LEGAL ARGUMENTATION OF COURTS: PERSUADING, JUSTIFYING OR ELSE?

19 March 2026, 11:00-13:00

Law Space (Vilnius University Law Faculty)

English

10:30 – 11:00	**Registration**
11:00 – 11:10	**Welcome speech by the Dean** / Vice-dean of the Law Faculty
11:10 – 11:30	**Judicial Opinion Writing in the U.S.: Who is the Real Audience?** Charles Szypszak (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Government)
11:30 – 11:50	**Culture and Consensus: Decision Making in Tribal Courts** Grant Christensen (University of Alabama School of Law)
11:50 – 12:10	**Metaphor in Legal Discourse** Inesa Šeškauskienė (Vilnius University Faculty of Philology)
12:10 – 12:25	**Judicial Precedent as a Lighthouse in Continental Europe** Johanas Baltrimas (Vilnius University Law Faculty)
12:25 – 12:40	**Are Courts in Central and Eastern Europe Too Formalistic?** Donatas Murauskas (Vilnius University Law Faculty)
12:40 – 13:00	**Discussion and closing remarks**

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