

The EU's Rule of Law Framework and National Court Reforms: A Legitimate Concern?

Joint Symposium of the Dutch Association for European Law (NVER) and the Dutch Association of Constitutional Law (Staatsrechtkring)

Friday, 13 April 2018 | Leiden University

Kamerlingh Onnes Building ([route](#)) | Steenschuur 25 | Leiden

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PROGRAMME

13.30 Welcome and coffee

14.00 **Opening remarks** (Lorentz Hall)

Rick Lawson (chair), Professor of European Law (Leiden University)

Corinna Wissels, NVER chair and State Councillor at the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Dutch Council of State

14.15 **Session I: The Rule of Law in Poland**

Stanislaw Biernat, Professor of European Law (Jagiellonian University, Cracow) and former Vice-President of the Polish Constitutional Court

Geert Corstens, former President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands

14.55 Discussion

15.10 **Session II: The EU's Rule of Law Framework – History, Experiences, Expectations**

Leonard Besselink, Professor of Constitutional Law (University of Amsterdam)

Sophie In 't Veld, Member of the European Parliament (D66/ALDE)

15.40 Discussion

15.55 Coffee and Tea Break

16.15 **Session III: Selecting National Judges in the EU Member States – Observations and Developments**

Paul Bovend'Eert, Professor of Constitutional Law (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Tamara Trotman, Chair of the Dutch Foundation 'Judges for Judges' and Justice in the Court of Appeal of The Hague

16.45 Discussion

17.00 Closing remarks by **Rick Lawson** (Leiden University)

17.10 Drinks