**Democracy & the Rule of Law Conference (Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC Keynote)**

Sat 18 November 2017, 09:00 – 18:00 GMT

**LOCATION**

Room 358, University of Westminster

309 Regents Street

London

United Kingdom

**DESCRIPTION**

This conference brings together academics and practitioners from all over the world and tackles some of the many topical issues that seem jeopardised by legal and political developments both at the national and international levels. It focuses on the relationship between the rule of law and democracy, and identifies some of the challenges that both face in light of recent and ongoing developments in the US, Europe, and Asia.

The panels begin with a generalist, theoretical approach before moving onto the intergovernmental and national levels. Finally, perhaps the greatest modern day challenge is tackled: the balance between mass security and personal rights, seen through the lens of the dichotomy of fighting terrorism and maintaining the rule of law.

The conference does not, however, simply invite audience members to sit and listen. Rather, the Concluding Roundtable Discussion will invite members of the audience and panellists together to assess the research presented, discuss ongoing and future challenges of the relationship between the rule of law and democracy, and provide ideas as to how these can be overcome. It will be an interactive session with the aim of robust dialogue, rebuttal, and analysis, leading to proposals as to the future of the rule of law and democracy in light of the day's panel presentations and the current context in which they have been delivered.

**CPD Information**  
This conference is worth the equivalent of 8 CPD hours, which can be claimed through a relevant scheme provider.

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 9:15 *Welcome and Keynote Introduction*** *Dr. Sherif A. Elgebeily* (Director, CSIPS)

**9:15 – 10:15 Keynote Address:  *Is the Rule of Law a Universal Concept?***  
*Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC (Hon)*, Blackstone Chambers

10:15 – 10:25 Break

**10:25 – 11:45 Session 1: Theories and Views of the Rule of Law  
Chair: Dr. Ian Turner (Lancashire Law School, UK)**

*1. Should there be a ‘Rule of International Law’?*  
Mr. Luigi Lonardo and Mr. Arthur Langellier (King’s College London, UK)

*2. Law, Democracy and Creative Cultural Resistance. What is Heavy Metal Screaming about?*Ms. Pavla Samoylova (University of Giessen, Germany) (via Skype)

*3. Democracy, Marginal Communities and Police Harassment. Is the Rule of Law Capable of Guaranteeing the Rights of Beggars Against the Will of the Majority?*Dr. Giacomo Pailli (University of Florence)

*4. Parliamentary Accountability in Line with the Rule of Law*  
Mr. G. Preetham Sameer (Christ University, India)

**11:45 – 11:55 Break**

**11:55 – 13:00 Session 2: The EU and the Rule of Law  
Chair: Dr. Giulia Aravantinou Leonidi (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)**

*5. UN and EU future role in rule of law with a focus on UNMIK and EULEX rules and regulations as related to Serbia and Kosovo*Mr. Attila Nagy (International Business College, Serbia)

*6. Different Antagonisms to Create Subjects Of Law And Democracy: A Comparison Between Turkey and EUMs*  
Ms. Tugba Yuruk (Ankara University, Turkey)

*7. The Principle Of Legality in the EU’s Economic Crisis Management & People’s Response to State Penetration*Ms. Despoina Kotsi (Practicing Lawyer, Greece)

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:20 Session 3: Country Case Studies  
Chair: Professor Giovanna de Minico (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)**

8. *Separation of Powers as a Tool to Enforce Rule of Law in a Democratic Regime: The Case of Nigeria*Ms. Adejoke Adediran (Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Nigeria)

*9. Constitutional reform and the Rule of Law in Greece: Defending Democracy in Times of Crisis*Dr. Giulia Aravantinou Leonidi (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

10. *The Rule of Law, or the Revolution of Law? Hong Kong, Macau and Democracy Revisited*Mr. Miroslaw M. Sadowski (University of Wroclaw, Poland)

11. *Religion in American Democracy*Ms. Mariya Ilyas (Tufts Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, USA)

**15:20 – 15:30 Break**

**15:30 – 16:50 Session 4: The Fight Against Terrorism and the Rule of Law  
Chair: Dr. Sen Dervish (CSIPS Research Fellow)**

12. *Are the Rule of Law and Democracy Threatened in Time of Ordinary Terrorism?*Professor Giovanna de Minico (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)

13. *Theorising Counter-Terrorism post ISIL: a Reassessment of Democracy and the Rule of Law*Dr. Ian Turner (Lancashire Law School, UK)

14. *The Combatant Activities Exception and the Rule of Law*Mr. Haim Abraham (University of Toronto, Canada)

**16:50 – 17:00 Break**

**17:00 – 18:00 Session 5: Concluding Roundtable Discussion***The Concluding Roundtable Discussion will invite members of the audience and panellists together to assess the research presented, discuss ongoing and future challenges of the relationship between the rule of law and democracy, and provide ideas as to how these can be overcome. It will be an interactive session with the aim of robust dialogue, rebuttal, and analysis, leading to proposals as to the future of the rule of law and democracy in light of the day's panel presentations and the current context in which they have been delivered.*