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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**in co-operation with**  
**THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF LITHUANIA**



**PROGRAMME**

**THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2005**

8.30 Registration of participants

9.00–9.30 **Opening of the Conference:**

Welcoming speech by **Mr. Egidijus Kūris**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

Opening speech by **Mr. Gianni Buquicchio**, Secretary of the Venice Commission

Address by **Mr. Artūras Paulauskas**, President of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

*Chairs: Ms Toma Birmontienė, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania) and Mr. Artur Mauricio, President of the Constitutional Court of the Portuguese Republic*

**Reports**

9.30–9.50 THE RELATION BETWEEN LAW AND FACTS IN CASE-LAW, AND THE LIMITS OF INVESTIGATION OF LAW AND FACTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

**Prof. Anthony Bradley**, Professor Emeritus, Edinburgh University (United Kingdom), Substitute Member of the Venice Commission

9.50–10.10 WHEN INVESTIGATION OF LAW IS INTERTWINED WITH INVESTIGATION OF FACTS: LIMITS OF INVESTIGATION OF PETITIONS IN CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

**Mr. Egidijus Kūris**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

10.10–10.30 LAW AND FACTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW AS PERFORMED BY COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

**Prof. Eivind Smith**, University of Oslo, Norway

10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*

**Reports**

11.00–11.20 INVESTIGATION OF FACTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL CASES WHEN CONDUCTING ABSTRACT REVIEW OF LEGAL ACTS

**Mr. Marek Safjan**, President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland

11.20–11.40 VERIFICATION OF THE VALIDITY OF LAW MAKING PROCEDURES

**Mr. Stasys Stačiokas**, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

11.40–12.00 DETERMINATION AND INVESTIGATION OF FACTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL CASES INITIATED BY INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS

**Mr. Arpad Erdei**, Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Hungary

12.00–14.00 *Lunch*

*Chairs: Mr. Stasys Stačiokas, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania and Prof. Anthony Bradley, Edinburgh University, United Kingdom*

### **Continuation of the Conference**

14.00–15.30 **Discussions**

15.30–16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00–17.00 **Continuation of discussions**

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### **FRIDAY, 1 JULY 2005**

*Chairs: Mr. Egidijus Kūris, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania and Mr. Marek Safjan, President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic Poland*

### **Reports**

9.00–9.20 LAW AND FACTS IN CASES PERTAINING TO ELECTORAL COMPLAINTS

**Prof. Richard Ghevontian**, Paule Cezanne University, France

9.20–9.40 LAW AND FACTS IN CASES PERTAINING TO CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES

**Mr. Stanislav Balik**, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

9.40–10.00 LAW AND FACTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL CASES PERTAINING TO IMPEACHMENT OF HIGH OFFICIALS

**Prof. Egidijus Jarašiūnas**, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, former Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

10.00–10.30 **Discussions**

10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00–12.30 **Continuation of discussions**

12.30–13.00 **Concluding remarks by:**

**Mr. Gianni Buquicchio**, Secretary of the Venice Commission

**Mr. Egidijus Kūris**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania