

Symposium Program

**“The Role of the EU and the Law in Times of Crisis”**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at the Small Hall of the University of Latvia  
Raina Bulv. 19, Riga, Latvia

15:30 – 16:00

Opening remarks:

- **Ieva Pranka** - Baltic-German University Liaison Office
- **Prof. Dr. Indriķis Muižnieks** –University of Latvia
- **David Bartels** - Embassy of Germany in Riga
- **Susanne Otte** - German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

16:00 – 17:30

Session:

- Guest lecture **“The EU and the Rule of Law in Times of Crisis”** by **Prof. Dr. Christoph Schewe** (University of Applied Sciences in Kiel-Altenholz/Reinfeld)
- Presentation **“The Role of the Judicial Council as a Guarantee of Judicial Independence: Lithuanian Experience”** by **Prof. Dr. Toma Birmontienė** (Mykolas Roeris University)
- Presentation **“Rule of Law and Judicial Independence”** by **Ingrīda Labucka** (European Policy Research Institute)
- Presentation **“European Digital Sovereignty as a Challenge to European Private Law”** by **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thomas Hoffmann** (Tallinn University of Technology)

17:30 – 17:45

Break

17:45

Panel discussion and informal part of the event

Working language: **English**

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