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**EU VALUES AND INTERESTS  
IN A TIME OF GEOPOLITICAL  
TRANSFORMATION**

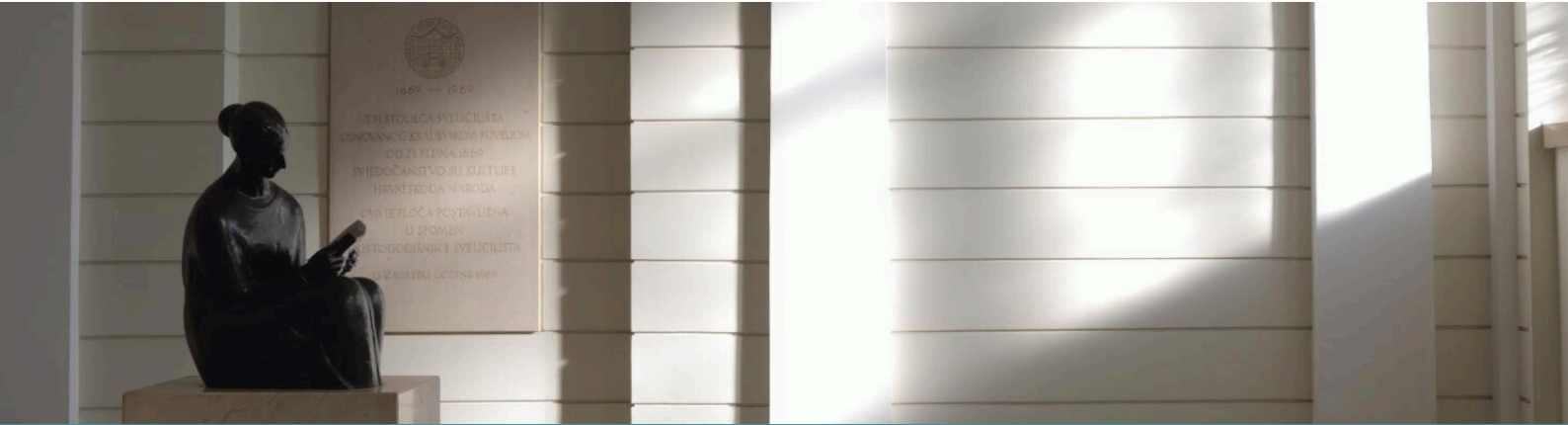


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10 April 2026

University of Zagreb - Faculty of Law  
Trg Republike Hrvatske 3, lecture  
room III

# PROGRAMME



## OPENING

9:15 - 9:45

**Iris Goldner Lang**, Vice Dean & Head of Department of European Public Law, University of Zagreb - Faculty of Law

**Anna Krisztián**, Managing Editor, Common Market Law Review

**Ivan Koprić**, Dean, University of Zagreb – Faculty of Law

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## PANEL ONE: EQUIPPING THE EU WITH THE RIGHT CONSTITUTIONAL TOOLS?

9:45 - 11:15

Chair: **Davor Petrić**, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law

Discussant: **Eleanor Spaventa**, Bocconi University

**Bruno de Witte**, Maastricht University  
*The EU's Capacity to Act: Constitutional Design and Institutional Practice*

**Carolyn Moser**, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law  
*Transforming Defence into an Asset for Safeguarding the EU's Normative Core*

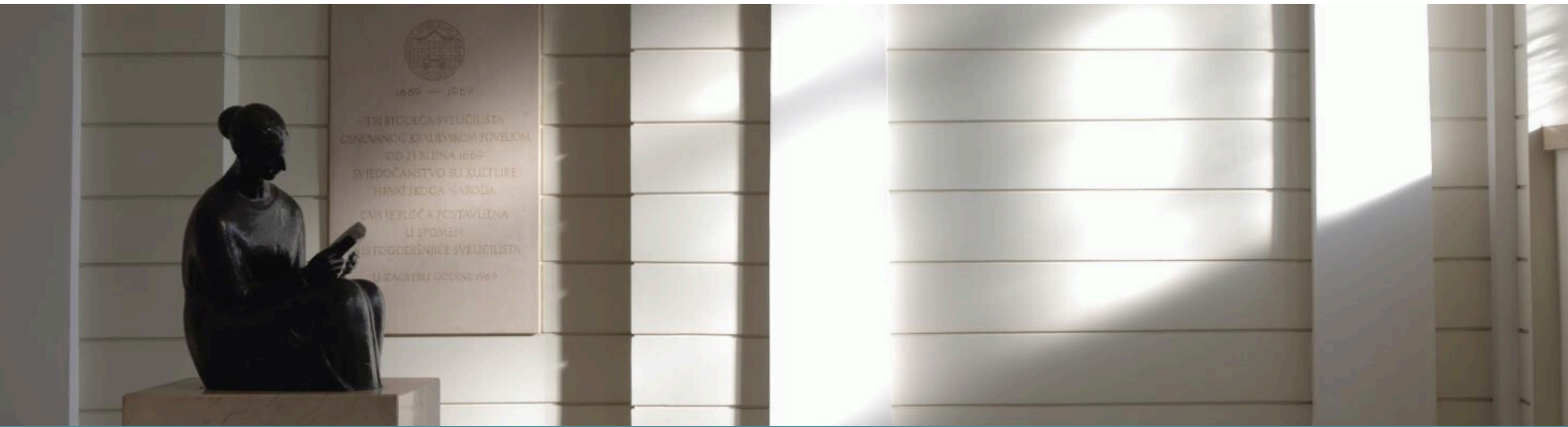
**Stefaan Van Den Bogaert**, Leiden University  
*Hanging Together in Times of War: Europe's Budgetary Powers at the Service of Defence*

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## COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 11:45

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## PANEL TWO: UNDERSTANDING THE EU'S DISTINCTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY?

11:45 - 13:00

Chair: **Nika Bačić Selanec**, University of Zagreb

Discussant: **Anastasia Iliopoulou-Penot**, University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

**Niamh Nic Shuibhne**, University of Edinburgh  
*The Particularity of the EU Legal Order*

**Armin Von Bogdandy**, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, University in Frankfurt/Main  
*European Society and its Antagonists*

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## LUNCH

13:00 - 14:15

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## PANEL THREE: FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

14:15 - 15:30

Chair: **Snježana Vasiljević**, University of Zagreb

Discussant: **Marise Cremona**, European University Institute

**Adam Łazowski**, University of Westminster, College of Europe (Natolin)  
*Balancing on a Tightrope: Pre-Accession Policy and the Pursuit of EU Values*

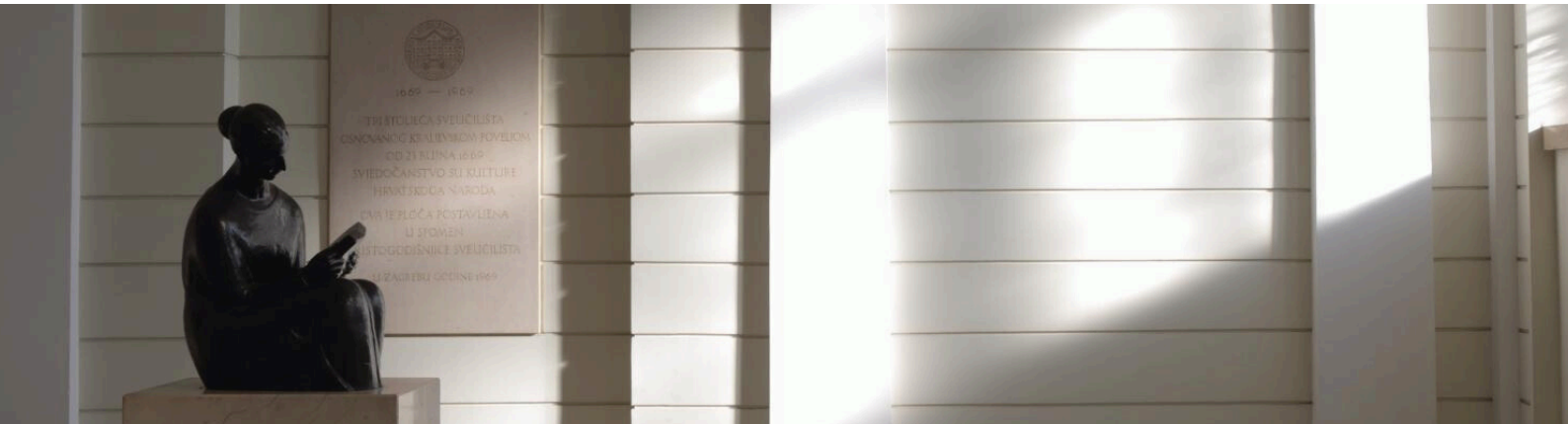
**Christa Tobler**, Leiden University, University of Basel  
*Being European, Outside the EU: EFTA, EEA and UK*

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15:30 - 15:45

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## PANEL FOUR: THE EU'S GLOBAL OUTLOOK IN THE "NEW WORLD ORDER"

15:45 - 17:00

Chair: **Antonija Ivančan**, University of Zagreb

Discussant: **Thomas Ackermann**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

**Inge Govaere**, Ghent University  
*On EU Values and the Open Strategic Autonomy Paradox: Revisiting the EU as a Global Actor*

**Jan Wouters**, KU Leuven  
*Transatlantic Relations in Times of Trump II: What the EU Should Do*

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## CLOSING SPEECHES

17:00 - 17:20

**Michael Dougan**, University of Liverpool

**Iris Goldner Lang**, University of Zagreb – Faculty of Law

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## INFORMATION

The conference will be held in English without translation.

To participate, please register at: <https://forms.gle/jwptw5eoafxjd4CK7>.

Registration is open until 2 March 2026 .

Coffee and refreshments will be provided at the event.

Conference speakers, discussants and chairs will be invited for an organised lunch.

For additional information about the conference, please send email to:

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