

Judiciary in Peril in Ukraine

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OVERVIEW

The next session of our Spotlight Webinar Series on “Judiciaries in Peril in Central & Eastern Europe” will focus on Ukraine. This series is a project of the CEELI Institute’s ongoing Central and East European Judicial Exchange Network. The series brings judges together and civil society to shine a light on pressing issues challenging judiciaries which deserve broad public attention. Previous episodes have focused on Bulgaria, Poland, Montenegro and Romania.

The series addresses the following themes: How is the judiciary in peril and how is it being undermined? What are the underlying circumstances? What constitutes a threat to judicial independence? What are the trends? Are there any solutions or remedies?

SPOTLIGHT #5

Thursday
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(75 minutes)

Presentations
followed by a Q&A

TOPIC:

Judiciary
in Peril: Ukraine
Case Study

In this fifth webinar session, we will shine a spotlight on the judiciary in Ukraine. The conversation will be led by Mykhailo Zhernakov, Head of Board, DEJURE Foundation, Judge Markiyan Halabala from the High Anti-Corruption Court, and Yevheniia Motorevska, Journalist and Producer Slidstvo.Info.

The Spotlight series will be held via Zoom and available in English and Ukrainian.

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Following the ‘Revolution of Dignity’ of 2013-2014, Ukraine embarked on a series of judicial reforms. A completely new Supreme Court was created, and a process of widespread judicial evaluation and reform commenced. However, Ukraine’s judiciary remains today one of the least trusted public institutions in the country. At the same time, however, some of the newly established institutions, such as the High Anticorruption Court, demonstrated a deep desire for change and show that real judicial transformation in Ukraine is possible. What has Ukraine achieved in the last 7 years of reforms and what is the key to real judicial independence in the country? What are the challenges and perils being faced by the judiciary, from both external and internal forces? What does the future hold for Ukrainian judges and the justice system?

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The CEELI Institute Judicial Network, which has been going since 2012, is comprised of some of the best and brightest rising judges from eighteen countries in the region who gather regularly to share best practices on issues of judicial independence, integrity, accountability, and court management. As international in-person meetings are likely to be limited for some time to come, the Spotlight Series ensures that the Network can continue to meet its mandate to improve judicial integrity and court efficiency in Central and Eastern Europe, despite the global lockdowns resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.