

AUTUMN SCHOOL: The Rule of Law and Free markets

The autumn school will give participants an insight into the idea of the rule of law and specifically, into what is currently called “the rule of law crisis” in the European Union. This will entail studying judgments of the European Court of Justice, notably concerning the situation in Hungary and Poland as well as the “Weiss” judgment of the German Federal Constitutional Court. The recent report of the European Commission on the rule of law will be discussed. The second part will discuss the connection between the rule of law and the market. In particular, we will discuss the role of law in shaping the market and the role of the market in shaping the law. Finally, the autumn school will address the question of legitimacy of the appointment of the European Commission and the status of the rule of law in the European Union.

Guests from academia and from European institutions will be involved in the discussion. The readings will include judgments of the European Court of Justice which touch on the issue of the rule of law, as well as readings by Jeremy Waldron, Friedrich Hayek and Robert Hale.

The autumn school will be held in English, in five or six sessions (altogether: 20 hours).

About the lecturer:

Dr. Damjan Kukovec earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Ljubljana School of Law (cum laude, average grade 9,9). Dr. Kukovec earned his master’s and doctoral degrees at Harvard Law School, having won several awards for academic achievement. He practiced, among other places, at the Legal Service of the European Commission, the European Court of Justice and at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. He successfully pleaded numerous cases before the European Court of Justice. He has published in the fields of EU law, international trade and global governance, competition law and legal theory.

He has taught at Harvard Law School, at FGV Law School in Rio de Janeiro, at the EUI in Florence and at Kent Law School in Brussels and has lectured at several other universities worldwide. He is appointed Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor equivalent) at Middlesex School of Law, London.