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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF LITHUANIA
AND THE VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON “STANDARDS
OF EUROPE’S CONSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE”**

**Vilnius University, Lithuania,
25 October 2012**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 25 October 2012

9.00–9.30 **Opening of the Conference** (*Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3*)

Welcome speeches:

- **Mr. Romualdas Kęstutis Urbaitis**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mrs. Irena Degutienė**, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mr. Gianni Buquicchio**, President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
- **Rector of Vilnius University**
- **Mr. Andrzej Rzepliński**, President of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland
- **Mr. Anatolii Holovin**, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

1st Working Session

Presentations

- 9.30–9.50 **Assoc. prof. Irena Valikonytė**, “**The Statute of Lithuania — the Constitution of Noblemen of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania**” (Vilnius University, Faculty of History, Department of Ancient and Middle Ages History)
- 9.50–10.10 **Prof. Andrzej Zakrewski**, “**The Statutes of Lithuania in the Polish Scientific Literature**” (Warsaw University, Republic of Poland)
- 10.10–10.30 **Dr. Stanislav Balík**, “**Church Restitutions and their Reflection in the Case Law of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic**” (Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic)

2nd Working Session

Presentations

- 11.00–11.20 **Mr. Myhailo Kolos**, “**The Genesis and the Development of the Ukrainian Constitutionalism (the European Context)**” (Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine)
- 11.20–11.40 **Dr. Aleh Dziarnovich** “**The Lithuanian Statute in the Tradition of the History and Law of Belarus**” (National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Institute of History)
- 11.40–12.00 **Prof. Sergio Bartole**, “**European Constitutional Heritage and National Constitutional Heritage**” (Professor emeritus, University of Trieste, Substitute member of the Venice Commission for Italy)

12.00–12.20 **Prof. Habil. Dr. Mindaugas Maksimaitis, “Formation of Constitutionalism Traditions in Lithuania”** (Mykolas Romeris University, Faculty of Law)

12.20–13.00 **Closing speeches / End of the Conference**

13.00 **Visiting the official opening of the exhibition of historical documents, dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania** (Library of Vilnius University, White Hall)

15.00 Walk to the Presidential Palace (S. Daukanto sq. 3)

15.30–18.00 **Official celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania**
(Presidential Place, White Hall, S. Daukanto sq. 3)

Welcome speeches:

- **H.E. Ms. Dalia Grybauskaitė**, President of the Republic of Lithuania,
- **Mr. Romualdas Kęstutis Urbaitis**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mr. Gunars Kūtris**, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia
- **Prof. Juozas Žilys**, the first President (1993–1999) of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania. Presentation: **“Constitution – the Basis of Stability of Society and the State”**

Concert