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



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

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

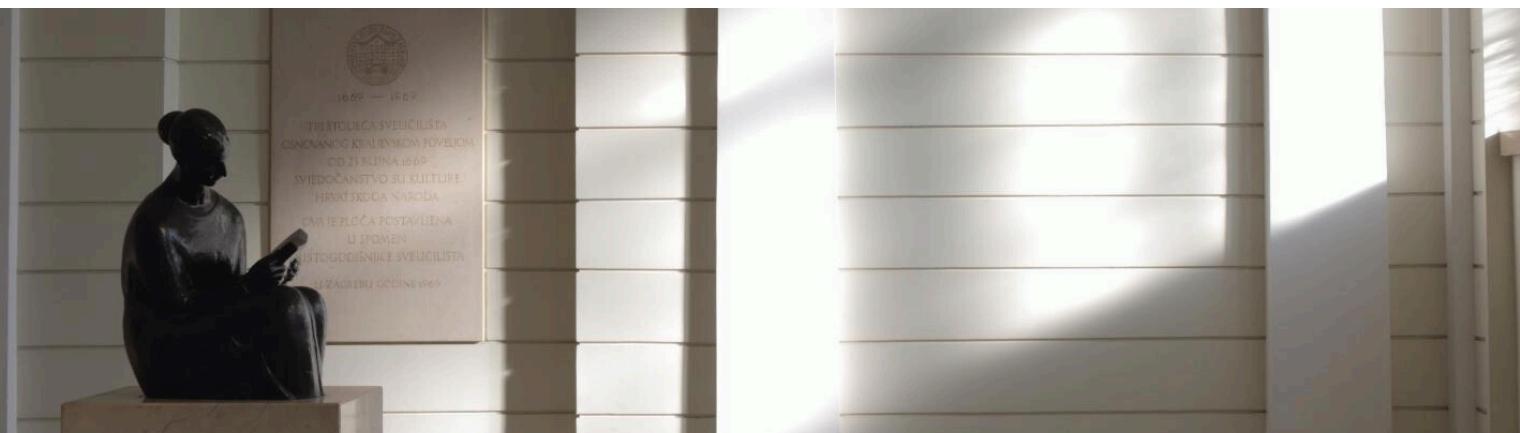
Carolyn Moser, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
Transforming Defence into an Asset for Safeguarding the EU's Normative Core

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

COFFEE BREAK

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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

LUNCH

13:00 - 14:15

PANEL THREE: FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

14:15 - 15:30

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

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

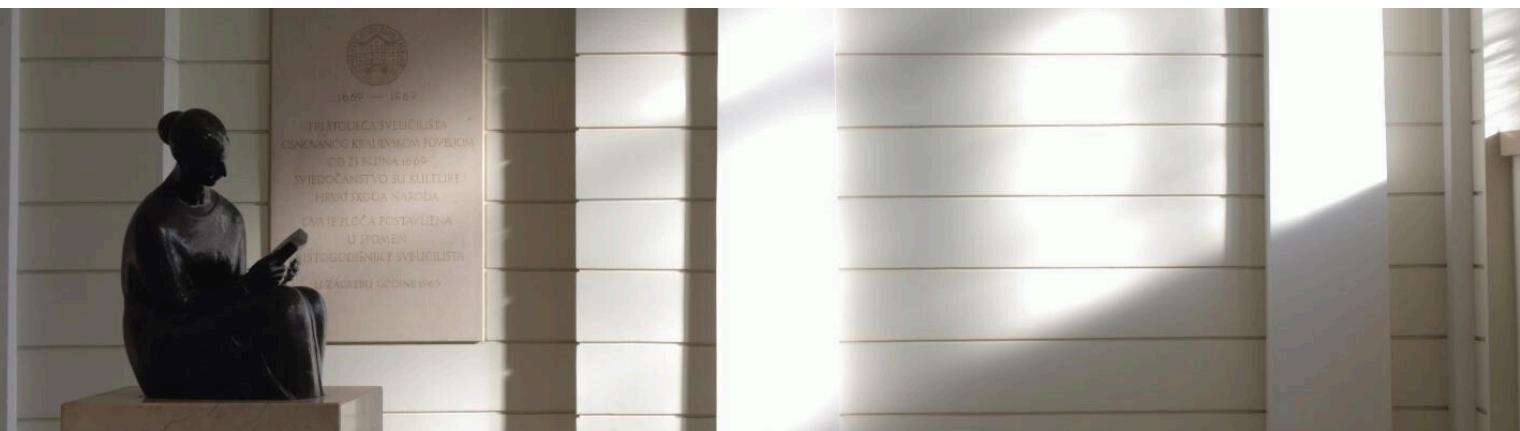
Adam Łazowski, University of Westminster, College of Europe (Natolin)
Balancing on a Tightrope: Pre-Accession Policy and the Pursuit of EU Values

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

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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

CLOSING SPEECHES

17:00 - 17:20

Michael Dougan, University of Liverpool

Iris Goldner Lang, University of Zagreb – Faculty of Law

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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