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Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

XIII International annual scientific and practical conference on constitutional law dedicated to the **Day of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania**

The Multi-Layered Nature of the Constitution: Visible and Hidden Dimensions

08:30–09:00 **Welcome coffee**

09:00–09:20 **Opening of the conference and welcome addresses**

*Chaired by: **Prof. Dr. Toma Birmontienė**, Professor at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University, and **Dr. Stasys Šedbaras**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania*

Dr. Juozas Olekas, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Prof. Dr. Edita Žiobienė, Dean of the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University

Julius Sabatauskas, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

09:20–10:20 **INTRODUCTORY SESSION**

National and European Dimensions of the Constitution

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Prof. Dr. (HP) Vytautas Mizaras, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University
"Explicit and Implied Interpretations of the Constitution"

Dr. Arnfinn Bårdsen, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights
"Living Constitutions"

Prof. Dr. Rimvydas Norkus, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Affiliated Professor at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University
"The European Dimension of National Constitutions: Article 2 TEU and Commission v Hungary"

10:20–11:30 **FIRST SESSION**

Architecture of the Constitution: Design and Reality

*Chaired by: **Dr. Stasys Šedbaras**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania, and **Prof. Dr. Edita Žiobienė**, Dean of the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University*

Prof. Dr. (HP) Alfredas Bumblauskas, Professor at the Faculty of History of Vilnius University
"Constitutions in Historical Perspective: The Constitution of 3 May 1791"

Prof. Dr. Wim Voermans, Professor at the Law School of Leiden University
"The Amazing Stories of Constitutions"

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jolita Miliuvienė, Associate Professor at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University
"One Constitution, Five Texts and Countless Layers"

Mindaugas Kukaitis, Chair of the Council of the Lithuanian Bar Association
"(Bright) Constitutional Ideals and the (Grey) Reality of Applying the Law. The View from the Bar"

Discussion

11:30–12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00–13:30

SECOND SESSION

Safeguarding the Rule of Law in National and European Discourse

Chaired by: ***Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juozas Valčiukas****, Associate Professor at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University, and* ***Prof. Dr. Timea Drinóczi****, Professor at the Public Security Academy of Mykolas Romeris University*

Prof. Dr. Skirgailė Žalimienė, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University
"Hidden Layers of the Constitution: The Constitution in the Case Law of the Administrative Court"

Dr. Gediminas Sagatys, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
"Recent Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in Cases Concerning the Jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania"

Prof. Dr. Luigi Malferrari, Member of the Legal Service of the European Commission, Honorary Professor at Saarland University
"The Union Values as 'Red Lines' to Member States' Discretion in the ECJ's Recent Case Law: New Developments and Open Questions"

Prof. Dr. Zoltán Szente, Research Professor at the Institute for Legal Studies, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences
"Rebuilding the Rule of Law in Hungary: Dilemmas of Constitutional Restoration"

Prof. Dr. Egidijus Jarašiūnas, Professor Emeritus at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University, former Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania and former Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union
"Certain Problems of Constitutional Interpretation"

Discussion

13:30–14:00 **Concluding remarks and closing of the conference**

Prof. Dr. Toma Birmontienė, Professor at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University, former Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

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