

ACADEMIC FREEDOM  
CONCEPTUALISATION, CONTESTATIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

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9-10 February 2023, Novotel Budapest Danube

DAY 1

Thursday 9 February 2023

13:45 Opening remarks

Balázs Majtényi (ELTE University)/Gábor Zoltán Szűcs (ELTE University)

14:00-15:30 **Panel One: Academic Freedom and the Liberal Script**

Chair: Kriszta Kovács (WZB Berlin Social Science Center, ELTE University)

What is the Point of Academic Freedom?

Mattias Kumm (WZB Berlin Social Science Center, New York University)

Academic Freedom: Regional, Liberal, Global?

Tanja Börzel (Freie Universität Berlin)

Discussants: Anna Unger (ELTE University), Gábor Attila Tóth (Humboldt Fellow,  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

15:30-15:50 Coffee break

15:50-17.20 **Panel Two: Academic Freedom Over Time and Space**

Chair: Mattias Kumm

How Norm-entrepreneurs at the United Nations Made Free Science a Human Right?

Katrin Kinzelbach (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)

The Constitutional Codification of Academic Freedom Over Time and Space

Janika Spannagel (Freie Universität Berlin)

Discussants: Ágnes Kövér (ELTE University), Balázs Majtényi

DAY 2

Friday 10 February 2023

9:30-11:00 **Panel Three: Academic Freedom at the Regional Level 1**

Chair: Katrin Kinzelbach

Returning to China: Academic Freedom in Hong Kong  
Hualing Fu (University of Hong Kong)

Academic Freedom as a Legal Concept in Europe  
Kriszta Kovács

Discussant: Lilla Farkas (ELTE University), Tamás Ziegler (ELTE University)

11:00-11:20 Coffee break

11.20-12:50 **Panel Four: Academic Freedom at the Regional Level 2**

Chair: Tanja Börzel

Constitution-making, Democratisation and Links with Academic Freedom in Africa  
Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua (University of Ghana)

The Latin American Tradition of University Autonomy and Its Evolution in the  
Constitutional Law of Chile  
Andrés Bernasconi (Pontifical Catholic University of Chile)

Discussants: Orsolya Salát (ELTE University), Katrin Kinzelbach

12:50-13:50 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **Panel Five: Contestations of Academic Freedom**

Chair: Janika Spannagel

Authoritarian Governance of Higher Education in Eastern Europe: Reconstructing a  
European Counter-Culture  
Tamás Ziegler

The Challenge to Academic Freedom in Hungary  
Andrew Ryder (ELTE University)

Discussants: Zsolt Körtvélyesi (ELTE University), Mária Heller (ELTE University)

15:30 **Closing remarks:** Tanja Börzel, Mattias Kumm

The event is open to the public, but the number of participants is restricted. To register, please email by 31 January 2023 to [hilde.otschowski@wzb.eu](mailto:hilde.otschowski@wzb.eu).