

30 years of activism

Lawyers in Europe and the Crisis of Fundamental Rights

The association European Democratic Lawyers, AED-EDL is celebrating 30 years of work in defence of the rights of citizens. This federation of European lawyers has aimed at preserving the independence of lawyers with regard to any power, be it political, social, economic or ordinal. Much has changed since 1987. Back then, the European Union seemed to be able to provide a common space, characterized by the creation of a democratic, modern and human European law. Thirty years later, we meet to discuss the changes in Europe, the strategies to defend fundamental rights and the solidarity with our colleagues all over the world.

10.15am Welcome & Introduction

Welcome: Berenice Böhlo (lawyer, Germany)
30 years - looking back and moving forward:
Pascale Taelman (lawyer, France),
August Gil Matamala (lawyer, Catalonia)

11.00am Keynote Speech:

Dr. Dana Schmalz (Researcher Max-Planck-Institute)

12:30pm Lunch Break

01.45pm Panel I

Fighting for Social Rights and Legal Strategies
Lawyers between austerity policy and social movements

Input: Dr. Carolina Alves Vestena (Germany/Brazil)
Participants: Florian Borg (lawyer, France), Anne Maeschalk (Belgium),
Gianluca Vitale (lawyer, Italy)
Moderation: Ilka Quirling (lawyer, Germany)

3.45pm Coffee Break

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Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 3
10117 Berlin

The conference language is English / French
with simultaneous translation.

4.00pm Panel II

Defence of the Defence
International Lawyer Solidarity

Participants: Ceren Uysal (lawyer, Turkey),
Alejandro Gámez Selma (lawyer, Madrid),
Phon van den Biesen (lawyer, The Netherlands)
Moderation: NN (RAV, Germany)

5.30pm Conclusion

Robert Sabata Gripekoven (lawyer, Catalonia),
Harry Ladis (lawyer, Greece)

6.00pm End of Conference

08.00pm Informal Get Together
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