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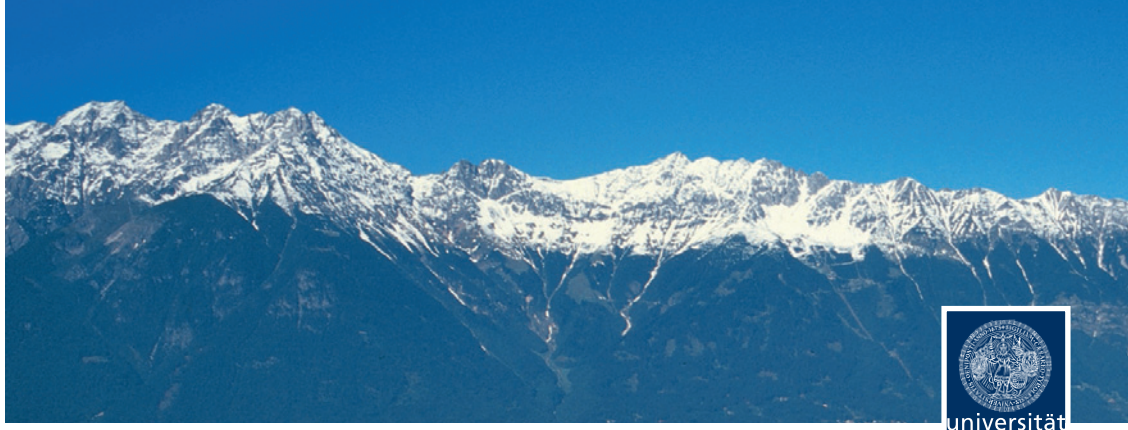

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Program

Thursday, 3 April 2014

12:30 **Welcome Address**
Tilman MÄRK, Professor, Rector, University of Innsbruck
Bernhard ECCHER, Professor, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Innsbruck
Introduction
Werner SCHROEDER, Professor, University of Innsbruck
Andreas KUMIN, Deputy Legal Adviser, Austrian Foreign Ministry

13:00 **Panel 1: Origins and Current Role of the Rule of Law in Europe**

The Rule of Law in Europe in the 21st Century
Sir Jeffrey JOWELL, QC, Professor, Director, Bingham Law Centre, London
Historical and Philosophical Roots of the Rule of Law, Rechtsstaatsprinzip, État de droit in Europe
Otto PFERSMANN, Professor, University of Paris 1

14:00 Coffee Break

14:30 **Panel 2: Core Elements of the Rule of Law**

Principle of Legality and Hierarchy of Norms
Franz MERLI, Professor, University of Graz
Independent Courts and Access to Justice
Attila BADÓ, Professor, University of Szeged
Transparency
Inger ÖSTERDAHL, Professor, University of Uppsala

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Principle of Proportionality**
Peter M. HUBER, Judge, Federal Constitutional Court, Karlsruhe and Professor, University of Munich
Legal Certainty
Anna GAMPER, Professor, University of Innsbruck

18:00 End of the first day

19:00 Reception

Friday, 4 April 2014

09:00 **Panel 3: Council of Europe and European Union - Different Concepts of the Rule of Law?**

The Council of Europe and the Rule of Law
Jan Erik HELGESEN, First Vice-President of the Venice Commission and Professor, University of Oslo
The European Union and the Rule of Law
Martin SELMAYR, Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Reding, European Commission and Professor, University of Saarbrücken
The Rule of Law in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights
Elisabeth STEINER, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
The Rule of Law in the Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union
Thomas von DANWITZ, Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union, Professor, University of Cologne

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Panel 4: Mechanisms of Implementing the Rule of Law in Europe**

Global Activities and Current Initiatives in the Union to Strengthen the Rule of Law - A State of Play
Andreas KUMIN, Deputy Legal Adviser, Austrian Foreign Ministry
Reinforcing Legal Oversight in the European Union
Carlos CLOSA, Spanish National Research Council, Madrid and Professor, European University Institute, Fiesole and
Dimitry KOCHENOV, Professor, University of Groningen
The rule of law and the role of measuring performance
Gabriel N. TOGGENBURG, Senior Legal Advisor, European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna

13:00 Lunch break

14:15 **Panel 5: Implications of Implementing the Rule of Law in Europe**

Rule of Law and Constitutionalization of the European Union
Monika CLAES, Professor, University of Maastricht

14:45 Coffee break

Panel Discussion on the Institutional Aspects of the Rule of Law in Europe
Participants: Thomas von DANWITZ, Court of Justice of the European Union
Deaglán Ó BRIAIN, Dept. of Justice and Equality, Ireland
Jörg POLAKIEWICZ, Legal Adviser, Council of Europe
Martin SELMAYR, European Commission
Rui TAVARES, Member of the European Parliament

16:30 **Concluding Remarks**
Werner SCHROEDER, Professor, University of Innsbruck and
Gregor SCHUSTERSCHITZ, Deputy Legal Adviser, Austrian Foreign Ministry

17:00 End of the conference