

MEASURING HUMAN RIGHTS: IDENTIFYING NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE RULE OF LAW

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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University of Lodz, Faculty of Law And Administration, Kopcinskiego Street 8/12, Lodz, Poland

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Join us to reflect on the rule of law in Europe and its contemporary challenges. We are looking to host an open dialogue on human rights methodologies and ways to measure their impact on the rule of law.

We welcome an interdisciplinary, open dialogue among academics, judges, journalists, civil society actors, human rights practitioners, and all those concerned about mitigating challenges to the rule of law in Europe and beyond.

This conference is organized by the Scientific Committee of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Lodz Cyber Hub, a research center at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Lodz, Poland with kind support from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

The conference website is available at: WWW.CYBER.UNI.LODZ.PL/FRA.

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15		Introduction and welcome
		Dora Kostakopoulou , FRA Scientific Committee Chair Izabela Florczak , University of Lodz, Faculty of Law and Administration, vice-dean for international cooperation
10:15 – 10:35		Keynote address
		Michael O’Flaherty , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Director
10:35 – 10:45		Introducing the background and agenda for this event
		Joanna Kulesza , FRA Scientific Committee member / University of Lodz, Faculty of Law and Administration, assistant professor
10:45 – 11:45		Panel I: MEASURING HUMAN RIGHTS – key takeaways from the 2022 FRA SC conference
	<i>Speakers</i>	Anja Mihr , FRA Scientific Committee member Kieran Bradley , FRA Scientific Committee member: The European Union and the Rule of Law Sinisa Zrinščak , FRA Scientific Committee member: Democratic and authoritarian preferences: empirical trends and unanswered questions
	<i>Moderated Q&A</i>	Gabriel Toggenburg , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Head of Human Rights Structures and Mechanisms Sector, Institutional Cooperation and Networks Unit
11:45 – 12:00		COFFEE BREAK
12:00 – 13:00		Panel II: MEASURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MIGRANTS' RIGHTS
	<i>Speakers</i>	Francois Crepeau , FRA Scientific Committee member: Does the Rule of Law apply to migrants? Jonas Grimheden , FRONTEX, Fundamental Rights Officer Adriano Silvestri , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Head of Migration and Asylum Sector Justice, Digital and Migration Unit (remote)
	<i>Moderated Q&A</i>	Dora Kostakopoulou , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Scientific Committee Chair
13:00 – 14:00		LUNCH BUFFET
14:00 – 15:00		Panel III: RULE OF LAW CHALLENGES AND HUMAN RIGHTS METRICS – REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

<i>Speakers</i>	Roman Wieruszewski , Polish Academy of Sciences Mirosław Wróblewski , Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Head of Legal Department Marcin Mrowicki , Warsaw University, Center for European Studies, Assistant Professor
<i>Moderated Q&A</i>	Anja Mihr , FRA Scientific Committee member
15:00 – 15:15	COFFEE BREAK
15:15 – 16:15	Panel IV: DIGITALISATION AND AI: A RULE OF LAW ISSUE?
<i>Speakers</i>	Julia Laffranque , FRA Scientific Committee member Sylwia Wojtczak , University of Lodz, Faculty of Law and Administration, full professor Jo Goodey , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Head of Justice, Digital and Migration Unit Justice, Digital and Migration Unit
<i>Moderated Q&A</i>	Joanna Kulesza , FRA Scientific Committee member / University of Lodz, assistant professor
16:15 – 16:30	Summary and wrap up Dora Kostakopoulou , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Scientific Committee member, Chair Joanna Kulesza , EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Scientific Committee member