

## Workshop “Populist Constitutionalism and Populist Communication”

Leibniz University Hannover,  
February 23 – 24, 2024

### Conference Schedule

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#### February 23

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08:30 – 09:00 Welcome and Introduction (Schneiderberg 50, Room 015)

09:00 – 10:30 Panel 1: Populist Constitutionalism  
(Moderation: Christoph Hönnige)

Bojan Bugarič  
Populist constitutionalism: Between democracy and authoritarianism

Philipp Köker  
Populists before power: How populists seek to delegitimize independent judiciaries

Zoltán Szente  
Authoritarian populism and emergency: How do populists exploit exceptional power?

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 2: Judicial Independence  
(Moderation: Tilko Swalve)

Jeffrey Staton  
Latent judicial independence: Update and validation

Benjamin Engst  
Citizens’ commitment to judicial independence: A discrete choice experiment in nine European countries

Ula Kos  
Signaling in European rule of law cases: Hungary and Poland as case studies

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

- 13:30 – 15:30 Panel 3: The National Dimension  
(Moderation: Dominic Nyhuis)
- Katarina Šipulová  
The light and dark side of judicial resistance
- Gábor Halmai  
Authoritarian populism as rhetoric in Central and Eastern Europe
- Marlene Wind  
Populist constitutionalism in Scandinavia: How a return to “democracy without courts” may challenge the European legal order
- Pablo Castillo-Ortiz  
The Eurosceptic mobilization of constitutionalism: A comparative approach
- 15:30 – 17:30 Break
- 17:30 – 19:00 Public Roundtable: Protecting courts against populists  
(Moderation: Philipp Köker)
- Aylin Aydin-Cakir  
Katarina Šipulová  
Dimitry Kochenov  
Marlene Wind

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February 24

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- 08:30 – 10:30 Panel 4: The European Dimension  
(Moderation: Philipp Köker)
- Dimitry Kochenov  
Supremacy rule of law
- Juan Mayoral  
My courts are worse than yours: Exploring the sources of public legal Euroscepticism
- Robert Csehi  
How to get away with corruption? The discursive strategies of populist governments in Hungary and Turkey
- Aylin Aydin-Cakir  
On motives and means: How approach and justification for court-curbing impacts public support

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5: Populist Communication  
(Moderation: Merle Huber)

Linda Bos

Great vengeance and furious anger: Populist rhetoric and the roots of voters' rage against the system

Tilko Swalve

Escalating the conversation: How populists undermine the rule of law on social media

Benjamin Krämer

Courts and Currywurst: Discursive rearrangements in Germany between populism, conservatism, and liberalism

12:30 – 13:00 Wrap-up

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