**Memory Laws in Post-Transitional Democracies:**

**Case Studies form Post-Communist States Conference**

**Warsaw, October 5th 2018**

**Venue:**

**Mirror Room, Staszic Palace**

**Address:**

**Polish Academy of Sciences**

**Nowy Swiat 72, Warsaw**

**PROGRAM**

**9:00 – 9:30 registration**

**9.30 – 9.50**

**Welcome**

**Prof. Celina Nowak**, Head of the Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Prof. Eric Heinze**, MELA Project Leader, Queen Mary University of London

**Dr Aleksandra Gliszczyńska-Grabias,** MELA Principal Investigator, Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

**9.50 – 10.50**

**Keynote presentation:** **Memory Laws and Memory Wars in Russia**

– Prof. Nikolay Koposov, Emory University

**10.50 – 11.00 short break**

**11.00 – 12.30**

**I PANEL: THE PAST ON TRIAL**

**Chair: Prof. Eric Heinze,** MELA Project Leader, Queen Mary University of London

**1. Misjudging History at International Criminal Trials: Legal Justice vs. Historical Truth**

– Dr Nevenka Tromp, University of Amsterdam

**2. The Katyn Case at Strasbourg. Is the ECtHR Actually a Court of (Legal) Conscience?**

– Prof. Ireneusz Kamiński, Polish Academy of Sciences

**3. The Soviet Past: the Jurisprudence of the ECtHR in Cases against Lithuania**

– Dr Nika Bruskina, Vilnius University

**12.30 – 13.30 lunch**

**13.30 – 15.00**

**II PANEL: SHAPING HISTORICAL AND POST-TRANSITIONAL NARRATIVES**

**THROUGH LAW**

**Chair: Dr Uladzislau Belavusau,** MELA Principle Investigator, T.M.C. Asser Institute

**1. Production of the Public Knowledge and Dealing with the Past: Beyond Post-Communism**

– Prof. Jiří Přibáň, Cardiff University

**2. Citizenship Law as Memory Law in Post-transition Latvia and Estonia: a Useful Concept?**

– Dr Eva-Clarita Pettai, University of Jena

**3. Memory Laws in Times of (Memory) War: Ukraine’s Militant Democracy Problem**

– Dr Maria Mälksoo, University of Kent

**15.00 – 15.30 coffee break**

**15.30 – 16.45**

**III PANEL: CHALLENGING HISTORICAL FACTS AND NATIONAL TRUTHS**

**Chair: Prof. Emanuela Fronza, MELA Principle Investigator, University of Bologna**

**1. From Fascist Dictatorship to Popular Democracy: Law, Revolution, and Constitutional Identity**

– Dr Cosmin Sebastian Cercel, University of Nottingham

**2. The Past in Hungary’s Fundamental Law**

– Dr Miklós Könczöl, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**3. "National Untruth". Controversial Law on the Polish Institute of National Remembrance**

– Prof. Mirosław Wyrzykowski, University of Warsaw

**4. The Balkans: Past, Nation, and Europeanisation**

– Dr Ana Milosevic, University of Leuven

**16.45 – 17.00**

**Closing remarks**

**Dr Grażyna Baranowska, MELA Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences**