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Conference Program

Friday, 7 May 2021

(All times in Eastern European Summer Time, UTC+3)

11:45 Conference opening

Welcome speech by Ass. Prof. Ifigeneia Kamtsidou, Head of the Public Law & Political Science Section of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Law School

12:00 Keynote address

Prof. Bojan Bugarič Power to the People: Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism

12:45 Panel 1. Constitutionalism: Populist, popular, democratic

Chair: Ass. Prof. Christos Papastylianos

Prof. Gábor Halmai ‘False’ populists’ abuse of majoritarianism and political constitutionalism
Prof. Paul Blokker 20th century constitutionalism and the populist imaginary
Prof. Valerio Fabbrizi Populism and democratic theory: political and constitutional implications of a complex phenomenon
Dr. Charalambos Kouroundis Populist constitutionalism and representation

14:30 Panel 2. Representation of the people

Chair: Ass. Prof. Costas Stratilatis

Prof. Roberto Di Maria Lobbying vs. populism
Dr. Patrik Rako Playing the Trump card: Entrepreneurial democracy as a new wave of populism
Mr. Jason Koutoufaris-Malandrinos A people’s voting system

16:15 Break

17:15 Keynote address

Prof. Antoine Vauchez Europe's Independence Wars. Independent
Policy-Making in Times of Populist Constitutionalism

18:00 Panel 3. The limits of liberal constitutionalism

Chair: Ass. Prof. Ifigeneia Kamtsidou

Prof. Aeyal Gross From transitional justice to democratic backsliding: The limits
of the comparative discussion and the liberal model

Dr. Roila Mavrouli Entre parade juridique et légalisme autocratique des
'démocratures': Un nouveau régime à étudier?

Dr. Nikolas Vagdoutis Populism vs liberalism: Is this always the case? A remark on
Carl Schmitt's theory

Mr. Amal Sethi Populism, liberal democracy, and constitutional
law – An unholy trinity: Lessons from India

19:45 Panel 4. The sovereign people and the constitution

Chair: Dr. Eleni Lappa

Ass. Prof. Christos Charismatic leadership, popular mobilization and
Papastylianos constitution-making: The making of the Greek Constitution of
1911

Dr. Anna Tarnowska & Constitutive power and law-making delegation: The
Dr. Wojciech Włoch metaphysics of homogeneous unity as the basis of populist
politics

Dr. Thomas Siomos Comparing the 'discourse-constructed' with the constitutional
populisms

Dr. Fotis Vergis The unpopulous EU constitution: From undemocratic
democracy to the constitutional construction of the populist
'other'

Day 2, Saturday, 8 May 2021

13:00 Keynote address

Prof. Costas Douzinas The people and the conflict of the Constitution with
itself

13:45 Panel 5. Populism, constitutionalism, and the judiciary

Chair: Asst. Prof. Akritas Kaidatzis

Prof. Lucia Corso The judiciary as a populist actor

Prof. Fausto Vecchio The dark side of the force: Judicial corporatism, constitutional

	state and constitutionalism
Ass. Prof. Fruzsina Gárdos- Orosz & Prof. Zoltán Szente	Populist challenges to constitutional interpretation in Europe
Dr. Jan Petrov	(De)judicialization of politics in the era of populism: Lessons from Central and Eastern Europe
Mr. Dimitris Patsikas	Rules of standing and populist constitutionalism: The case of the Greek Council of State

15:30 Break

16:30 Panel 6. Populist constitutionalism in practice: Case studies

Chair: Dr. Nikolas Vagdoutis

Prof. Eleonora Mesquita Ceia	Populism government and judicial power in Brazil in times of the Covid-19 pandemic
Prof. Renata Treneska Deskoska	Populism and democratic erosion: Balkan's examples (Serbia & N. Macedonia)
Ass. Prof. Yaniv Roznai & Prof. Amichai Cohen	Populist constitutionalism in Israel
Dr. Ilker Gokhan Sen	Populist constitutionalism (or populist's constitution?) in Erdogan's Turkey

18:15 Panel 7. Populist constitutionalism's rhetoric and practices

Chair: Dr. Eleni Kalampakou

Ass. Prof. Aleksandra Kustra-Rogatka	The hypocrisy of populist constitutionalism: Between the façade rhetoric of popular constitutionalism and the actual (ab)use of counter-majoritarian institutions in Poland
Dr. Alexianna Tsotsou	The discursive strategies of populist rhetoric in Greece: A linguistic approach to populist constitutionalism in the context of Critical Discourse Analysis
Dr. Juha Tapani Tuovinen	Populism, communication and the regulation of free speech
Mr. Alberto Nicotina	The impact of populism on EU multi-level governance: political and constitutional strategies