

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 <i>Chair: Rosaria Sicurella, University of Catania, Italy</i>
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 <i>Chair: Anne Weyembergh, ULB-Institute for European Studies, Belgium</i> 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 <i>Chair: Araceli Turmo, Nantes University, France</i> 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 Udroi, 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