

The Venice Commission 1990-2025

Taking Stock of 35 Years for Democracy Through Law

15-16 MAY 2025

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15 MAY 2025

9:00 – 10:00 am
Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 11:00 am
Welcome Addresses

Francesco Billari Rector, Bocconi University
Cesare Cavallini Director, Angelo Sraffa Department of Legal Studies, Bocconi University
Pietro Sirena Dean, Bocconi School of Law
Marta Cartabia Dean for Social Engagement and Institutional Affairs, Bocconi University, and member of the Venice Commission

Opening Speech
Claire Bazy Malaurie President, Venice Commission

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
The Venice Commission and the Emergence of Shared Constitutional Standards
Chair **Cesare Pinelli** Sapienza University of Rome and substitute member of the Venice Commission

The Venice Commission as a Trend-Setter for European Constitutionalism
Dorjana Bojanovska Popovska Central European University and **Renáta Uitz** Royal Holloway University of London

All Quiet on the Western Front? The Venice Commission's Opinions on Reforms in Established Constitutional Democracies in Europe
Mathias Möschel and **Arnisa Tepelija** Central European University

Designing Effective External Advice-giving: Reflections and Recommendations
Maartje De Visser Singapore Management University

The Venice Commission and European Conditionality: Democracy Through Law or Law Through Conditionality?
Rahul Desarda Jindal Global Law School

The Venice Commission in Latin America
Jorge Roa and **David Mier** Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona

Discussant **Valentina Volpe** Catholic University of Lille



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3:00 – 4:30 pm

The Venice Commission and the Courts

Chair **Bertrand Mathieu** University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and member of the Venice Commission

The 'Love Triangle': The Strasbourg Court, the Venice Commission and the States

Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou University of Liverpool

Legal Remedies on Electoral Rghts. Pushes by the Venice Commission and Pulls by the Strasbourg Court

Giovanni Piccirilli Luiss University Rome

The Interaction Between the Venice Commission and the Court of Justice of the EU

Athanasios Kalogiros University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

The Venice Commission Criteria on Presidential Reelection Restrictions and their impact in Central America

Rafael Jerez Central American Technological University

Discussant **Graziella Romeo** Bocconi University

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Coffee Break

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Defining and Protecting the Rule of Law

Chair **Angelika Nussberger** University of Cologne and member of the Venice Commission

The Role of the Venice Commission Rule of Law Checklist in EU Accession during the 'Big Bang 2.0' Enlargement

Oliver Garner and **Julinda Beqiraj** Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

The Contribution of the Venice Commission to the Strengthening of the Rule of Law in Europe

Francesca Mauri University of Milan



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The Venice Commission and Its Influence on International Standard-Setting: The Democratic Lawmaking Process

Tímea Drinóczi University of Minas Gerais

The Independence of Counterpower Institutions in the Venice Commission's Doctrine

Sara Alemán University of Barcelona

From the Venice Kitchen: Re-thinking the Recipe for European Judicial Governance

Viktória Alžbeta Sutórisová Masaryk University Brno

Discussant **David Kosař** Masaryk University Brno

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9:00 – 10:45 am

The Venice Commission Doctrine on Digital Technologies and the Rule of Law

Chair **Rafael Rubio** Complutense University of Madrid and former substitute member of the Venice Commission

Information disorder in elections and its impact on the principles of democracy

Janine Madeline Otálora Malassis Justice of the High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary, Mexico, and former member of the Venice Commission

The Future of Electoral Surveillance: Towards a Digital Expertise of the Venice Commission?

Raphaël Déchaux University of Lorraine

Toward a Clear Legal Framework on the Impact of Digital Technologies in Democratic Processes

Edoardo Alberto Rossi University of Urbino

Cybersecurity in the Electoral Sphere: Legal and Technical Considerations on a Hybrid Threat

Tamara Álvarez Robles University of León

Discussant **Oreste Pollicino** Bocconi University



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The Venice Commission and Constitutional Adjudication

Chair **Regina Kiener** University of Zurich and member of the Venice Commission

The Venice Commission and the Appointment Procedure of Constitutional Judges: Toward a Common European Standard?

Nicoletta Perlo University of Burgundy and **Anna Maria Lecis Cocco-Ortu** University of Bordeaux

The Venice Commission's Role in Safeguarding Constitutional Courts' Independence: Emerging Challenges in an Era of Democratic Backsliding

Giuseppe Naglieri University of Bari

The Role of the Venice Commission in Building a New National Constitutional Order after the Conflict: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Harun Išerić University of Sarajevo

The Role of Amicus Curiae of the Venice Commission in Strengthening Constitutional Courts

Entela Baci Hoxhaj University of Shkodra

The Venice Commission and the Struggle for Constitutional Justice in Ukraine

Nazarii Stetsyk University of Vienna

Discussant **Davide Paris** Bocconi University

3:00 – 5:00 pm

The Impact of the Venice Commission's Opinions: Case Studies

Chair **Olesea Stamate** Member of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and substitute member of the Venice Commission

Where an Opinion is not Enough: The Venice Commission's Role in the Constitutional Transformation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Maja Sahadžić University of Utrecht and **Jens Woelk** University of Trento

The Venice Commission 2024 Opinions and the constitutional Repair Process in Poland: Major Issues and Controversies

Marcin Baranski University of Bologna



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The Venice Commission Opinion on the Turkish Criminal Code Amendments Concerning 'False or Misleading Information' and Its Impacts on the Ground
Abdülşamet Güller Hacettepe University

The Venice Commission's Role in Advancing Lebanon's Judicial Reform
Rina Constantine University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Ever Closer, Ever Stronger: The impact of the Venice Commission's Views in Latin America
Maria Garrote Complutense University of Madrid

Discussant Thomas Markert former Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission

5:00 – 5:30 pm
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The Role of the Courts in a Constitutional Democracy – A Conversation with Judith Resnik Yale Law School

6:30 pm
Soft Powers and Dialogue as a Method
Simona Granata-Menghini Director/Secretary of the Venice Commission

Concluding Remarks
Marta Cartabia Bocconi University and member of the Venice Commission

7:30 pm
Official Dinner with speeches on the history of the Venice Commission
Kaarlo Tuori University of Helsinki, former member and Honorary President of the Venice Commission
Jeffrey Jowell former member of the Venice Commission



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