



Law and Justice's Campaign against Polish Judiciary

Lunch debate with prosecutors and judges persecuted in Poland

Time: December 12th, 2019, 12:30-14:00

Place: ASP 5G1, European Parliament, Brussels

Organisers:

Sophie in 't Veld MEP (RE, Netherlands)

Michal Šimečka MEP (RE, Slovakia)

The Open Dialogue Foundation

Agenda:

12:30 - 12:45

Welcome remarks by **Sophie in 't Veld MEP (RE)**, **Michal Šimečka MEP (RE)** & **Lyudmyla Kozlovska**, President of the Open Dialogue Foundation

12:45 - 12:50

Introduction to the rule of law crisis in Poland by **Róża Thun MEP (EPP, Poland)**

12:50 - 13:00

Justice Ministry's hijacking of the justice system and defamation campaign against disobedient judges - report by **Judge Dariusz Mazur**

13:00 - 13:07

The most hated judge in Poland - case study of **Judge Waldemar Żurek**

13:07 - 13:20







Demolition of the institution of public prosecutor & repression against prosecutors - report by **Prosecutors Ewa Wrzosek & Krzysztof Parchimowicz**

13:20 - 14:00

Open discussion

Moderation: Sophie in 't Veld MEP

Hosts and speakers' bios:

- **Sophie in 't Veld MEP (RE, Netherlands)** - Chair of the European Parliament's Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Monitoring Group. Member of the Civil Liberties Committee (LIBE).
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- **Michal Šimečka MEP (RE, Slovakia)** - Member of the Civil Liberties Committee (LIBE).
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- **Lyudmyla Kozlovska** - co-founder and President of the Open Dialogue Foundation, an international NGO advocating for democracy, the rule of law and human rights in the post-Soviet area and the European Union. The Foundation and Lyudmyla herself are the target of a constant smear and defamation campaign from the PiS government, as well as the regimes of several post-Soviet states.
 @LyudaKozlovska, @ODFoundation
- **Róża Thun MEP (EPP, Poland)** - highly-popular Polish opposition MEP (awarded 3 MEP Awards for most hard-working MEP), very vocal on rule of law issues. Following her November 2017 vote in favour of invoking Article 7 against Poland she was symbolically strung from makeshift gallows in a public happening by far-right activists;
 @rozathun
- **Judge Dariusz Mazur** – Spokesperson of the Association of Judges “Themis”, against whom multiple disciplinary proceedings for defending the independent judiciary are pending;
- **Judge Waldemar Żurek** - former spokesperson of the National Judiciary Council (KRS) and most persecuted judge in Poland (including famously in the hate campaign against independent judges orchestrated by the justice ministry);
- **Prosecutor Ewa Wrzosek** - Member of the Association of Prosecutors “Lex Super Omnia”, most persecuted female prosecutor in Poland with multiple disciplinary proceedings for defending the independent judiciary pending.
 @e_wrzosek, @lex_super_omnia
- **Prosecutor Krzysztof Parchimowicz** - President of the Board of the Association of Prosecutors “Lex Super Omnia”, against whom multiple disciplinary proceedings for defending the independent judiciary are pending;
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