



Invited
Lecturer

How to Return from a Hybrid Regime into a Constitutional Democracy?

Hypothetical Constitutional Scenarios for Hungary and a Few Potential Lessons for Poland

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The Buchmann Faculty of Law (via Zoom)



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Since 2010, the rule of law and democracy have been continuously eroding in Hungary. The lecture deals with the hypothetical situation that the united opposition achieves simple majority during the next general elections, but they do not receive enough votes to achieve a two-thirds constitution-amending majority in the Hungarian Parliament. The question would then be, how they could deal with the new situation (for instance, via a revolution in a legal sense?), as most of the supposedly independent institutions (such as the Constitutional Court, the prosecutorial services etc.) are and will be in fact captured institutions protected by two-thirds majority rules, and there would be a danger that they would act as a deep state of the ancien régime countering the new government. Also certain constitutional provisions and qualified majority (cardinal) statutes would need to be amended, as they express one-sidedly the political rhetoric and policy preferences of the current government. The lecture discusses constitutional, political science, sociological and ethical issues of this hypothetical Hungarian transition process.

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