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International Conference

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND ADVANCED PRACTICES OF THE SELECTION, EVALUATION AND PROMOTION OF JUDGES

June 3, 2021, 10.00 – 15.15 Vilnius time (first day of the Conference)

June 4, 2021, 10.00 – 12.30 Vilnius time (second day of the Conference)

Online event

Mykolas Romeris University and Supreme Court of Lithuania cordially invites you to the International Conference ***International Experiences and Advanced Practices of the Selection, Evaluation and Promotion of Judges.***

The Conference aims at discussing different systems of judicial career, challenges, advanced practices and methods, public expectations for judges as professionals and personalities, also the balance of effectiveness of recruitment vs technocratically constructed procedures for objectiveness and transparency reasons.

The first day of the Conference is dedicated to the selection and evaluation of judges. The second day addresses the topic of the promotion of professional judges to the leadership of courts.

The event is organized in the framework of the International Project "Portrait of a Judge - a multi-dimensional model of competencies to be measured during the procedures of selection, evaluation and promotion of judges" which aims at developing a multi-dimensional model for the selection, evaluation and promotion of judges.

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AGENDA

DAY 1. JUNE 3

Selection, evaluation and career of judges: different systems and best practices

Moderators: Assoc. Prof. dr. Salvija Mulevičienė – morning session
Ms. Reda Molienė – afternoon session

- 10.00 – 10.20** *Welcome word*
Prof. dr. Lyra Jakulevičienė, Dean of Law School, Mykolas Romeris University
Mr. Gian-Luca Bombarda, Fund Director of the Fund Operator for the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation
Ms. Sigita Rudėnaitė, Chairperson of the Council of Judges of Lithuania
Ms. Naureda Llagami, Chairperson of the High Judicial Council of Albania
Dr. Luboš Dörfl, President of the High Court Prague
- 10.20 – 10.30** *Development of a multi-dimensional model for the selection, evaluation and promotion of judges: between Scylla and Charybdis*
Assoc. Prof. dr. Salvija Mulevičienė, Project Manager, the Head of the Justice Laboratory of Mykolas Romeris University
- 10.30 – 10.50** *Recruitment of judges: criteria and procedures. Does a “golden standard” exist?*
Mr. Georg Stawa, Judicial attaché, Ministry of Justice of Austria, former President of the CEPEJ
- 10.50 – 11.10** *Appointment of judges seen through the lens of judicial independence: European perspective*
Prof. dr. Rimvydas Norkus, Justice of the European Union General Court
- 11.10 – 11.30** *What does it take to become a judge through a highly transparent, objective and “technocratic” procedure?*
Ms. Kateryna Sikora, Judge of the High Anti-Corruption Court of Ukraine
- 11.30 – 12.30** *Objective and transparent procedure as a guarantee of a public trust in judiciary. How to balance transparency and objectivity with subjective nature of evaluation of personal, social competences?*

How to “measure” personality?
Prof. dr. Eugenijus Laurinaitis, [psychiatrist](#), [professor](#) of Mykolas Romeris University, former chairperson of the Commission of the Candidates to Judicial Office of Lithuania

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Panel discussion:

Mr. Sergejus Muravjovas, Head of Transparency International Lithuanian Office

Ms. Kateryna Sikora, Judge of the High Anti-Corruption Court of Ukraine

Mr. Georg Stawa, Judicial attaché, Ministry of Justice of Austria, former President of the CEPEJ

Prof. dr. Eugenijus Laurinaitis

12.30 – 13.15

Lunch Break

13.15 – 14.30

Integrity/Background Check: what and how to be checked? Procedures and methodology:

13.15 – 13.30

Albanian Experience

Ms. Helena Papa, High Judicial Council of Albania

13.30 – 13.45

Ukrainian and Polish Perspectives

Ms. Anna Adamska-Gallant, International Key Expert on Judiciary, EU Project PRAVO-Justice

13.45 – 14.00

Discussion on Integrity Check

14.00 – 15.00

Advanced practices: conclusions and recommendations of the comparative research

Presentations of Project Partners on different systems and practices

14.00 – 14.20

Selection of Judges

Dr. Arta Vorpsi, Supreme Court of Albania

14.20 – 14.40

Evaluation (judicial performance assessment) of Judges

Dr. Gabrielė Juodkaitė-Granskienė, Supreme Court of Lithuania

14.40 – 15.00

Promotion of Judges to Higher Courts

Dr. Jana Odehnalová, Metropolitan University Prague

15.00 – 15.15

Q/A and the end of the first day

DAY 2. JUNE 4

Judges in leadership positions: how to select the best managers from the best professional judges

Moderator: Assoc.Prof. dr. Salvija Mulevičienė

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- 10.00 – 10.10** ***Opening of the second day of the Conference***
Assoc.Prof. dr. Salvija Mulevičienė, Project Manager, the Head of the Justice Laboratory of Mykolas Romeris University
- 10.10 – 10.30** ***Rethinking Leadership Competencies***
Dr. Edita Dereškevičiūtė, Human Study Centre, Expert on Organisational Psychology
- 10.30 – 10.50** ***Recruitment of court leaders (managers) vs recruitment of other high-level professionals: do general principles apply?***
Prof. dr. Agota Giedrė Raišienė, Mykolas Romeris University
- 10.50 – 11.10** ***Status quo of the appointment of leaders of courts and the road ahead: comparative insights***
Ms. Reda Molienė, Research Coordinator of the Project "Portrait of A Judge", Mykolas Romeris University
- 11.10 – 12.00** ***Judges in leadership positions: how to select the best managers from the best professional judges. Expectations for leaders***
- Panel discussion:***
- Ms. Naureda Llagami, Chairperson of the High Judicial Council of Albania
Prof. Mads Andenas, Oslo University
Prof. dr. Karel Klíma, Metropolitan University, Prague
Ms. Sigita Rudėnaitė, Acting President of the Supreme Court, Chairperson of the Council of Judges of Lithuania
Prof. dr. Agota Giedrė Raišienė, Mykolas Romeris University
- 12.00 – 12.30** ***Q/A and closing of the Conference***