

PRESENTATION RULE OF LAW AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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In its role as an upholder of the Rule of Law, the independence of the judiciary is of critical importance. A weak or influenced judiciary, however, can undermine the integrity of the legal system and in the process shake people's confidence in the Rule of Law. A growing danger in the form of democratic regression and authoritarianism, though, threatens the independence of the European judiciary. Ingrīda Labucka's presentation shows examples from Poland, Israel, and Russia and explains what should be done to protect our democratic values.



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