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# Discussion with the Former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Poland

## Decline and Recovery of Rule of Law

### Opening Remarks:

**Dr. Bernd Scheiff**

*President of the Oberlandesgericht Köln*

### Keynote by Prof. Dr. Adam Bodnar:

Rule of Law Recovery in Poland:  
Between Treading on Legal  
Minefields and Democratic Populism

### Panel Discussion:

Rule of Law in Europe – Endangered Heritage?

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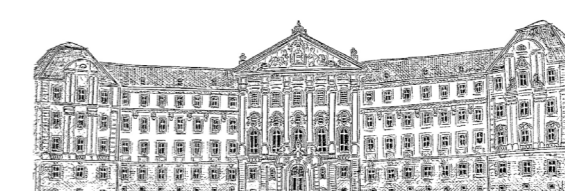
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