

Jean Monnet Module “Rule of law and Mutual Trust in Global and European Governance”

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Institute for European Studies – Université libre de Bruxelles
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*The Institute for European Studies of the Université libre de Bruxelles is coordinating since September 2018 a **Jean Monnet Module** dealing with the rule of law and mutual trust in global and European governance.*

In recent years the salience of these topics has considerably increased not only within the EU but also in other regions/regional organizations. The aim of this Module is to create a platform of academic and expert discussion that will shade light on current debates about the rule of law in general and the independence of the judiciary in EU member states and beyond. The Module seeks to bring together scholars and experts with academic backgrounds in different disciplines and plural views on the topic.

Events highlights:

Series of debates - Understanding EU's debates on the rule of law and mutual trust

10th October – **Opening lecture of the Jean Monnet module**
6:30pm at the Institute for European Studies room Spaak

With Prof. Dimitry Kochenov (University of Groningen)

The EU's Rule of Law Challenge: The Commission's Blueprint for Action

Paper published in the *Hague Journal on the Rule of*

Law: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3440957

Prof. Kochenov's research focuses on citizenship, nationality and immigration law and constitutional law of the European Union with a particular emphasis on the Rule of Law and other key principles of EU law, EU external relations law, and EU Law of the Overseas: the former colonial possessions and their upgraded ties with the European Union. His chair in European Constitutional law and Citizenship is at Groningen. He holds a visiting professorship at LUISS Guido Carli in Rome.



24 October - 9:00-12:00

Institute for European Studies, room Geremek

Rule of law, fundamental rights and democracy in Hungary

With **Benedek Jávor** (former member of the European Parliament)



Benedek Jávor: Hungarian biologist, environmentalist and politician, a former leading Hungarian green party party LMP, and current leading member of the [Dialogue for Hungary](#) (PM) party. He graduated in biology at the Eötvös Loránd University in 1997 (MSc), and in 2006 he received his Ph.D. at the same university. He has been assistant professor at the Department of Environmental Law at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University. In 2000 he was a founding member of the environmental NGO *Védegylet* (Protect the Future!). In 2009 he was a founding member and one of the spokespeople of LMP. In the parliamentary election in 2010 he won a seat in the National Assembly. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Sustainable Development between 2010 and 2013. He was appointed leader of the greens parliamentary group on 29 January 2012. He was elected Member of the European Parliament (MEP) in the 2014 European Parliament election and joined The Greens–European Free Alliance. In the 2014-2019 mandate he was first vice-chair of the Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, coordinator of the Greens/EFA group in the Committee of Industry, Research and Energy and substitute member in the Budgetary Control Committee. He worked on several climate, energy and environment-related files, as well as on media-freedom, rule of law, anti-corruption and transparency issues."

7 November - 9:00-12:00

Institute for European Studies, room Geremek

Various approaches to mutual trust. The case of cooperation in criminal matters

With

Auke Willems, LSE Fellow in EU Law

Celine Cocq, PhD Student in GEM Stones projects

12 November – 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Institute for European Studies, Geremek
La Commission de Venise: 30 ans d'existence

Débat avec Jean-Claude Scholsem, Professeur à la Faculté de Droit de l'Université de Liège, membre de la Commission de Venise du Conseil de l'Europe



21 November - 6:00pm
Policy Panel on the Rule of Law
Institute for European Studies, room Spaak
How to safeguard European values? Romanian magistrates in dialogue with the Belgian member of the Venice Commission

- **Jean-Claude Scholsem**, Professor of Law, Université de Liège; Member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
- **Dragos Calin**, Judge, Appeal Court, Bucharest, co-president of the Romanian Judges' Forum Association
- **Bogdan Pirlog**, Prosecutor, Co-president of the Romanian Association Initiative for Justice

28 November - 9:00-12:00
Institute for European Studies, room Geremek

Mutual Trust - Actors and tools at the global and regional levels

With

Emilio De Capitani (former Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE))

5 December - 9:00-12:00

Institute for European Studies, room Geremek

The challenges of mutual trust in practice

With Ursula Weitzel, IRC Amsterdam

12 December - 9:00-12:00

Institute for European Studies, room Geremek

The European Public Prosecutor Office - challenges to (over)come. National and European perspective.

With

Daniel Nitu, (Professor, Director of the Department of Public Law, Law Faculty, University *Babes-Bolyai*)

Julio Baquero Cruz (Professor at IEE-ULB)



Materials and module's expected deliverables

Course – Rule of law and mutual trust in global and European governance

This course (24) is open to all students registered in the Specialized Master in Interdisciplinary EU studies and the Master in European Studies; on demand it can be followed by any registered student at ULB or elsewhere. The outline is available here:

Course – The Challenges of the rule of law in the EU – in the Executive Master in European Union Studies (MEUS).

This course (18h) is designed for practitioners and professionals. It is opened to participants following the IEE's MEUS program

- Material will be available on Moodle

Policy briefs and opinions:

About the project and its aims:

The proposed Jean Monnet module seeks to (1) consolidate interdisciplinary research on an emerging challenge facing the EU; (2) develop original teaching on timely topic in EU affairs; and (3) equip graduates and professionals with the necessary skills and contacts to integrate a specific professional environment.

RoLETTE will focus on the "Rule of Law and Mutual Trust in Global and European Governance" and hinges on the creation of three new teachings, covering 132h of training, including:

1. A 24h/year graduate specialization course on "Rule of law and mutual trust in Global and European governance" open to MA students (eight 3h-lectures per year)
2. A 12h/year executive training course on the "Challenges of the rule of law and mutual trust in the EU" open to professionals, including those with a limited knowledge in EU studies (four 3h-lectures per year);
3. A cycle of student-led conferences and public debates designed to expose students and professionals to expert debates surrounding the "Rule of law and mutual trust" (8h per year).

RoLETTE provides for an interdisciplinary and comparative understanding of the rule of law and mutual trust in a field of interest to students, practitioners and academics by diversifying: the training formats, the target audiences, and the range of activities.

Besides the development of three new teachings, RoLETTE will foster the necessary cooperation between leading academics and experts to allow for: (1) a set of academic articles in peer reviewed journals, (2) topical policy briefs, (3) an international textbook, as well as (4) new on-line teaching materials and teaching packs in open access. Overall, it will reach a wide Brussels-based audience of graduate students, professionals enrolled in training and experts. The 24h graduate course will be open to international students coming from Waseda University (Japan).



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About the coordinator and the academics involved:

Ramona Coman, coordinator of the Jean Monnet Module, is Associate professor in Political science at the Université libre de Bruxelles. From 2014 to 2019, she served as Director of the Institute for European Studies. She studied political science at the University of Bucharest, she received her PhD from the Université libre de Bruxelles and conducted her post-doctoral research at the University of Bologna (IRSIG). Her research and teaching focuses on European integration, Europeanization, EU modes of governance, rule of law, judicial reforms in Central and Eastern Europe, the role of experts and expertise in EU decision-making, the European Commission, think tanks, the role of values. She has an interest in the relationship between politics, law and society. Her work has been published in *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of European Integration*, *The British Journal of International Relations and Politics*, *Gouvernement et Action Publique (GAP)*, *Europe-Asia Studies* etc.

Anne Weyembergh is Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and President of the Institute for European Studies of the ULB (since Sept. 2014). She graduated in Law (ULB, 1993 - 1st Class Honours) ; she holds a Master Degree in Public and Administrative Law (ULB, 1994 - 1st Class Honours) and a Master Degree in International Law (ULB, 1995 - 1st Class Honours). She has completed a PhD in Law at the ULB (2003 – Alice Seghers Price). She founded and co-coordinates the European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN) since November 2004. She is a Member of the Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique (since 2017 – Classe des Lettres et des Sciences morales et politiques). She teaches European criminal law, international criminal law, Belgian penal law (special part), methodology of research in criminal law, the area of freedom, security and justice. Her main field of research is European criminal law. She has published numerous scientific articles and co-edited several collective books in the field of EU criminal law. The five last ones concern the blurring boundaries between administrative and criminal law, the future of approximation of substantive criminal law, EU counter-terrorism offences, the future of mutual recognition and the role of the European Court of Justice in criminal matters.