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**The Legitimacy of
Legal Decisions
Adopted under
Radical Uncertainties**



Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May 2026

Faculty of Law, Politics and Economics -
University of Lille
Amphitheater René Cassin

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Thursday, 21 May 2026

13h30 – Welcome of the participants

14h – **Welcome peech** - Marie Copin, PhD student, CERAPS, University of Lille and Clara Mathis, PhD student, CRDP-ERDP, University of Lille.

14h20 – **Keynote speech** - Martin Belov, Full Professor, University St Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria) - « On the Crossroad of Constitutional Time: Constitutional Polycrisis and Constitutional Polytransition »

15h - 16h — Panel 1

Radical uncertainties and Theory of Law

Chair: Pr. Themistoklis Raptopoulos (CRDP - University of Lille, France)

Paul URANGA, PhD student, University of Bordeaux (France) and University of Laval (Canada) : « La pédagogie judiciaire comme moyen de légitimation des décisions juridictionnelles internationales en temps d'incertitude »

Michael KALIS, Dr., Senior Research Associate, IKEM - Greifswald University (Germany) : « Futurization, Radical Uncertainty, and the Limits of Expert-Based Legitimacy in Contemporary Legal Decision-Making »

16h - break



16h15 - 17h30 — Panel 2

Radical uncertainties and Constitutional law

Chair: Pr. Martin Belov (University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski - Bulgaria)

Flaviana CERQUOZZI, PhD student, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) : « Rule of Law Conditionality and Constitutional Identity under Radical Uncertainty: Economic and Geopolitical Challenges »

Marco SCIARRA, PhD Student, Roma Tre University (Italy) : « Légimité légale vs légimité démocratique des décisions juridiques adoptées dans un contexte d'incertitude (radicale ?) : le cas d'étude de l'élection présidentielle roumaine de 2024 »



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Friday, 22 May 2026

9h – Welcome of the participants

9h30 - 11h — Panel 3

Radical uncertainties and International law

Chair: Elise Ruggeri Abonnat (CRDP - University of Lille, France)

Philomène ALENE ENGAMBA, Dr., University of Limoges (France) : « Légitimer l'exception : les sanctions sportives internationales à l'épreuve de la crise Russo-Ukrainienne »

Rebecca BRUEKERS, PhD student, University of Nottingham's School of Law (England) : « The International Court of Justice's Decision-Making Processes in Times of Radical Uncertainties »

Simon & Elie KLEE, PhD students, University of Aix-Marseille (France) and University of Ottawa (Canada) : « La légitimité des décisions juridiques

adoptées par les États menacés de disparition »

Franco DI PEDE, Dr., Università degli studi della Tuscia (Italy) : « Human Rights Treaty Systems in Times of Growing Uncertainty »

11h - 11h15 - break

11h20h - 12h30 — Panel 4

Radical uncertainties and European law

Chairs: Pr. Elsa Bernard (CRDP - University of Lille, France) & Pr. Daniele Gallo (Luiss University, Rome, Italy)

Julien DEBANDE, PhD student, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) :

« Institutionalising flexibility: Legitimacy challenges in the evolving EU financial toolkit for Ukraine »

Artūrs ŠUSPĀNS, PhD student and lawyer, University of Latvia (Latvia) : « The Notion of 'Geopolitical Context' in the Application of the European Convention on Human Rights: A Weighty Argument for Uncertain Times? »

Aurelio CORNEO, PhD student, Humboldt University (Germany) : « International Law Legitimacy of European Responses to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Between Political-Moral Imperatives and Uncertain Legality »

12h45 - 14h30 - lunch break

14h30 - 16h — Panel 5

Radical uncertainties and Environment

Chairs: Magali Dreyfus (CNRS CERAPS - University of Lille) & Pr. Teresa Cabrita (University UC Louvain, Belgium)

Alberto NICOTINA, Dr., University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) : « Strategic Climate Litigation in Europe: Direct and Indirect Consequences for Democracy »

Zaki SHUBBER, PhD student, Queen Mary University of London (England) : « Radical Uncertainty, Shared Freshwater Resources and International Law »

Nikolas KECKHUT, PhD student, University of Paris 1 (France) : « La légitimité des Cours européenne et interaméricaine face aux enjeux environnementaux et climatique, du verdissement au dialogue »

16h – 16h15 - Conclusive remarks

Pr. Elsa Bernard (CRDP - ERDP University of Lille, France)



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