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“Fundamental Rights in Hungary and the European Values”

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The presentation deals with recent deviations from the shared European values of fundamental rights in Hungary. The starting point of deviation is Article 2 TEU, which demands “respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law and [...] human rights including the rights of minorities”, many of which are violated by Hungary as Member State of both the Council of Europe and the European Union. The presentation investigates these violations through various judgments of European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice, as well as through infringement actions against Hungary regarding fundamental rights since 2010. The presentation investigates the impact of those tools of European institutions in order to be able to assess the effectiveness of European institutions to enforce compliance with core European values regarding fundamental rights.



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