



Defending the Rule of Law in Europe - Radboud Summer School

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About 'Defending the Rule of Law in Europe'

The rule of law has been under pressure in recent years. Several EU Member States have taken measures that undermine the independence of the judiciary or the protection of fundamental rights. Disciplinary procedures have, for example, been introduced in Hungary and Poland against judges, coupled with questionable appointment processes of new judges. Such rule of law backsliding has gone hand in hand with unrestricted political and media attacks against the judiciary as well as NGOs. Also in other European countries, the rule of law requires constant maintenance and attention. The Council of Europe's Venice Commission, for instance, held that the resilience of the Dutch rule of law system needs to be strengthened.

This course addresses the question how it can be ensured that the rule of law is sufficiently protected: what role do EU standards and EU institutions play in the protection of these values? This course helps students answering this question in a structured and interdisciplinary way, combining law with legal philosophy as well as sociological and political science approaches to the (empirical) study of the 'law in action'. The interdisciplinarity is one of the unique features of this course and contributes to a better, in-depth and critical understanding of the concept of 'rule of law'. Lectures in the course will be provided by prominent experts. The course consists of interactive lectures, discussions as well as (group) presentations. What's more, students will take part in a joyful and interactive educational escape room.

This summer school course forms part of the prestigious Jean Monnet Chair in rule of law in the EU and national legal orders (EURoLNAT).

Why take this course?

- Nijmegen is the best European youth destination
- Interactive educational escape room
- Guest lectures by prominent experts
- Group discussions and presentations



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