

**WEIMAR TRIANGLE OF LAWYERS – FIRST OPEN SUMMIT  
LEGAL PROFESSIONALS IN DEFENCE OF THE RULE OF LAW**

**22 October 2021, Berlin (online format)**

**Conference will be held in English with the simultaneous algorithmic translation**

**Registration link:** <https://dav.webex.com/dav/j.php?RGID=r1211de67be47a1b986fb5293eac4fbcc>

**10:00-10:15 Welcome Remarks**

Mikolaj Pietrzak, Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association

Julie Couturier, Elected-Dean of the Paris Bar Association

Ulrich Schellenberg, Former President of the Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV)

**10:15-11:45 Panel I: Strategizing in defence of the Rule of Law: lawyers' success stories**

*In this panel, we will come back on specific legal and judicial actions taken in response to the erosion of the Rule of Law (e.g. sanitary crises, terrorism, authoritarianism, gender, and ethnic inequalities). Lawyers can act as watchdogs, whistle-blowers, human rights defenders but, first of all, they are practitioners fighting in the Courts to defend both their clients and the core values of the Rule of Law. They will share their experiences with you.*

**Chair:** Stefan von Raumer, Vice President of the DAV, Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the DAV as well as of the CCBE

**Speakers:**

Kushtrim Istrefi, Assistant Professor of Human Rights and Public International Law, Utrecht University

Vincent Nioré, Vice-President Elect, Paris Bar

Anja Seibert-Fohr, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

Małgorzata Szuleka, Head of advocacy at the the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

Siarhej Zikratski, Belarusian Lawyer, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya's Representative on Legal Affairs

**11:45-13:15 Panel II: Improving the regulatory framework of legal professions: towards a strong judicial community to uphold the Rule of Law**

*How does the institutional framework that we operate in affect our independence? What are the detrimental aspects of the way the judicial and legal professions are regulated in our countries? What changes would be necessary to ensure more independence to legal professionals and therefore a better protection of the Rule of Law?*

**Chair:** Mikolaj Pietrzak, Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association

**Speakers:**

Dr. Ralf Peter Anders, Senior Public Prosecutor of the Hamburg Public Prosecutor's Office, Germany

Jean-Marie Burguburu, President of the "Commission nationale consultative pour les droits de l'homme", former President of the Paris Bar

Laurence Krief, Member of the Paris Bar Council, Secretary of the International Commission

Dariusz Mazur, Judge at the district court of Cracow

Gabriele Nieradzik, Head of the Department for the Administration of Justice, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany

**13:15-14:30: Lunch break**

**14:30-16:00 Panel III: Facing new public opinions and social imaginaries in a fast-changing insecure world: no future for the Rule of Law?**

*In a confused world, where multiplying crises lead to general scepticism and disarray, some might be tempted to get rid of the Rule of Law itself, often seen as "luxury good" we could not afford these days. How legal professional can act towards these new public opinions and social imaginaries to safeguard our most cherished principles? What are the upcoming challenges to the Rule of Law?*

**Chair:** Edmond-Claude Fréty, Member of the Paris Bar Council

**Speakers:**

Israel Butler, Head of advocacy at Civil Liberties Union for Europe

Christoph Flügge, Former Judge at the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Germany

Karolina Gierdal, Lawyer at the Warsaw Bar, Member of the SZPIL(A) collective

Raphaël Kempf, Lawyer at the Paris Bar

**16:00-16:15 Closing remarks**

Mikolaj Pietrzak, Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association

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