



Memory Laws in Post-Transitional Democracies: Case Studies from Post-Communist States Conference

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Memory Laws in European and Comparative Perspectives (MELA)
research consortium

CONFERENCE PROGRAM / 9:00 - 17:00

9:50 - 10:50 – Keynote:

Memory Laws and Memory Wars in Russia – prof. Nikolay Koposov, Emory University

11:00 - 12:30

I PANEL:

THE PAST ON TRIAL

- Misjudging history at international criminal trials: legal justice vs. historical truth
- dr Nevenka Tromp, University of Amsterdam
- The Katyn case at Strasbourg. Is the ECtHR actually a court of (legal) conscience?
- prof. Ireneusz Kamiński, Polish Academy of Sciences
- The Soviet past: the jurisprudence of the ECtHR in cases against Lithuania
- dr Nika Bruskina, Vilnius University

13:30 - 15:00

II PANEL:

SHAPING HISTORICAL AND POST-TRANSITIONAL NARRATIVES THROUGH LAW

- Production of the public knowledge and dealing with the past: beyond post-Communism
- prof. Jiří Přibáň, Cardiff University
- Citizenship law as memory law in post-transition Latvia and Estonia: a useful concept?
- dr Eva-Clarita Pettai, University of Jena
- Memory laws in times of (memory) war: Ukraine's militant democracy problem
- dr Maria Mäklsoo, University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies

15:30 - 16:45

III PANEL:

CHALLENGING HISTORICAL FACTS AND NATIONAL TRUTHS

- From Fascist dictatorship to popular democracy: law, revolution and constitutional identity
- dr Cosmin Sebastian Cercel, University of Nottingham School of Law
- The past in Hungary's Fundamental Law
- dr Miklós Könczöl, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- "National untruth". Controversial Law on the Polish Institute of National Remembrance
- prof. Mirosław Wyrzykowski, University of Warsaw
- The Balkans: past, nation and Europeanisation
- drs. Anna Milosevic, University of Leuven