



**4th Jean Monnet NOVA-EU workshop
EU Democracy and Rule of Law
PROGRAMME**



Date: Thursday 24 & Friday 25 June 2021

Online workshop on Zoom

Registration: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/events/workshop-jean-monnet-nova-eu-eu-democracy-and-rule-law-webinar>

THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021

13:30 - 13:45

Welcome and introduction to the conference and the NOVA-EU project

Monica Claes and Andrea Ott (Maastricht University)

13.45-15.00: Opening keynotes and discussion

Chair: Monica Claes

Edith Zeller (Judge at the Administrative Court of Vienna & President of the European Association of Administrative Judges)

Kees Sterk (Senior judge & Professor of Administration of European Justice, Maastricht University)



15.00-16.00: Panel I
The rule of law as a common EU value
Chair: Monica Claes

Franco Peirone (Maastricht University)
The 'Thin' Rule of Law animating the EU

Nika Bačić Selanec & Tamara Čapeta (University of Zagreb)
The Rule of Law and Adjudication of the Court of Justice of the EU

16.00-16.30: break

16.30-18.00: Panel II
**The role of the Court of Justice, national courts and national judges in protecting
the rule of law**
Chair: Matteo Bonelli

Jonas Bornemann (University Konstanz)
Responding to autocratic legalism – what role for the European Court of Justice?

Victor Davio (KU Leuven/Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles) & **Cécilia Rizcallah**
(Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles/Université Libre de Bruxelles)
*The Requirement to Have Tribunals 'Established by Law' A Valuable Key Embedding the
Rule of Law and the Separation of Powers in a Context of Trust*

Karolina Podstawa (Maastricht University) & **Jarosław Gwizdak** (INPRIS)
*The Emergence of an Activist European Union Judges Movement - the Tale of (Polish)
Resilience and Compassion Beyond Border*



FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021

10.00: **Opening: Bruno De Witte**, Maastricht University

10.15-12.15: **Panel III**

New actors and instruments to protect EU values

Chair: Bruno De Witte

Thomas Conzelmann (Maastricht University)

Peer reviewing the rule of law? A new mechanism to safeguard EU values

Niels Kirst (Dublin City University)

Positions, Roles and Impact of National Parliaments in the European Union's Rule of Law Crisis

Marco Fisicaro (University of Catania)

Beyond the Rule of Law Conditionality: Exploiting the EE Spending Power to Foster European Values

Isabel Staudinger (University of Salzburg)

Conditionality and the European Green Deal: complying with the rule of law for a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy

12.15-13.30: break

13.30-15.30 **Panel IV**

Beyond the crisis: new perspectives on democracy and the rule of law in the EU

Chair: Karolina Podstawa

Franca Feisel (European University Institute)

Theorising EU militant democracy beyond the challenge of backsliding Member States

Maarten Stremmer (Maastricht University)

EU Values: Constitutional Framework or Political Programme?

Giovanni De Gregorio (University of Oxford)

The Rise of European Digital Constitutionalism: The Role of Democracy and Rule of Law in the Information Society

Alicja Sikora (Jagiellonian University/Council of the EU)

Shaping environmental democracy in the EU legal order

15.30-15.45: break



15.45-16.45 Concluding keynote and discussion

Chair: Matteo Bonelli

Paul Nemitz (Principal Adviser, European Commission and Visiting Professor of Law, College of Europe)

16.45-17.00: **Conclusions: Matteo Bonelli**, Maastricht University