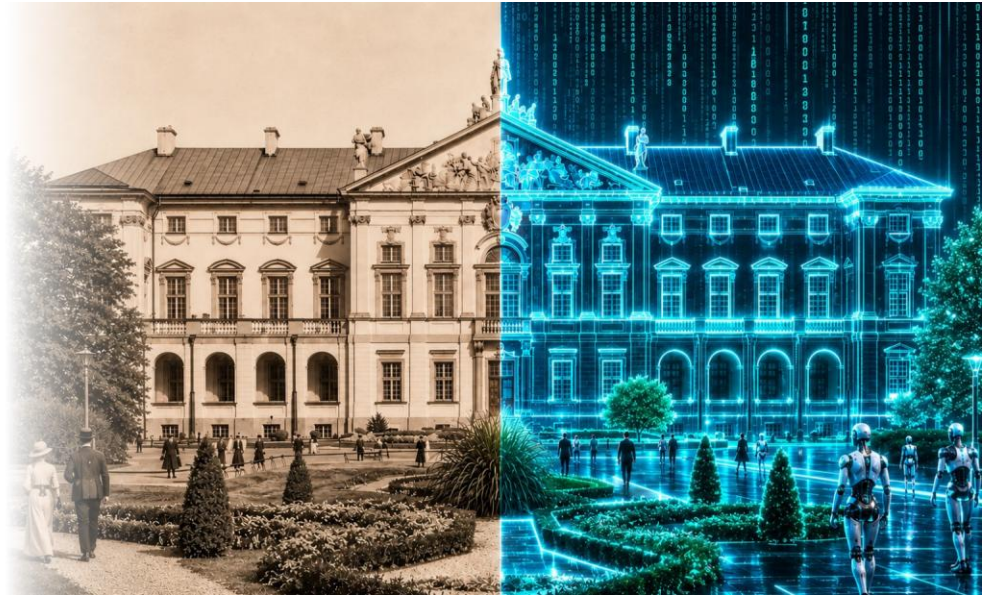


# 17<sup>th</sup> Warsaw Human Rights Seminar

## Justice in the Digital Era

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## AGENDA

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| 08:30–09:00 | <b>Registration and Morning Coffee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 09:00–09:15 | <b>Opening of the Conference</b><br><b>Welcome Remarks</b><br>Mr Artur Harazim – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 09:15–09:45 | <b>Keynote Address</b><br><b>Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Human Rights Protection</b><br>Mr Robert Spano – Partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, former President of the European Court of Human Rights                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 09:45–11:00 | <b>Panel I</b><br><b>The Role of the European Court of Human Rights in Protecting Human Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence</b><br>Moderator: Mr Daniel Pap – Legal Adviser, Digital Development Unit, Council of Europe<br>Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Milene Blanchard – Deputy Director for Human Rights, Legal Affairs Directorate, Human Rights Sub-Directorate, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs</li><li>• Mr Mateja Durović – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights</li><li>• Ms Alyson Kilpatrick – Chief Commissioner to the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission</li></ul> |
| 11:00–11:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11:30–12:15 | <b>In Conversation</b><br><b>The Future of Human Rights Protection in the Digital Age</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram – Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland</li><li>• Ms Una Ní Raifeartaigh – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>12:15–12:45</b> | <b>Insight [PL]</b><br><b>Nowe technologie w sądownictwie administracyjnym / Emerging technologies in administrative courts</b><br>Mr Jacek Chlebny – President of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Republic of Poland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>12:45–14:15</b> | <b>Networking Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>14:15–15:30</b> | <b>Panel II</b><br><b>Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice: Chatbots vs. Lawyers – The Future of Legal Representation before the Court</b><br>Moderator: Mr Klaudiusz Ryngielewicz – Director of filtering and support services, Deputy to the Registrar, European Court of Human Rights<br>Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr João Miguel Fernandes – Director of Information Technology, Court of Justice of the European Union</li> <li>• Ms Magdalena Matusiak-Frącczak – Professor at the University of Łódź, Barrister and Doctor of Philosophy, Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Supreme Bar Council</li> <li>• Mr Jan Spoenle – Judge of the Stuttgart Court of Appeals and Head of the Justice Cloud Development Unit at the Ministry of Justice and Migration of Baden-Württemberg</li> </ul>                                |
| <b>15:30–15:45</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>15:45–16:15</b> | <b>Insight</b><br><b>Digital Tools and the Management of Mass Compensation Claims: Opportunities and Challenges</b><br>Ms Aleksandra Mężykowska – Board Member of the Register of Damage for Ukraine, Professor in constitutional and international law, Principal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>16:15–17:30</b> | <b>Panel III</b><br><b>Preparing the Judiciary for the Future: Ethical and Philosophical Perspectives on AI and Justice</b><br>Moderator: Mr Paweł Wierdak – Agent before the European Court of Human Rights, Director of Legal and Treaty Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland<br>Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Michał Balcerzak – Associate Professor at Nicolaus Copernicus University and University of Szczecin, Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</li> <li>• Ms Sara Maffei – Judge of the Tribunal of Livorno, Trainer for magistrates of the Court of Appeal of Florence</li> <li>• Ms Alicja Sikora-Kalèda – Board Member of Cabinet of President Lenaerts, Court of Justice of the European Union, Professor of EU Law, Jagiellonian University</li> </ul> |
| <b>17:30–18:00</b> | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br><b>Human Rights and Justice in the Age of Artificial Intelligence</b><br>Mr Artur Harazim – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland<br>Mr Michael O'Flaherty – Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

English-Polish interpretation will be provided.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Artur Harazim**

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland**

Career diplomat who has served in the Polish foreign service since 1993, progressing through all diplomatic ranks to that of Ambassador. He has held senior positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director of the European Policy Department, Director of the Diplomatic Academy, and Director of the Legal and Treaty Department. He served as Ambassador of Poland to Belgium from 2012 to 2016 and has extensive experience in EU affairs, including Poland's accession negotiations and representation to the European Union. He is also a lecturer at the University of Silesia. He holds a law degree from the University of Silesia and postgraduate qualifications from the College of Europe in Bruges and The George Washington University Law School.

## **KEYNOTE**

### **Robert Spano**

#### **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP**

Partner in the London and Paris offices and co-chair of the firm's Artificial Intelligence, Geopolitical Strategy, ESG, and International Law Practice Groups. He specialises in EU litigation, international dispute resolution, and regulatory matters. He is a leading expert in public international law, business and human rights, EU law, and the European Convention on Human Rights. He is listed in Best Lawyers UK 2025 for Human Rights and Public International Law and recognised by The Legal 500 UK 2025 for various fields. Robert is the former president of the European Court of Human Rights and sits on the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. He is a visiting professor at the University of Oxford and a tenured professor at the University of Iceland. He graduated from the University of Oxford and the University of Leuven and is admitted to the Icelandic Bar. He is fluent in English, French, Italian, Danish, and Icelandic.

## **PANEL 1**

### **Daniel Pap**

#### **Council of Europe**

Legal adviser at the Council of Europe's Digital Development Unit which provides secretariat services for the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET). Previously, he served as an administrator at the Committee on AI (CAI) and the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) on AI and human rights, and business and human rights. He earlier worked as a lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights. Before joining the Council of Europe, he practised international law as an associate at global law firms.

### **Milène Blanchard**

#### **Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic**

Deputy Director of Human Rights Affairs at the Legal Affairs Directorate of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. As Co-Agent of the French Government before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), she is responsible for coordinating litigation before the Court and overseeing the execution of ECtHR judgments. In this capacity, she leads interministerial cooperation on human rights matters, represents France before international human rights bodies, and participates in the negotiation of international human rights instruments within the Council of Europe and the United Nations framework. Her areas of expertise include criminal justice, freedom of expression, privacy, procedural rights, and the implementation of international human rights obligations at the national level.

### **Mateja Đurović**

#### **European Court of Human Rights**

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since September 2024. Prior to joining the Court, he was a Full Professor of Law at King's College London. He studied law at the Universities of Belgrade and Cambridge, and at the European University Institute, where he earned his PhD. His research has been published widely in leading legal journals and by major academic publishers, and he has held visiting academic appointments at universities around the world.

### **Alyson Kilpatrick**

#### **Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission**

Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. A barrister with extensive experience in public law and human rights litigation, she has practised at the Bars of England and Wales and Northern Ireland. She has served as Independent Human Rights Adviser to the Northern Ireland Policing Board, Special Legal Adviser to the UK Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, and an independent expert in numerous human rights oversight and accountability processes. She has published widely on human rights, discrimination, and housing law, and currently serves on the Board of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions and as Vice-Chair of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. Since 2023, she has also been a National Expert for the Royal Foundation's Homewards programme addressing homelessness.

## IN CONVERSATION

### **Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram**

#### **Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland**

Attorney, human rights advocate and public interest lawyer. A member of the Warsaw Bar, she has extensive experience in litigation before domestic courts, the European Court of Human Rights, and the Court of Justice of the European Union, particularly in cases concerning the rule of law, judicial independence, and the protection of fundamental rights. She co-founded the civic initiative Free Courts (Wolne Sądy) and the Justice Defence Committee (KOS), and has long been engaged in promoting civil society, constitutional education, and access to justice. She previously led pro bono practice at Clifford Chance Warsaw and has represented individuals, NGOs, and judges in landmark human rights and rule-of-law cases. Since 2026, she serves as Poland's Commissioner for Human Rights.

### **Úna Ní Raifeartaigh**

#### **European Court of Human Rights**

Judge at the European Court of Human Rights. Prior to her election to the Court in July 2024, she was a judge in the Irish courts (Court of Appeal 2019-2024, High Court 2016-2019) and a barrister for 23 years (Senior Counsel 2009-2016, Junior Counsel 1993-2009). She also held the post of Reid Professor of Criminal, Penology and Criminology at Trinity College Dublin for five years (1991-1996), having started her career as a researcher with the Law Reform Commission (1988-91). She has experience in many areas of law as a result of her broad range of experience in a variety of roles, but has a particular interest in criminal justice, public, constitutional and human rights law.

## INSIGHTS

### **Jacek Chlebny**

#### **Supreme Administrative Court of the Republic of Poland**

President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Poland (NSA) and Professor of Law at the University of Łódź. A judge of the Supreme Administrative Court since 1994, he previously served as President of the Voivodeship Administrative Courts in Łódź and Warsaw, and as Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court. His academic work focuses on administrative law, judicial review of administration, migration law, and the protection of foreigners' rights. He is the author of numerous publications and has been actively involved in European and international judicial networks, including ACA-Europe and the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges.

### **Aleksandra Mężykowska**

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland**

Principal Adviser in International Law of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Associate Professor at the Department of Constitutional Law and European Research at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She has 15 years of experience as Co-Agent for Poland before the European Court of Human Rights. Aleksandra is also a member of the Board of the Register of Damage for Ukraine (RD4U). In her academic research, she specializes in international human rights protection systems, including the system established by the European Convention on Human Rights.

## PANEL 2

### **Klaudiusz Ryngielewicz**

#### **European Court of Human Rights**

Deputy to the Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights and Director of Filtering and Support Services. A French-Polish lawyer at the Court since 1996, he has held a number of positions within the Registry, including Senior Legal Adviser responsible for establishing the Court's filtering mechanism following the entry into force of Protocol No. 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights. He has also led teams responsible for applications against Russia and the Court's innovation laboratory on working methods. His current responsibilities include application filtering, conflict-related cases, migration and environmental coordination, IT development, and interim measures.

### **João Miguel Fernandes**

#### **Court of Justice of the European Union**

Director for Information Technologies at the Court of Justice of the European Union since January 2023. He holds a Master of Engineering by Research, specializing in algorithmic efficiency, and a Master of Laws in Data Protection and Cybersecurity Law, with a focus on the joint controllership of operational data processed in public administration. Since 2023, he has chaired the EU Institutions' Emerging Technologies Committee, leading interinstitutional collaboration on artificial intelligence. Prior to joining the Court, he served for ten years as Head of IT at the European Union Agency for Asylum, overseeing the agency's IT services, including during the 2015-2016 migration crisis. Earlier in his career, he worked as a systems engineer in the Portuguese private sector and as an IT specialist in the Portuguese Navy.

### **Magdalena Matusiak-Frącczak**

#### **University of Łódź**

Barrister, habilitated doctor, Professor at the University of Łódź, member of the Łódź Bar Council and President of its Legislation, Rule of Law and Human Rights Committee. Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Supreme Bar Council, Visiting Professor of the Chandigarh University (India).

### **Jan Spoenle**

#### **Ministry of Justice and Migration of Baden-Württemberg**

Head of the Set-up Team for the Justice Cloud Unit and a Judge at the Higher Regional Court of Stuttgart. He has extensive experience in the digital transformation of the judiciary, including the implementation of electronic court files, judicial IT modernization, and digital court proceedings. He co-developed the AI tool OLGA to support the handling of mass litigation and currently leads the German Justice Cloud Development Unit, responsible for building a nationwide cloud infrastructure for judicial IT. He is also a member of the CEPEJ Working Group on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence within the Council of Europe.

## **PANEL 3**

### **Paweł Wierdak**

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland**

Career diplomat with academic background in international law and extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy. He serves as Head of the Legal and Treaty Department of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Agent of the Government of Poland before the European Court of Human Rights. Before that, he served as chief advisor to the Undersecretary of State for consular, legal and diaspora affairs in Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 2017 and 2024, he worked for the Council of Europe as the head of the CoE Office in Warsaw. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, he also worked as Deputy Director for political affairs in the United Nations Department and served as a political coordinator at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations in New York .

### **Michał Balcerzak**

#### **Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń and University of Szczecin**

Associate Professor and Director of the Institute of International Relations at the Faculty of Political and Security Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Szczecin. He has been a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) since 2022, holding the position of Vice-Chair from 2022 to 2024 and as Chair from 2024 to 2026. From 2022 to 2024, he was also a member of the Conciliation Commission established in the inter-State procedure *Palestine v. Israel* under Article 11 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. He was as an ad hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights from 2018 to 2022 and participated in the work of numerous expert bodies within the Council of Europe dealing with human rights issues. His research and professional expertise focus on public international law and international human rights law. He authored over a hundred publications in this fields.

### **Sara Maffei**

#### **Tribunal of Livorno, Italy**

A first-instance judge at the Court of Livorno, Italy, she is also responsible for judicial training within the Court of Appeal of Florence. She has extensive experience in European Union law, judicial cooperation and training. She has participated in numerous conferences across Europe on artificial intelligence and the justice system and has worked closely with the European Judicial Training Network. She is a member of the Gaius Network and possesses significant expertise in AI and legal technologies. She is the author of publications in the fields of civil law and the use of artificial intelligence in the justice system.

### **Alicja Sikora-Kalėda**

#### **Court of Justice of the European Union**

EU law scholar and practitioner specialising in EU constitutional law. She is a habilitated doctor, Senior Lecturer at the Jagiellonian University, an Associated Researcher at UCLouvain Saint-Louis University, and a member of the Kraków Bar. Previously, she served as a Legal Secretary (*réfėrendaire*) at the Court of Justice of the European Union and as a Legal Adviser to the Council of the European Union and the European Council. Her research focuses on EU constitutionalism, environmental protection, and the relationship between human and non-human dimensions of rights within the EU legal order. Since 2025, she has served as Head of Unit in the Research and Documentation Directorate of the Court of Justice of the European Union and, since 2026, as a member of the Cabinet of the President of the Court.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

### **Michael O'Flaherty**

#### **Council of Europe**

Fifth Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe. An Irish human rights lawyer, Commissioner O'Flaherty has served as the Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (2015-2023), as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2004-2012), as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (2011-2013), and in various posts at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, notably in setting up operations in conflict-affected countries such as Sierra Leone and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Commissioner O'Flaherty has held professorships of human rights at the Universities of Nottingham (U.K.) and Galway (Ireland), where he has also led their Human Rights Centres. He is currently Adjunct (Honorary) Full Professor at the University of Maynooth and at University College Dublin. He has published widely in the field of human rights.