

European Law Summer School

Paris, 8 - 11 September 2026

European Law in an Illiberal Era

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Le droit européen à l'ère illibérale

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Europe is increasingly confronted with the resurgence of illiberal ideas. Isolated on the international stage and weakened from within, the European project stands at a critical turning point in its history. How does this existential challenge manifest itself in EU institutions, laws and policies? How is European legal discourse responding to the illiberal threat?

The Summer Academy seeks to explore key themes of European law in the illiberal era, including the EU's external relations, migration, freedom of expression, the governance of the digital sphere, as well as minority rights and their relationship to democracy.

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Fee for non Assas students : 150 euros

Fee for professionals : 300 euros

Programme

Tuesday 8 September (afternoon)

Welcome address

Anastasia Iliopoulou-Penot and Edouard Dubout, Paris Panthéon-Assas University

Opening Keynote

The Question of Union Competences in the Anti-liberal Era
Michael Dougan, Liverpool Law School

Cocktail Reception (Appartement Decanal)

Wednesday 9 September- Workshops & Visit

The Rule of Law in the EU External Action
Christophe Hillion, University of Oslo

Démocratie militante et lutte contre la désinformation
Thomas Hochmann, Paris-Nanterre University

Liberalism inside, illiberalism outside ? EU migration policies and agreements with non-democratic third-States
Thibaut Fleury-Graff, Paris Panthéon-Assas University

Visit of the European Space Agency

Thursday 10 September- Workshops & Book Presentation

Why the Enforcement of EU Digital Rules Matters for Liberal Democracy
Anastasia Iliopoulou-Penot, Paris Panthéon-Assas University

LGBTQI+ Rights in EU Law
Luke Dimitri Spieker, Humboldt University of Berlin & MPIL

Des droits illibéraux ? La grande inversion
Edouard Dubout, Paris Panthéon-Assas University

Book Presentation

The Dark Enlightenment / Les Lumières sombres (Arnaud Miranda, ScPo Paris)
Discussant : Idris Fassassi, Paris Panthéon-Assas University

Friday 11 September

Value-based Infringement Procedures
Jonathan Tomkin, Legal Service of the European Commission

Closing Keynote

"Siamo tutti antifascisti" : qu'est-ce qu'être fasciste ? Une lecture italienne de Gramsci à Scudato
Francesco Martucci, Paris Panthéon-Assas University