

26 - 27 MAY 2026

University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

Amphitheater HUVELIN,

15 quai Claude Bernard, Lyon 7e

conference

**ANALYSIS OF
ILLIBERAL REGIMES.
DECIPHERING
DEMOCRATIC
DECONSOLIDATION.**

TUESDAY 26, MAY

14h00 – 14h15 **OPENING**

14h15 – 14h45 **INTRODUCTION**

Marie-Laure Basilien-Gainche, Professor of Law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Senior member of the Institut Universitaire de France

14h45 – 16h15 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Europe in the Upside Down: The Parasitic Architecture of Democratic Backsliding in the European Union

Dan Kelemen, Professor of Law, Georgetown University

16h15 – 16h45 **PAUSE**

16h45 – 18h15 **PANEL 1**

Illiberal regimes accessing to institutions: Observations and modelisation

Chair: **Carolina Simoncini**, Assistant Professor in Italian studies, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

The Autocratization Plateau? The New Phase of Democratic Decline

Luca Tomini, Professor of political science, Université libre de Bruxelles

From Normalisation to Transnational Coordination: How the Far Right Undermines Liberal Democracy

Léonie de Jonge, Professor of Research on Far-Right Extremism (Political Actors & Ideologies), Institute for Research on Far-Right Extremism (IRex), University of Tübingen

Resisting Mirror Propaganda: Militant democracies, Authoritarian Regimes and the Fight Against “Disinformation”

Thomas Hochmann, Professor of law, Université Paris Nanterre

19h **DINER**

WEDNESDAY 27, MAY

9h00 – 10h30 **PANEL 2**

Illiberal regimes dismantling the rule of law (1): The balance of powers

Chair: **Mathilde Philip**, Professor of law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Head of the Lyon Chair for Human and Environmental Rights

The Slow Design of Supremacy. Constitutional Hardball and the Shifting Legitimacy of Executive Power

Julien Jeanneney, Professor of law, University of Strasbourg, Member of the Institut Universitaire de France

Ruling by Cheating: Compliance Theatre and Illiberal Defiance in Contemporary Constitutional Orders - **Petra Bard**, Professor of law, Radboud University & Central Europe University

Autocratic capture of the judiciary: the approaches by the Strasbourg and Luxembourg Courts and the challenge of navigating the tension between purism and faits accomplis
John Morijn, Professor of law, University of Groningen

10h30 - 11h00 PAUSE

11h00 - 12h30 PANEL 3

Illiberal regimes dismantling the rule of law (2): The human rights protection

Chair : **Pierre-François Laval**, Professor of law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

Academic Freedom Under Illiberal Pressure in Europe

Kirsten Roberts Lyer, Professor of law, Central Europe University

Putting Fuel to the Fire: Human Rights Violations and the Aggregation of Autocratic Power

Juliet Stumpf, Edmund O. Belsheim Professor of Law, Lewis and Clark Law School

The illiberal continuum: discourses delegitimising human rights

Jean-Yves Pranchère, Professor of philosophy, Université Libre de Bruxelles

12h30 - 14h30 LUNCH

14h30 - 16h00 PANEL 4

Resisting and restoring the rule of law: Hurdles and ways through

Chair: **Gaëlle Marti**, Professor of law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

Restoring the rule of law post backsliding in a European Context

Laurent Pech, Professor of Law, University College Dublin

Can the rule of law be restored in the United States?

Anne Deysine, Emeritus professor of law, University Paris Nanterre

Montesquieu in Silicon Valley. The balance of technological power

Olivier Alexandre, Executive director of the Centre Internet et Société, CNRS

16h00 - 16h30 CONCLUSIONS

Justine Lacroix, Professor of political theory, Université Libre de Bruxelles

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

<https://www.billetweb.fr/analysis-of-illiberal-regimes-deciphering-democratic-deconsolidation>

