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TRIAL 2 seminar programme

**Rule of Law and the Future of Judicial Governance:
Digitalisation, Communication, and Extrajudicial Activities**

27–28 February 2025
Villa Gröbe, Havlíčkovy sady, Prague

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Thursday, 27 February

- 13:30 Welcome
- 13:45 Keynote Speech**
David Kosař, professor at the Masaryk University
Katarína Šipulová, head of the Judicial Studies Institute, Masaryk University
- 14:15 Discussion
- 15:00–15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30–17:00 Panel I: Extra-Judicial Activities – Judges in Politics, Politicians at Courts, Judges in Academia**
Chair: TBA
Zdeněk Kühn, judge of the Czech Constitutional Court, professor at the Charles University
Jarosław Gwizdak, member of the board of the Institute for Law and Society (INPRIS), former judge
Ágnes Kovács, assistant professor at the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)
Šimon Drugda, lecturer at the University of Copenhagen
- 17:00 Break
- 17:30–18:30 Workshop A: Discussion of a Case Study**
Dinner



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Friday, 28 February

9:00–10:30 Panel II: Courts and Communication StrategiesChair: **David Kosař**, professor at the Masaryk University**Marta Cartabia**, vice-president of the Venice Commission, former President of the Italian Constitutional Court and former Minister of Justice of Italy**Christiane Schmaltz**, judge of the German Federal Court of Justice**Petra Škvařilová-Pelzl**, judge of the General Court CJEU**Kateřina Šimáčková**, judge of the ECtHR

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 Panel III: Digitalization – Regulation and Challenges in Different Judicial Governance ModelsChair: **Radim Polčák**, professor at the Masaryk University**Jan Spoente**, judge of the Higher Regional Court of Stuttgart**Daniela Břízová Ratajová**, judge of the District Court for Prague 2**Wojciech Postulski**, team leader of Judicial Training Team, Digital Transition & Judicial Training Unit, DG JUST, European Commission**Óscar Palomo Díaz**, head of area in the Deputy DG for the Promotion and Innovation of Digital Justice Services, Spanish Ministry of Justice

13:00 Lunch

14:00–15:00 Workshop B: Discussion of a Case Study

15:00 Coffee break

15:30–16:30 Roundtable: Court Presidents and Judicial Self-GovernmentChair: **Gábor Halmai**, professor at the European University Institute**Dragoș Călin**, judge of the Bucharest Court of Appeal**Kees Sterk**, a senior judge in the Netherlands, formerly vice-president of the Dutch Judicial Council and the president of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)**Filippo Donati**, lawyer and professor at the University of Florence, formerly member of the Italian Superior Council of Judiciary and president of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)**Eneli Kivi**, Head of the Courts Department at the Estonian Ministry of Justice

16:30–16:45 Concluding remarks

