

Time: 15 – 16 May 2025

Location: Riga, University of Latvia, Raina blv. 19

## Programme

Thursday, May 15 2025

- 9.00 – 09.30 **Registration**
- 09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome addresses**
- Introductory section:** **Presumption of innocence: historical origins, rationale, legal content and recent developments**
- 10.00 – 11.10 **The Relevance of the Presumption of Innocence in Contemporary Criminal Proceedings - Whether, Why and What to Focus on - Introductory Reflections for the Conference**  
Kristīne Strada-Rozenberga, University of Latvia, Latvia
- The presumption of innocence - constitutive element of democracy and rule of law**  
Stefan Braum, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- Presumption of innocence, moral realism and modern law; how to handle the crowbar?**  
Paul de Hert, Vrij Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- 11.10 – 11.30 *Coffee Break*
- Session 1:** **Scope and limitation of the Presumption of Innocence**  
*Chair: Rosaria Sicurella, University of Catania, Italy*
- 11.30 – 12.45 **Presumption of innocence in the case law of the EctHR and ECJ: minimum common European standard**  
Ineta Ziemele, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union; Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia
- Formal and informal or de facto limitations on the presumption of innocence: A Comparative and European Perspective**  
Gerard Conway, Brunel University of London, United Kingdom
- Directive 2016/343: Presumption of Innocence the European Union Way**  
Adam Łazowski, University of Westminster, United Kingdom; College of Europe (Natolin), Poland
- Discussion*
- 12.45 – 13.45 *Lunch Break*

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- Session 2:** **Allocation of the burden of proof and standard of proof in the context of the presumption of innocence**  
*Chair: Anne Weyembergh, ULB-Institute for European Studies, Belgium*
- 13.45 – 15.00 **Standards of proof and their relationship to the presumption of innocence**  
Katja Šugman-Stubbs, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- The presumption of innocence in EU law. Challenges and Opportunities**  
Leandro Mancano, Edinburgh Law School, United Kingdom
- Developments on the burden of proof and standard of proof in case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Supreme Court of Latvia**  
Oskars Kulmanis, University of Latvia, Latvia
- Discussion*
- 15.00 – 15.20 *Coffee Break*
- Session 3:** **Challenges related to the presumption of innocence in the prosecution of legal persons and in simplified forms of criminal procedure, including out-of-court solutions**  
*Chair: Araceli Turmo, Nantes University, France*
- 15.20 – 16.35 **Diversion and the presumption of innocence**  
Robert Kert, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
- Simplified forms of criminal procedure. Presumption of innocence. The Romanian experience**  
Mihail Udriou, University of Oradea, Romania
- The presumption of innocence for legal persons: an illusory or genuine procedural guarantee?**  
Violeta Zeppa-Priedīte, Attorney-at-law at Sorainen Law Office, Latvia
- Discussion*
- 16.35 – 16.55 *Coffee Break*

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**Session 4: Pre-trial publicity and premature statements by the court or other public officials about the guilt of a defendant in the context of the presumption of innocence**

*Chair: Gintaras Švedas, Vilnius University, Lithuania*

16.55 – 18.10 **Premature statements on defendant guilt: the view from Strasbourg**  
Artūrs Kučs, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights; University of Latvia, Latvia

**Limits of Secret Investigations in Democracy: Defence and Victims' Rights, Public Interest, and the Risk of Political Abuse**  
Zlata Đurđević, University of Zagreb, Croatia

**Presumption of innocence and the public officials as watchdogs**  
Henning Fuglsang Sørensen, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark

*Discussion*

18.10 *Reception*

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**Session 5: Confiscation of criminal assets in the light of the presumption of innocence I**  
*Chair: Thomas Wahl, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Germany*

09.00 – 10.15 **Going After the Money. Towards a Criminal Law without Limits?**  
Valsamis Mitsilegas, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom

**“Criminal conduct” doesn’t pay! – The new responses to illicit/unjustified enrichment under EU criminal law**  
Pedro Caeiro, University of Coimbra, Portugal

**Non-conviction-based confiscation in EU law and the presumption of innocence**  
Katalin Ligeti, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg

*Discussion*

10.15 – 10.35 *Coffee Break*

**Session 6: Confiscation of criminal assets in the light of the presumption of innocence II**  
*Chair: Julia Burchett, ULB-Institute for European Studies, Belgium*

10.35 – 11.50 **Presumption of innocence and extended confiscation. An eternal debate**  
Daniel Nițu, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

**The Standard of Proof in the Application of Non-Conviction Based Confiscation**  
Raimundas Jurka, co-authors: Rima Ažubalytė, Jolanta Zajančauskienė, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania

**Presumption of innocence and international confiscation of assets located in Switzerland**  
Maria Ludwiczak Glassey, University of Geneva, Switzerland

**Dealing with the Proceeds of Crime and the Presumption of Innocence - Recent Issues in the Case Law of the Latvian Courts**  
Jānis Rozenbergs, University of Latvia, Latvia

*Discussion*

11.50 – 12.10 *Coffee Break*

**Concluding remarks, closing of the conference**