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XI annual international scientific-practical conference on constitutional law
on the occasion of the Day of the Constitution

CONSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE: WHO DETERMINES THE TENDENCIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

The Conference is dedicated to the 30th anniversary of Lithuanian membership in the Council of Europe and to the Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Conference date: 25 October 2024, Friday

Conference venue: the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Building 3, the Conference Hall

The Conference will be streamed live on the YouTube channel "Atviras Seimas"

Conference languages: Lithuanian and English (simultaneous interpretation and sign language interpretation)

PROGRAMME

8.30–9.00 Welcome coffee

9.00–9.30 Opening of the Conference and congratulatory statements

*Moderators: **Toma Birmontienė**, Professor at Mykolas Romeris University,
and **Stasys Šedbaras**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania*

Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Prof. Dr. Inga Žalėnienė, Rector of Mykolas Romeris University

Emanuelis Zingeris, Chairperson of the Lithuanian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers

Irena Haase, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

INTRODUCTORY PART: LITHUANIA'S COMMITMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE

9.30–9.50 **Vytautas Mizaras**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania
"The impact of the jurisprudence of the ECtHR on the development of the constitutional jurisprudence"

9.50–10.10 **Arnfinn Bårdsen**, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights
"The influence of national judicial consensus on Convention law"

10.10–10.25 Break

PART I: LITHUANIA'S ACCESSION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND RETURN TO WESTERN LAW TRADITIONS

*Moderators: **Jolita Miliuvienė**, Associate Professor at Mykolas Romeris University,
and **Aurelijus Gutauskas**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania*

10.25–10.40 **Aurimas Taurantas**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Lithuania to the Council of Europe in 1994–1999
"The beginning of Lithuanian membership in the Council of Europe, its challenges and achievements"

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- 10.40–10.55 Egidijus Jarašiūnas**, Affiliate Professor at Mykolas Romeris University, former Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania, former Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union
“Interlink between democracy and the protection of human rights in the constitutional jurisprudence”
- 10.55–11.10 Mindaugas Kukaitis**, Chairman of the Council of the Lithuanian Bar
“Lessons learned in the ECtHR’s cases against Lithuania”
- 11.10–11.25 Lyra Jakulevičienė**, Dean of Law School of Mykolas Romeris University
“Legal perspectives and expectations for Lithuania’s cooperation with the Council of Europe”
- 11.25–11.40 Danutė Jočienė**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Lithuania, former President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Professor at Mykolas Romeris University
“Changes in the person’s right to a court in the light of Article 6 of the ECHR”
- 11.40–11.55 Toma Birmontienė**, Professor at Mykolas Romeris University, former Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania
“The significance of the Council of Europe for the development of human rights in Lithuania”
- 11.55–12.15** Coffee break

PART II: CORRELATION BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CONVENTION LAW

Moderators: **Danguolė Bublienė**, President of the Supreme Court of Lithuania, and **Artūrs Kučs**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, former justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia

- 12.15–12.30 Jasna Omejec**, Member of the Venice Commission, Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb, former President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia
“The impact of the ECHR on the constitutional order of Central and Eastern European states: the case of Croatia”
- 12.30–12.45 Mykola Gnatovsky**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
“The role of the ECtHR in ensuring the protection of human rights during the armed conflict situations”
- 12.45–13.00 Egidijus Kūris**, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University, former President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
“Hopelessly against the current: how the Convention is similar to constitutions and why it is nevertheless not one of them”
- 13.00–13.15 Skirgailė Žalimienė**, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University
“The importance of and relationship between the European Convention of Human Rights and the European Charter of Human Rights in judicial decisions”
- 13.15–13.30 Gediminas Sagatys**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
“The impact of the jurisprudence of the ECtHR on resolving cases presenting new challenges”
- 13.30–13.45 Galyna Yurovska**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
“Application of the European Convention on Human Rights in the case law of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine”
- 13.45–14.15** Q&A
- 14.15–15.00** Lunch break
- 15.00** Screening of the documentary film “Final Version” (2024, directed by Ieva Rasimaitė) about drafting the Constitution (Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Building 1, the Hall of the Act of 11 March)