



## Speakers' Biographies

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## Fabian Amtenbrink

Fabian Amtenbrink is a professor of EU law, as well as vice dean and director of research at the Erasmus School of Law of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Since 2009 he has also been a visiting professor at the College of Europe (Bruges). He is a member of the Scientific Board of the Erasmus Center for Economic and Financial Governance (ECEFG), an international multidisciplinary network lead by the Erasmus School of Economics and Erasmus School of Law.

His research focuses on constitutional and institutional aspects of European Union law, legal issues of (European) economic and monetary integration, and notably the role of the European Central Bank in the Union legal order. One hallmark of his research is the cooperation with economists and political economists, as becomes apparent from his co-authored publications in economics journals and in the working paper series of (inter-) national economic and financial institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund and the Dutch Central Bank. He has published extensively in international journals such as the *European Law Review*, the *Common Market Law Review*, and the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, as well as with the most renowned international academic publishers, including Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press. In 2014 he was the General Rapporteur on Economic and Monetary Union at the conference of the XXVI FIDE congress in Copenhagen.



## Gavin Barrett

Gavin Barrett is a professor specialising in European Union Law and the sometime Jean Monnet Professor of European Economic and Constitutional Law in the Sutherland Law School, University College Dublin, where he teaches the Constitutional Law of the European Union and the Law of the Eurozone.

He is the author of numerous articles, book chapters, research papers and books on various European Union- and Eurozone-related subjects, recently co-editing *The Future of Legal Europe: Will We Trust in It?* (with J.-P. Rageade, J. Wallis and H. Weil) (Springer, 2021). He has published articles and book chapters on the evolution of the Eurozone's fiscal regime, parliamentary and democratic legitimation within the Eurozone, the constitutional embedding of the Eurozone in national legal systems, the European and national judicial responses to the challenges presented by economic and monetary union, and on European Banking Union. He has spoken and given evidence in the parliaments of Ireland, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Malta and Turkey, as well as in the European Parliament and is a frequent contributor to the written and broadcast media, having appeared on television and radio broadcasts on close to two hundred occasions.



## Anu Bradford

Anu Bradford is Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organizations at Columbia Law School, a Director for Columbia's European Legal Studies Center, and a Senior Scholar at Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business at Columbia Business School. Bradford is also a nonresident scholar in the Europe Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Her research focuses on international trade law, European Union law, digital regulation, and comparative and international antitrust law.

Bradford earned her S.J.D. (2007) and LL.M. (2002) degrees from Harvard Law School and also holds a law degree from the University of Helsinki. After completing her LL.M. studies as a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Law School, Bradford practiced antitrust law and European Union law at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Brussels before returning to Harvard for her doctoral studies. She has also served as an adviser on economic policy in the Parliament of Finland and as an expert assistant to a member of the European Parliament. Bradford is the author of "The Brussels Effect: How the European Union Rules the World" (OUP 2020), which was named one of the Best Books of 2020 by Foreign Affairs.



## Dirk Buschle

Dirk Buschle has been the Deputy Director of the Energy Community Secretariat since 2011 and has led its legal unit since 2007. In this position, he is in charge of ensuring the implementation of European energy law in the countries of the Energy Community. He is also responsible for dispute resolution and negotiations, and acts as a mediator in high-profile investor-state conflicts in the energy sector. Among others, he mediated the dispute between the Ukrainian government and renewable energy investors settled in 2020.

He is also a professor and chairholder of the European Energy Policy and Climate Chair at the College of Europe in Bruges. Dirk Buschle graduated from Constance University and earned his Ph.D. at St. Gallen University. He has widely published in different areas of European policy and law, and has lectured at the Universities of Reykjavik, Constance and St. Gallen as a visiting professor. Prior to his current position, Dirk Buschle was the Head of Cabinet of the President of the Court of Justice of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in Luxembourg.



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## Malu Dreyer

After graduating from high school in 1980, Malu Dreyer began studying English and theology in Mainz, but then switched to the faculty of law. After her second state examination in 1990, Malu Dreyer initially continued to work as a research assistant in the Department of Law at Johannes Gutenberg University until she went to Bad Kreuznach as a public prosecutor in 1991.

From 1992 to 1995, Malu Dreyer worked as an employee of the Scientific Service of the Rhineland-Palatinate Parliament in Mainz. Then she moved to Bad Kreuznach again, where she was elected full-time mayor of the city on 18 May 1995. From 1997 to 2002, Malu Dreyer was head of the Department of Social Affairs, Youth and Housing of the city of Mainz. The then Prime Minister of Rhineland-Palatinate, Kurt Beck, brought her into his cabinet in 2002 as Minister for Labour, Social Affairs, Family and Health. The ministry was also led by Malu Dreyer after the state elections in 2006 and 2011.

In January 2013, Malu Dreyer was unanimously elected Minister President of Rhineland-Palatinate by the governing parliamentary groups SPD and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen. The Rhineland-Palatinate state parliament re-elected Malu Dreyer as Minister President in May 2016 and in May 2021. In the current legislative term, she governs with a coalition of SPD, FDP and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen.



## Bruno Dupré

Since September 2013, Bruno Dupré has been detached by the French Quai d'Orsay to the EU Diplomatic Service. Recently, he was appointed Security and Defence Advisor to the Secretariat General. Up to 2017 the files under his responsibility mainly focused on security threats such as pandemics (Ebola), chemical weapons (Syria), drones (targeted killings), nuclear issues (nuclear fuel bank), and since August 2017 the European Union Defence file. Before 2011, he held different positions as the Head of the Disarmament Bureau for the Strategic Affairs Directorate (Paris), Political Advisor on Armaments in NATO Secretariat (Brussels), Armament Attaché (French Embassy in Washington) and Legal Counsel for the Defence Procurement Agency (Paris).

He holds a PhD in law (European University Institute) and a Masters of Administration from Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



## Iris Goldner Lang

Iris Goldner Lang is a Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law, the head of the Department of European Public Law and the Vice-Dean for International and Interinstitutional Affairs at the University of Zagreb – Faculty of Law. She is the holder of the UNESCO Chair on Free Movement of Persons, Migration and Inter-Cultural Dialogue and the academic coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU’s Global Leadership in the Rule of Law”. She has held visiting positions at University College London and at Harvard Law School, where she was a John Harvey Gregory Visiting Professor of Law and World Organization and a Fulbright Visiting Researcher.

She did her LL.M. at the London School of Economics. She is the president of the Croatian Society for European Law (FIDE branch); a member of the Odysseus Network; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of European Law (ERA) and an ERA Forum Advisory board member. Goldner Lang was the Editor-In-Chief of the Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy and she is now a member of its Editorial Board and a member of the Editorial Board of the European Foreign Affairs Review.



## Inge Govaere

Inge Govaere is Professor of EU Law, Director of the Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.) and Director of the LLMs at Ghent University. She is also the Director of the European Legal Studies Department at the College of Europe in Bruges. Inge Govaere obtained her PhD at the European University Institute (EUI). She was Fulbright Scholar in Residence at Cornell University (Ithaca NY, USA) and has been a visiting professor or given conferences and guest lectures at many universities worldwide, inter alia Columbia University, Yale University, Curtin University, University of Sao Paulo, Université Panthéon-Assas, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, the EUI, and Cambridge University.

Her academic interests vary from EU external relations law to Rule of Law in the EU, Internal Market and EU intellectual property rights. Her latest (co-edited) books are "The Interface Between EU and International Law: Contemporary Reflections", Oxford: Hart Publishing (2019, paperback 2020); "Critical Reflections on Constitutional Democracy in the European Union", Oxford: Hart Publishing (2019, paperback 2021); "EU External Relations Post-Lisbon: The Law and Practice of Facultative Mixity", Brill (2020); "Internal Market 2.0", Oxford: Hart Publishing (2020 paperback 2022).

Inge Govaere is a member of the Helsinki Rule of Law Forum and a member of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts (KVAB).



## Christophe Hansen

Christophe Hansen (born in 1982 in Wiltz, Luxembourg) is a Luxembourgish politician belonging to the Christian Social People's Party (CSV), of which he is Secretary-General. In 2007, he graduated with a Master's degree from Louis Pasteur University in Strasbourg, France, in the field of Geosciences, Environmental Sciences and Risk Management. He started his professional career as a political adviser to MEP Astrid Lulling (CSV) in 2007. His political career began in 2011 when he was elected counsellor in the Municipal Council of Winseler. He became President of the CSV Committee of the North District in 2018, and thus also Member of the CSV's National Committee.

Christophe Hansen became a Member of the European Parliament as part of the European People's Party (EPP) Group in September 2018. Since 2019, he has been the EPP Group coordinator in the Committee on International Trade (INTA) and was notably European Parliament rapporteur for the post-Brexit Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the UK. In January 2022, Christophe Hansen was elected quaestor and member of the Bureau of the European Parliament. He is a substitute on the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). Christophe Hansen is currently rapporteur on the proposal for a regulation on deforestation-free supply chains as well as shadow rapporteur for his political group on the European green bonds standard.



## Mireille Hildebrandt

Mireille Hildebrandt is a Research Professor on 'Interfacing Law and Technology' at Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), appointed by the VUB Research Council. She is the co-Director of the Research Group on Law Science Technology and Society studies (LSTS) at the Faculty of Law and Criminology. She also holds the part-time Chair of Smart Environments, Data Protection and the Rule of Law at the Science Faculty, at the Institute for Computing and Information Sciences (iCIS) at Radboud University Nijmegen.

Her research interests concern the implications of automated decisions, machine learning and mindless artificial agency for law and the rule of law in constitutional democracies. Hildebrandt has published 5 scientific monographs, 23 edited volumes or special issues, and over 100 chapters and articles in scientific journals and volumes. She has received an ERC Advanced Grant for her COHUBICOL project on 'Counting as a Human Being in the era of Computational Law' (2019-2024). In that context she is the co-founder of the international peer reviewed Journal of Cross-Disciplinary Research in Computational Law, together with Laurence Diver (co-Editor in Chief together with Frank Pasquale).



## Alicia Hinarejos

Alicia Hinarejos is Full Professor of Law at McGill University (Montreal, Canada). Before joining McGill in 2021, she was a Reader in European Union Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, where she was also Director of the Cambridge Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS) and a Fellow of Downing College.

Professor Hinarejos's main areas of research are EU law and comparative public law. In recent years, her work has focused on the evolution of the EU's Economic and Monetary Union and its consequences for the EU's constitutional order. She has published widely on the topic, including the monograph 'The Euro Area Crisis in Constitutional Perspective' (Oxford University Press, 2015) and numerous peer-reviewed articles and chapters. She is Joint Editor of the European Law Review.



## Anna Jarosz-Friis

Anna Jarosz-Friis is a Head of Unit in the Commission's budget department, in charge of strategy, interinstitutional relations and communication. She was part of the team behind the proposal for the NextGenerationEU and its main programme, the Recovery and Resilience Facility. She is currently working on the implementation of the NextGenerationEU, to the benefit of Europe's swift recovery from the pandemic. Anna is also involved in various strategic European Commission projects, working to shape their budgetary dimension.

Previously, she worked in DG COMP. Her experience also includes leading one of the Financial Crisis Taskforce units in DG COMP, dealing with restructuring and resolving banks that received State aid during the financial crisis. Anna Jarosz-Friis was part of the private office of Mr Joaquín Almunia, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Competition in the Barroso II Commission. Her earlier assignments in the Commission included developing state aid crisis rules for banks and negotiating rules on subsidies in the EU-Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, among others.

Anna holds a PhD in economics and worked in academia in Poland and Denmark prior to joining the Commission in 2002.



## Vera Jourová

Věra Jourová is currently Vice President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency and deals with democracy, rule of law, media pluralism and fight against disinformation. From 2014 to 2019, she served as EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. In 2014, before arriving to the European Commission, Ms Jourová held the position of Minister for Regional Development in the Czech Republic. Previous to this, from 2006 to 2013, she worked in her own company as an international consultant on European Union funding, and was also involved in consultancy activities in the Western Balkans relating to the European Union Accession.

She holds a Degree in Law (Mgr.) and a Master's degree (Mgr.) in the Theory of Culture from the Charles University, Prague.



## Jean-Claude Juncker

Jean-Claude Juncker was born in Luxembourg in 1954. He studied law in Strasbourg, and in 1974 he joined Luxembourg's Christian Social People's Party (CSV-EPP family). Jean-Claude Juncker served in many governmental posts, most visibly as Prime Minister of Luxembourg (1995-2013), as the President of the Euro Group (2004-2013) and from 2014 to 2019 as President of the European Commission. By the time Juncker left office, he was the longest-serving head of any national government in the EU and one of the longest-serving democratically elected leaders in the world, with his tenure encompassing the introduction of the EURO, the European financial and sovereign debt crisis, the migration crisis in 2015, and Brexit.

Jean-Claude Juncker was elected President of the Governing Board of the Academy of European Law in November 2021.

President of the European Commission 2014-2019

President of the Euro Group 2004-2013

Prime Minister of Luxembourg 1995-2013

Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister for the Treasury  
July 2009-2013

Prime Minister, Minister of State and Minister for Finance  
1999-2009

Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister for Finance,  
Minister for Labour and Employment 1995-1999

Minister for Finance and Minister for Labour 1994-1995

Minister for Finance, Minister for Labour 1989-1994

Minister for Labour, Minister Delegate for the Budget  
1984-1989

State Secretary for Labour and Social Security 1982-  
1984



## Panos Koutrakos

Panos Koutrakos is Professor of EU Law and Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at City, University of London. He is a barrister at Monckton Chambers, London and a member of the Athens Bar. He is also Joint Editor of the European Law Review.

He has written widely on EU law in general and external relations law in particular. His books include EU International Relations Law, 2nd edition (Hart Publishing, 2015) and The EU Common Security and Defence Policy (OUP, 2013) as well as various edited collections of essays, including Research Handbook on the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy, (with S Blockmans) (Elgar Publishing, 2018) and Research Handbook on the Law of the EU Internal Market, (with J Snell (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017). He has held visiting posts at the Universities of Antwerp, Melbourne, Sydney, New South Wales, Iowa and Michigan.



## Irēna Kucina

Irēna Kucina studied at the Faculty of Law of the University of Latvia, where she obtained a master's degree in law in 2007 and a PhD in law in 2011. Irēna built her career in public administration. She has exercised the functions of Deputy State Secretary for Justice in the Ministry of Justice, where she had the leading role in the development of judicial policy, thus ensuring the development and capacity building of the judiciary. From 2016 to 2019, she was the representative of the Republic of Latvia before the Court of Justice of the EU. From 2019, she was the Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Latvia and Head of the Office of the President's Advisers, as well as the Adviser to the President on Justice and EU Law.

In 2016, she was elected an associate professor at the University of Latvia, Faculty of Law. Irēna Kucina is the author of numerous scientific publications in Latvian and English in the field of European Union law, private international law, rights of the child, as well as issues related to artificial intelligence and digitisation of the judicial system. In her recent scientific publications, she focuses on the interaction between national constitutional courts and the Court of Justice of the EU, as well as on the challenges to the rule of law in the EU.

On 9 December 2021, Irēna Kucina was confirmed as a Justice of the Constitutional Court. She entered office on 11 February 2022. On 10 March 2022 Irēna Kucina was elected Vice-President of the Constitutional Court.



## Cornelia Kutterer

Cornelia Kutterer leads Microsoft's European Rule of Law, Responsible Tech & Competition team, which focuses on the impact of new technologies and regulatory frameworks that meet expectations of society. Her team covers policies such as responsible AI, digital safety and content regulation, privacy, lawful access, human rights, competition, and health & life science. As part of Microsoft's Academic Program, she regularly engages with leading European scholars. Cornelia has long standing experience in Information Society & Internet policies and speaks regularly at regional and international conferences.

Before joining Microsoft, she led the legal department of BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation. She also gained experience in a top 10 law firm and started her professional career in the European Parliament as a political advisor. Cornelia is a qualified German lawyer and holds a master's degree in information technology and telecommunication laws. She studied law at the Universities of Passau, Porto, Hamburg and Glasgow/Strathclyde.



## Julia Laffranque

Julia Laffranque has been a judge at the Supreme Court of Estonia since 2004. Besides this, she is also a visiting professor of European law at the University of Tartu. She has earned her PhD from the University of Tartu in 2003 and LL.M (magistra legum) from the University of Münster (Germany) in 1998.

Previously she worked at the Ministry of Justice of Estonia (1996-2003) as a senior civil servant and Deputy Secretary General. From 2011 to 2020, Julia Laffranque served as a judge at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She was also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2011-2016). Julia Laffranque was the president of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) from 2008 to 2010.

Since 2018 Julia Laffranque has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). In 2021 she was elected a member of the panel based on Article 255 TFUE which voices an opinion on the candidates of the members of the Court of Justice of the EU, her mandate was renewed in 2022.



## Christine Landfried

Christine Landfried is Professor emerita of Political Science at the University of Hamburg. She has studied Political Science, History, and International Law at the University of Heidelberg and at Harvard University. From 1990 until 2014 she held the Chair of Comparative Government at the University of Hamburg. Subsequently, she was the Max Weber Professor at New York University until 2016. Visiting professorships led her to Sciences Po in Paris, the University of California at Berkeley, and the Yale Law School. She is the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Social Science Research Center at Berlin (WZB). In 2016 she was awarded the Schader-Prize for communicating the results of her research to a broader public.

Her research interests include the political role of constitutional courts, the European Union and the relation between art and politics. Recent publications are "Judicial Power. How Constitutional Courts Affect Political Transformations" (ed.) with Cambridge University Press, and the third edition of "Das politische Europa. Differenz als Potential der Europäischen Union" with Nomos. Christine Landfried is Thomas Mann Fellow 2022.



## Stefan Lehne

Stefan Lehne (born 1951) is currently a Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe (Brussels) and lecturer at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.

His diplomatic career included positions as director general for political affairs in the Austrian Foreign Ministry, and director for the Balkans and Eastern Europe in the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU. As an Austrian diplomat he mostly dealt with multilateral processes including with the UN, the CSCE and the EU.

His current research focuses on the reform prospects of the EU and on EU foreign policy.



## Koen Lenaerts

Koen Lenaerts was born in Mortsel (Belgium) in 1954. He holds a Ph.D. in Law (University of Leuven), a Master's in Law and a Master's in Public Administration (Harvard University). He has been a Professor of European Law at the University of Leuven since 1983. Previously, he was a Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (1984-89) and a lawyer in private practice at the Brussels Bar (1986-89), as well as a Visiting Professor at the Harvard Law School (1989).

He was a Judge at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities (now the General Court) from 25 September 1989 to 6 October 2003. He has been a Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union since 7 October 2003, serving as Vice-President from 9 October 2012 to 7 October 2015 and as President since 8 October 2015.



## Egils Levits

Egils Levits is the President of the Republic of Latvia (since 2019). He was previously a Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2004-19) and of the European Court of Human Rights (1995-2004). He also served in high political office as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Justice and Member of Parliament, as well as his country's ambassador to Austria, Germany, Hungary and Switzerland.

Born in Riga in 1955, Levits studied law and political science in Germany. During the final days of the Soviet Union, he took an active part in the restoration of the Latvian State, serving on the Council of the Popular Front of Latvia and the Latvian Citizens' Congress. He contributed actively to the development of a new legal system in Latvia in the 1990s, for which he received several honours. He was Chair of the Constitutional Law Commission under the auspices of the President of Latvia in 2007-13.

Egils Levits is the author of more than 130 publications, mostly on Latvian public law, administrative law, human rights, legal reform, European law and democracy. He has delivered speeches at academic conferences around the world and was elected to the "International Academy of Comparative Law" and "Societas Iuris Publici Europaei" (member of the board since 2011), as well as the "Baltische Historische Kommission". He was voted the European of the Year in Latvia in 2018.



## Margarida Marques

Margarida Marques is a Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgets and Member of the Committee on International Trade and of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

She was a Member of Portuguese Parliament, where she was Vice-Chair of the Committee on European Affairs. Between 2015 and 2017, she was the State Secretary for EU Affairs of the Portuguese Government. Margarida Marques was a European Commission official from 1991 until 2015, and was Head of the European Commission Representation in Portugal between 2005 and 2011. Prior to this, Marques was a public servant in the Portuguese Public Administration where she held various managerial and non-managerial positions.

She holds a degree in Mathematics – statistics from the University of Lisbon Sciences Faculty, and a master's degree in education sciences from the New University of Lisbon, Faculty of Sciences and Technology.



## Peter-Christian Müller-Graff

Peter-Christian Müller-Graff is a professor for Private, Economic and European Law at Heidelberg University, a Member of Academia Europaea (AE), a Member of the Board of Trustees of ERA, the President of the German Association of European Communities Studies (AEI), a Member of the Comité Directeur of FIDE, and the Honorary Chair of the Association of the German Law Faculties. He is the author of numerous scholarly publications on European, Economic and Private Law and Co-Editor of "Enzyklopädie Europarecht" (12 volumes).

His professional and academic career has included law studies at the universities of Göttingen, Berlin (FU), Tübingen and Cornell, N.Y. (USA); both State Exams in Law in Baden-Württemberg, while his Dr.iur. and Dr.iur. habil. were completed at Tübingen University. Prior to Heidelberg, he had full professorships at the universities of Köln (Cologne) and Trier. A former Judge at the Court of Appeals, he has also had visiting professorships in France, Belgium (Bruges), Austria, Switzerland, Poland and Hungary, in the USA (Cornell, Georgetown) and in Asia (Nihon, Tokyo; Tongji, Shanghai).



## Tibor Navracsics

Tibor Navracsics is currently Minister for Regional Development and EU Funds of Hungary. In the past he was Deputy Prime Minister, then European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport in the Juncker Commission. As of his academic career, he was a professor at ELTE, and he is now senior researcher at Eustrat, University of Public Service. He speaks English, Croatian, Serbian and French.



## Ulla Neergaard

Ulla Neergaard has been a professor at the University of Copenhagen since 2009, first in EU Market Law and then in EU Law. Before that she was, among others, a professor of Competition Law at the Copenhagen Business School. Neergaard holds a PhD from the European University Institute, Florence (1998). The academic year 2015-16 was spent at the Faculty of Law/St. John's College, University of Oxford.

Ulla Neergaard has been appointed as an "expert member" to several boards/committees (among others the Danish Council of Competition and the Danish Energy Regulatory Authority). Most recently she has been a member of the Appeals Permission Board (i.e. "Procesbevillingsnævnet"), which holds a central role in the Danish court system. She presently functions as alternate in the board of directors of the Danish Court Administration (i.e. "Domstolsstyrelsen"). She was the President of FIDE from 2013-14 and organised the FIDE-Congress in 2014. She is at present, among others, the President of the Danish Association for European Law.

Ulla Neergaard has published widely in various areas of EU Law. She is a member of the advisory boards of the Common Market Law Review and the Nordic Journal of European Law, and is a member of the editorial board of "Europarättsligt Tidskrift".



## Paul Nemitz

Paul Nemitz is the Principal Advisor in the Directorate General for Justice and Consumers of the European Commission. He was appointed in April 2017, following a 6-year appointment as Director for Fundamental Rights and Citizen's Rights in the same Directorate General. As Director, Paul Nemitz led the reform of Data Protection legislation in the EU, the negotiations of the EU-US Privacy Shield and the negotiations with major US Internet Companies of the EU Code of Conduct against incitement to violence and hate speech on the Internet.

He is a Member of Commission for Media and Internet Policy of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Berlin and a visiting Professor of Law at the College of Europe in Bruges. Paul Nemitz is also a Member of the Board of the Verein Gegen Vergessen – Für Demokratie e.V., Berlin and a Trustee of the Leo Baeck Institute, New York. He chairs the Board of Trustees of the Arthur Langerman Foundation, Berlin. He studied Law at Hamburg University. He passed the state examinations for the judiciary and for a short time was a teaching assistant for Constitutional Law and the Law of the Sea at Hamburg University. He obtained a Master of Comparative Law from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., where he was a Fulbright grantee. He also passed the first and second cycle of the Strasbourg Faculty for Comparative Law.



## Andreas L. Paulus

Andreas L. Paulus holds the Chair of Public and International Law at the Georg-August-University Göttingen. He teaches Public, International and European Law and Legal Philosophy. In March 2010, he was sworn in as Justice of the First Senate of the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht). His twelve-year term ended on 3 June 2022.

In 2003-04, Professor Paulus taught at the University of Michigan Law School as visiting assistant professor of law. From 1999 to 2006, he was assistant professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, where he received his doctoral degree (2000) and also concluded his habilitation (2006). He studied law in Göttingen, Geneva, Munich and at Harvard Law School. Paulus also served as counsel and advisor of the Federal Republic of Germany before the International Court of Justice in the LaGrand case (Germany v. United States) and Certain Property case (Liechtenstein v. Germany). Andreas L. Paulus was elected member of the German Society of International Law in 2017. From 2018 to 2022, he served as Chairperson of the executive board of the German Section of the International Commission of Jurists, which he now serves as Vice-Chair.



## Thomas Piketty

Thomas Piketty was born in Clichy (France) in 1971. He is a professor at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences) and at the Paris School of Economics.

He is the author of numerous articles published in journals such as the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Political Economy, the American Economic Review, the Review of Economic Studies, Explorations in Economic History, Annales: Histoire, Sciences Sociales, and of a dozen books. He has done major historical and theoretical work on the interplay between economic development, the distribution of income and wealth, and political conflict. These works have led to emphasising the role of political, social and fiscal institutions in the historical evolution of income and wealth distribution. Thomas Piketty is also the co-director of the World Inequality Lab and the World Inequality Database, and one of initiators of the Manifesto for the democratisation of Europe.

He is the author of the international best-seller "Capital in the twenty-first century" (2014) and of "Capital and ideology" (2020).



## Marian-Cătălin Predoiu

In his current capacity, Cătălin PREDOIU has been the Minister of Justice of Romania since November 2021, enjoying a rich and unique experience in governmental and public affairs. He has previously served as member of several government cabinets (Minister of Justice between 2008 - 2012 and 2019 – 2020; acting Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2009), as well as Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies between 2016 and 2017. During his terms as Minister of Justice he participated in the drafting and enactment of over 30 laws, including the four fundamental Codes of Romania: Civil Code, Penal Code, Civil Procedure Code and Penal Procedure Code.

Cătălin PREDOIU was also a highly prestigious attorney with an extensive practice in various areas of private law (corporate, contractual, administrative) and international public law. Cătălin PREDOIU also practiced as a high-profile litigation attorney in civil, commercial, administrative and fiscal matters, with a special emphasis on international commercial arbitration (including as a member of the International Commercial Arbitration Court of Bucharest). His career as a legal professional also features a solid experience in the management of law practice (1995 – 2008 and 2016 - 2019), in his capacity as former co-founder and managing partner of two major law firms in Bucharest.

Cătălin PREDOIU had a long-standing academic career having taught civil law and commercial law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest between 1994 and 2007. He has authored several well-known studies, legal papers and specialized articles, holding since 2004 the title of PhD (Summa cum laude) in law (in the field of corporate banking regulation). Moreover, he received a number of distinctions, among which the "Simion Bărnuțiu" Award granted by the Romanian Academy in 2003.



## Jean-Philippe Rageade

Jean-Philippe Rageade joined the Academy of European Law (ERA) in March 2005 and has been a member of the Management Board since October 2005. He assumed his current position as Director of the Academy in January 2021. Prior to joining ERA, he was a lecturer at the universities of Paris-IX Dauphine (1996-1998) and of Bielefeld (1997-1998), and a full-time academic assistant at the Institute for International and Comparative Law of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich – Chair of Professor Hans Jürgen Sonnenberger (1998-2002). He then joined the investment funds practice of the largest Luxembourg law firm (2003-2005).

Jean-Philippe holds an LL.M. from the University of Münster (1993) and a postgraduate degree (DEA) in Business law from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (1994). He is the author of various publications in the (comparative) law of obligations and the law of capital markets.



## Daniel Sarmiento

Daniel Sarmiento is Professor of EU Law at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid and Editor-in-Chief of EU Law Live. He is also counsel at the law firm Uría Menéndez in Madrid. He was legal counsel in the Spanish Ministry of the Presidency (2004-06), legal secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union (2007-15) and is currently secretary general of the Spanish Association for the Study of European Law (AEDEUR).

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## Nathalie Smuha

Nathalie Smuha is a researcher at the KU Leuven Faculty of Law, where she examines legal and ethical questions around Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other digital technologies. Her research focuses particularly on the impact of AI on human rights, democracy and the rule of law. She is also the academic coordinator of the KU Leuven Summer School on the Law, Ethics and Policy of AI.

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Previously, Nathalie Smuha worked as an attorney in an international law firm, advising companies on matters related to EU law. She holds a Master of Laws and a Master of Philosophy from KU Leuven, and an LL.M. from the University of Chicago School of Law. In 2021, she was nominated to the list of '100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics', and to the Santander-CIDOB list of '35 under 35' Future Leaders.



## Maciej Szpunar

Born in 1971 in Cracow (Poland), Maciej Szpunar obtained a master's degree in law from the University of Silesia in 1995 and from the College of Europe in Bruges in 1996. He became a professor of law in 2013 at University of Silesia in Katowice.

In 2001, he joined the Katowice Bar to take up the profession of lawyer, a profession which he practiced until 2008. He was Undersecretary of State in the Office of the Committee for European Integration (Poland) from 2008 to 2009, before joining the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2013. During those three years, he represented the Polish government as an agent in a large number of cases before the Courts of the EU.

Maciej Szpunar was appointed as an Advocate General at the Court of Justice on 23 October 2013 and has held the position of First Advocate General since 11 October 2018.



## Elena-Simina Tănăsescu

Elena-Simina Tănăsescu is a professor of constitutional law and EU law at the Law Faculty of the University of Bucharest and, since 2019, a judge at the Constitutional Court of Romania.

From being the Director of the Centre for Constitutional Law and Political Institutions between 2001-2019, followed by the presidency of the Romanian Association of Constitutional law between 2015-2019 and of the Franco-Romanian Associations of Lawyers between 2009-2019, she was a presidential advisor for the institutional and constitutional reform of Romania between 2015-2018. She has carried out professional activity or represented the Romanian state in several European institutions (Agency for Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Group of Independent Experts to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, High Council of the European University Institute) and she was the representative of civil society in the Superior Council of Magistracy from 2009 to 2011. She is currently one of the vice-presidents of the International Association of Constitutional Law.

Her research focuses on the theory of the constitution and comparative judicial review.



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## Sabine Verheyen

Sabine Verheyen has been a Member of the European Parliament for the German Christian Democrats (CDU) since 2009. In 2019 she was elected as Chairwoman of the Committee for Culture and Education, after having served as coordinator for the European People's Party in this committee for five years. She focuses in particular on education and media policy as well as digital agenda issues. Furthermore, she is a member of the special committee on disinformation. As former mayor of Aachen (1999 to 2009), she focuses additionally on issues that are of relevance to the local authorities.

Sabine Verheyen studied architecture at the FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences.



## Marc van der Woude

Born in 1960 in Gorredijk (Netherlands), Marc van der Woude completed his first years of study at the University of Groningen, where he obtained a law degree in 1983. He continued his studies at the College of Europe until 1984. Following his studies, he was very actively involved in teaching and research at the College of Europe, where he was an assistant lecturer until 1986. He went on to become a lecturer at Leiden University from 1986 to 1987. He was awarded the chair of Professor of Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam from 2000.

Alongside his university commitments, Marc practised law. From 1987 to 1989, he worked for the European Commission. He then joined the Court of Justice of the European Communities and worked as a legal secretary to the judges Thymen Koopmans and Paul Joan George Kapteyn from 1989 to 1992. The European Commission appointed him as an administrator in the Coordination Unit of the DG COMP, a post which he held from 1992 to 1993 before becoming a member of the Commission's legal service from 1993 to 1995. From 1995, he became a member of the Brussels Bar (Belgium), where his litigation work focused on competition law.

Marc van der Woude was appointed as a Judge at the General Court of the EU in September 2010. His peers elected him as President of the Chamber in September 2013 and as Vice-President in September 2016. In September 2019, he was elected as President of the General Court and has served in that capacity since then.



## Elena Yoncheva

Elena Yoncheva has been a Member of the European Parliament since she was elected in 2019, after having been a Member of the Bulgarian National Parliament 2017-2019. She is a member of LIBE (Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs) and SEDE (Subcommittee on Security and Defence), and a substitute member of AFET (Committee on Foreign Affairs). Yoncheva is the chair of the Asylum Contact Group in the EP, and vice-chair in D-IL (Delegation for relations with Israel) and D-AF (Delegation for relations with Afghanistan). Her role as shadow rapporteur has been on the "Report on a European Parliament recommendation to the Council and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the implementation and governance of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) - (05/2020 - 10/2020)", on the "Opinion on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148 - (01/2021 -10/2021)" and on the "Report on Security and defence dimensions of European space policy (06/2022 - .....)".

Her career also includes more than 20 years of professional experience as a journalist, war-zone reporter and documentary film-maker. She is the author of over 40 documentaries covering international topics and hot-conflict zones in more than 10 countries. The winner of dozens of Bulgarian and international journalism awards, she is also the holder of the order "Women's Cross first degree" for high professionalism in covering the war in Iraq in 2003.



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Jiří Zemánek started his post-1989 academic career with a long-term research at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg (fellowship of the AvH Foundation) and ISDC in Lausanne. Following this, as the Jean Monnet Chair he was co-responsible for introducing European legal studies at Charles University in Prague (the first large-scale textbook, Erasmus programme, courses in English, German, and French law with a European backdrop, interdisciplinary programme Europeum for public administration, he became a member of the Board of Advisors to the EuConst, etc.), and as a member of the Government Legislative Council he contributed to the adoption of the EU-integration clause in the Czech Constitution and to the position on the Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe. He has participated at conferences of the ECLN, and has published and edited volumes on European constitutionalism, legitimacy, sovereignty and multi-level judicial dialogue on interpretation and permeability of laws.

Since January 2014 he has been appointed Justice at the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic.



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