Centre)

The Pandemic Uncovers Penal Populism: The Case of Romanian Legal Culture

17.00-18.00

Book Launch & Discussion

Filtering Populist Claims to Fight Populism (CUP, 2021) by **Giuseppe Martinico**

Discussants

Alexandra Mercescu (West University of Timisoara)

Lucian Bojin (West University of Timisoara)

Closing Address

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