

# The Venice Commission 1990-2025

## Taking Stock of 35 Years for Democracy Through Law

**15-16 MAY 2025**

Bocconi University  
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**15 MAY 2025**

**9:00 – 10:30 am**

#### Welcome Addresses

**Marta Cartabia** Dean for Social Engagement and Institutional Affairs, Bocconi University, and Vice-President of the Venice Commission

**Cesare Cavallini** Director, Angelo Sraffa Department of Legal Studies, Bocconi University

**Pietro Sirena** Dean, Bocconi School of Law

#### Opening Speech

**Claire Bazy Malaurie** President, Venice Commission

#### The Origin of the Rule of Law Checklist and its Update

**Kaarlo Tuori** University of Helsinki, former member and Honorary President of the Venice Commission

**Jeffrey Jowell** former member of the Venice Commission

**Sergio Bartole** University of Trieste, former substitute member of the Venice Commission

**10:30 – 11:00 am**

#### Coffee Break

**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 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 Rights. 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

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

**Tímea Drinóczi** Federal University of Minas Gerais, CEU Democracy Institute



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**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

**16 MAY 2025**

**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

**10:45 – 11:15 am**

**Coffee Break**

**11:15 am – 1:00 pm**

**The Venice Commission and Constitutional Adjudication**

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



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

**Nicoletta Perlo** University of Burgundy Europe 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 "Luigj Gurakuqi"

**The Venice Commission and the Struggle for Constitutional Justice in Ukraine**

**Nazarii Stetsyk** University of Vienna and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights

**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** Utrecht University 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

**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



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**The Venice Commission's Role in Advancing Lebanon's Judicial Reform**

**Rina Constantine** University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

**The impact of the Venice Commission's Views in Latin America. Experiences and Challenges**

**Maria Garrote** Complutense University of Madrid

**Discussant Thomas Markert** former Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission

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**5:00 – 5:30 pm**  
**Coffee Break**

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**5:30 – 6:30 pm**  
**Courts, Democratic Institutions, and Political Identity – A Conversation with Judith Resnik** Yale Law School

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

**Concluding Remarks**  
**Davide Paris** Bocconi University



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