



# HOW TO MEASURE THE QUALITY OF JUDICIAL REASONING

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#### **PROGRAM**

Friday, 28 November 2014

Venue: Room II/228, 26 Kassai Street, Debrecen

10:00 Welcome, opening remarks

Mátyás Bencze: Vice Dean of the Law School of University of Debrecen

10:10 Masters of Law: Judging and the Ethical Life (keynote speech)

Prof. Zenon Bankowski (University of Edinburgh)

11:00 **Session 1** 

Gar Yein Ng (Independent Researcher): England and Wales

Arthur Dyevre (Catholic University Leuven): France

11:40-12:00 Discussion

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:00 **Session 2** 

Prof. Norman Weiß (University of Potsdam): Germany

Markku Kiikeri (University of Lapland): Scandinavia

Francesco Contini (Research Institute on Judicial Systems): Italy

Zdeněk Kühn (Charles University in Prague): Central and Eastern Europe

14:20 - 15:00 Discussion

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break** 

15:30-17:00 Roundtable Discussion on the General Methodological Problems of

Measuring the Quality of Judicial Activity

**Participants:** 

*Prof. Philip Langbroek* (Utrecht University)

Prof. Zoltán Fleck (Eötvös Loránd University)

Nicolaas Bel (European Commission)

Mariusz J. Golecki (University of Debrecen; University of Łódź)

17:00-17:10 Closing remarks

19:30 **Dinner** 

#### Saturday, 29 November 2014

Venue: Room II/228, 26 Kassai Street, Debrecen

### 9:30 – 10:50 Session 3: Historical and theoretical background of quality assurance of judicial reasoning

Mihály Maczonkai (University of Pécs): 'Legal Argumentation – Is It a Science or Art?'

Zsolt Ződi (Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Science): 'Citations and the Quality of Reasoning'

Levente Völgyesi (Eötvös Loránd University): 'Historical Aspects of Quality Control of Judicial Reasoning'

#### 10:30 - 10:50 Discussion

#### 10:50 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

## 11:00 – 12:50 Session 4: European perspectives of controlling the quality of judicial reasoning

Alina I. Szabó (Law Office, Toplita): 'Legal Mechanisms to Assess Bad Quality of Legal Reasoning According to Romanian Legislation'

*Alzbeta Kondelová – Libor Havelka – Katarina Sipulová* (The Supreme Court of the Czech Republic): 'Judicial Reasoning and Judicial Dialogue: The Application of EU law by National Civil Courts'

*Ievgen Zvieriev* (National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" / Central European University): 'Legal Interpretation Theories As Applied by Ukrainian Courts – Past Experience and Current Tendencies'

Eszter Kirs (University of Miskolc): 'Measuring the Quality of Judicial Reasoning at the ICTY with the Litmus Paper of Accessory Liability'

#### 12:20 - 12:50 Discussion

#### 12:50 – 14:00 Lunch

### 14:00 – 15:30 Session 5: Requirements of judicial reasoning in constitutional cases

Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklósy (Eötvös Loránd University): 'The Principle of Proportionality and the Quality Control of Judicial Decisions in Fundamental Rights Disputes'

Kálmán Pócza (Hungarian Academy of Sciences Institute for Political Science): 'Evaluating Judicial Activism from the Point of View of Democratic Theory'

András Molnár (University of Szeged): 'Dogmatic and Social Scientific Activisms and Passivisms – A Framework to Assess Judicial "Activism"'

#### 15:00 - 15:30 Discussion

#### 15:30 – 15:50 **Coffee Break**

## 15:50-17:10 Session 6: International experiences of measuring the quality of judicial reasoning

Huang Gui (University of Debrecen): 'On the Dilemma of Sentencing Justly in China and its Solutions'

*Dodik Setiawan Nur Heriyanto* (University of Debrecen): 'Understanding of Judges. On the Annulment of International Arbitral Awards. Experiences from the Case of Karaha Bodas Company v. Pertamina'

Stephan Foldes (University of Miskole): 'Reasons for Conviction or Remand in Custody: Some Cases Before the EHCR'

### 16:50 - 17:10 Discussion

#### 17:10-17:20 **Closing remarks**

#### 20:00- Social program