

Convenors: Anna-Bettina Kaiser, Jan-Werner Müller, Kim Lane Scheppele, Silvia von Steinsdorff

Humboldt-Princeton Strategic Partnership

Workshop on Separations of Powers and Judicial Independence

Humboldt University Berlin, 06/27/25 - 06/28/25

Room E 25, Law Faculty, Unter den Linden 9

<u>Friday, 09/27/25</u>	
09.00-09.15	Arrival and Welcome
09.15-11.15	<p>Panel 1: Institutional Abuse Chair: Anna-Bettina Kaiser</p> <p><i>Kim Lane Scheppele</i>, Trump's Counter-Constitution</p> <p><i>Mattias Kumm</i>, Between legalist authoritarianism and dictatorship: Understanding contemporary challenges relating to the scope of executive power in the US</p> <p><i>Maximilian Steinbeis</i>, Institutional Abuse and the Authoritarian-Populist Strategy</p> <p><i>Marie Gren</i>, Depoliticizing the power of appointment, a Sri Lankan antidote to hyperpresidentialism in France?</p>
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.30	<p>Panel 2: Courts I Chair: Silvia von Steinsdorff</p> <p><i>Pauline Endres de Oliveira</i>, Judging against time: Temporal asymmetries and the separation of powers in migration law</p> <p><i>Matthias Ruffert</i>, EU Law at Its Borders</p> <p><i>Simon Vöhringer</i>, Strategic Litigation within Representative Democracy: Rethinking Courts as Sites of Political Representation</p>
13.30-14.30	Lunch break (Catering on-site)
14.30-16.30	<p>Panel 3: Courts II Chair: Jan-Werner Müller</p> <p><i>Clara Maier</i>, Judicial Independence and the Challenge of Democracy: Legal theory and the Weimar Republic</p> <p><i>Vicki C. Jackson</i>, No "magic": of independent courts and knowledge institutions</p>



	<i>Samira Akbarian</i> , To whom or what are judges accountable? Reflections on taking the oath
16.30-16.45	Coffee break
16.45-18.45	<p>Panel 4: Courts III <i>Chair: Kim Lane Scheppele</i></p> <p><i>Petra Bard</i>, From Backsliding to Rebuilding: The Potential and Limits of Judicial Power in Enabling Frontsliding</p> <p><i>Uwe Volkmann</i>, Bulwark for or Threat to Democracy? Constitutional Courts in Times of Polarization</p> <p><i>Russell Miller</i>, Generation Court Reform: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly?</p>
19:00	Dinner at Brasserie, Taubenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin

<u>Saturday, 06/28/25</u>	
9.00-9.15	Arrival and coffee
9.15-11:15	<p>Panel 4: On Fourth Branch Institutions and Beyond <i>Chair: Anna-Bettina Kaiser</i></p> <p><i>Tine Stein</i>, Ambition must be made to counteract corruption. On the citizenry as a fourth power</p> <p><i>Andrej Lang</i>, Role and Limits of Fourth Branch Institutions in Militant Democracy</p> <p><i>Andrew Hahm</i>, On the normative problem of interest group lobbying as informational subsidy</p>
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.30	<p>Panel 5: The Administrative State & Conclusion <i>Chair: Jan-Werner Müller</i></p> <p><i>Helen Lee</i>, Bureaucratic Disobedience Between Conscience and Compliance: A Case for the Bureaucrat's Structured Judgment from within the Administrative State</p> <p><i>Matthias Roßbach</i>, American Civil Service and Democracy</p>
12.30-13.30	Lunch (Catering on-site) plus coffee
13.30-14.30	<p><i>Discussion on panel 5</i> <i>Johannes Masing</i>, Conclusion & Prospects Final discussion</p>