

The Guild Law Doctoral Workshop

National and International Legal Institutions and the Rule of Law

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law (Poljanski nasip 2), 5-6 March 2026

Programme

Thursday, March 5

8.30 Registration

9.00 Introduction: Assist. Prof. Luka Mišič (Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law)

9.15 – 10.45 Panel 1: Constitutional Law and the Rule of Law Oversight

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Samo Bardutzky (University of Ljubljana) & Prof. Piotr Mikuli (Jagiellonian University)

W. J. Westerhof (University of Groningen): Beyond Rigidity in Emergency Law: The Case for a “Contingency Parachute Power”

Vlad-Dan Săsărman (Babeş-Bolyai University): The World in Exceptional Times: The “New Normal” during Zoonoses

Botakoz Kazbek (Ghent University): Russian Post-Soviet Constitutionalism: Between Permanent Emergency and Rule of Law Crisis (1980-2022)

Charles Paliard (Université Paris Cité): Reforms of Constitutional Justice in Illiberal Democracies: The Cases of Hungary and Poland

Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.15 Panel 2: EU Constitutional Law and the Rule of Law Oversight

Chair: Assist. Prof. Jaka Kukavica (University of Ljubljana)

Sabrina Napolitano (CEDIE): Protecting the EU's Financial Interests as a Driver of Constitutional Integration

Andrea Giorgilli (University of Bologna): Evolving Constitutional Logic of Crisis Responses: NGEU, ReArm Europe, and the Question of Downscaling

Sara Gallone (University of Bologna): Safeguarding Democracy and the Rule of Law Through the Protection of the European Information Space

Jan Adamowski (Jagiellonian University): Monocentric Legalism and Hyper-Normativity: Supranational Courts as Rule of Law Safeguards in Poland after 2015

Lunch Break (Cafeteria)

13.00 – 14.30 Panel 3: International Law and International Relations

Chair: Assist. Prof. Maruša T. Veber (University of Ljubljana)

Wafaa Saadeh (University of Bern, WTI): Rule of Law Fragmentation in International Trade: Tariff Wars and the Multilateral Trading System

Johan Hagelin (Uppsala University): Transfer Pricing in a Digitalized Economy

Lefa Mondon (Université Paris Cité): Restrictive Measures and International Arbitration: Balancing Sovereignty and Sanctions

Diego Ernesto Sanchez Borjas (Pompeu Fabra University): The UN Treaty Bodies and The Rule of Law: Rethinking the Legal Nature of their Views

Coffee Break

15.00 – 16.30 Panel 4: Law in Practice – Transitioning from Norms to Procedures

Chair: Prof. Jerca Kramberger Škerl (University of Ljubljana)

Matevž Bedič (University of Ljubljana): Effective Judicial Protection in Administrative Disputes: The Role of Interim Measures

Esther Podbevšek (Radboud University): The Black Box of Lawyers' Conduct and Childs' Interest in Parental Separation: Empirical Research in the Role and Role Perception of Dutch Divorce Lawyers

Delia Maria Coluccino (University of Bologna): Unequal Voices in the Digital Agora: Rethinking Participation through Subject Recognition in Bologna's "Digital Twin"

Ksenija Mišović (University of Ljubljana): Conflicting Rights before the ECtHR – Child's Freedom of Religion Vs. Rights of Parents in Religious Upbringing

Friday, March 6

9.30 – 11.15 Panel 5: Criminal Law and Public Safety

Chair: Prof. Matjaž Ambrož (University of Ljubljana)

Robin Gonalons (Université Paris Cité): The Personal Liability of Public Managers in France: Criminal and Public Law Perspectives in the Healthcare Sector

Michał Rachalski (Jagiellonian University): Penal Populism as a Response to the Methodological Crisis in Criminal Law Doctrine

Kristina Borodina (Uppsala University): Shifting Responsibilities in Urban Safety Governance: Legal Accountability and Rule of Law Implications

Lou Vanbeselaere (Ghent University): The CJEU as Architect of EU Criminal Law: The Future of Autonomous Concepts and the Challenge to Legislative Authority

Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.15 Panel 6: Participation, Emancipation, and Forms of Legal Protection

Chair: Miha Marčenko, PhD (Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana)

Anastasia Azar (Université Paris Cité): Shaping Law from the Margins: Women's Voices and the Birth of Rights in France in the 19th and 20th Century

Lucija Tacer (University of Ljubljana): The Role of Random Selection in the Participation of Citizens in Constitutional Amendment Processes

Manja Skočir (University of Ljubljana): From Choice Architecture to Dark Patterns: Mapping Intersectional Manipulation of Digital Technology and the Limits of Legal Protection

Beatrice Balzola (University of Bologna): Adapting EU Law to Protect Minors from Online Exploitation: The Case of "Kidfluencers"

13.15 Conference Closure

Conference Information

The Workshop

The University of Ljubljana's Faculty of Law, part of The Guild of Research-Intensive Universities, is hosting a doctoral workshop on legal institutions that safeguard the rule of law. The event aims to discuss challenges to the rule of law amid societal changes like global conflicts, climate crises, health emergencies, and trade disputes. European societies also face issues such as housing shortages, ageing populations, care commitments, and new forms of work. Doctoral candidates will present (10 minutes) and discuss their research with peers and experts from The Guild's European Law Departments and Faculties. The workshop provides opportunities to enhance English presentation skills, engage in academic critique, and build academic connections in Europe.

About The Guild

Founded in 2016, The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities comprises twenty-three of Europe's most distinguished research-intensive universities in seventeen countries. As such, it brings together some of Europe's leading Law Schools, Faculties and Departments. This workshop forms part of a commitment of the Guild's Law Deans (and Heads of Department) to foster collaboration in doctoral education, research, and the exchange of best practice.

Registration (Members of Audience)

Participation for audience members is free of charge; however, all other expenses must be covered by the participants themselves.

If you would like to attend as a member of the audience, please register with Mrs. Lea Kremič at lea.kremic@pf.uni-lj.si by **FEB 26**.