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## Venice Conference

Jointly organised by  
the International Association of  
Constitutional Law (IACL)  
and  
the Venice Commission

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Venice Commission

**“Lessons Learned and Learning Lessons:  
The Venice Commission’s Experience in Elaborating  
Transnationally Valid Constitutional Standards”**

12 March 2025

Venue: Palazzo Ferro Fini, Venice, Italy

### PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.15

#### Opening Speeches:

**Roberto Ciambetti**, President of the Veneto Regional Council

**Helle Krunke**, President of the International Association of Constitutional Law

**Claire Bazy-Malaurie**, President of the Venice Commission, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of France

9:15 – 10:45

#### Session 1: “(Positive and negative) roles of constitutional courts within a system of checks and balances”

**Chair: Selin Esen**, First Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law

#### Panellists:

- **Kate O’Regan**, Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law
- **Christoph Grabenwarter**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Austria
- **Rafael Bustos Gisbert**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Spain

10:45 – 11:15

#### Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45

#### Session 2: “Fighting against corruption and upholding rule of law standards”

**Chair: Tuomas Ojanen**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Finland

**Panellists:**

- **Veronika Bilkova**, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Czechia
- **Qerim Qerimi**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Kosovo
- **Renata Deskoska**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of North Macedonia

12:45 – 14:15

**Lunch break**

14:15 – 15:45

**Session 3: “The challenge of rule of law-based reforms after the demolition of the judiciary”**

**Chair: Angelika Nußberger**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Germany and Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law

**Panellists:**

- **Wojciech Sadurski**, Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law
- **Armin von Bogdandy**, Director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg
- **Bertrand Mathieu**, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Monaco

15:45–16:15

**Coffee Break**

16:15 –16:45

**Keynote Speech: “The Role of the Rule of Law in Recovering Democratic Government”**

**Kim Scheppele**, Princeton University

16:45 – 17.00

**Concluding remarks:**

**Simona Granata-Menghini**, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission