



Wojciech Sadurski: "Poland's Constitutional Breakdown" Book Launch and Discussion Event

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

6:30 p.m., Room A 305

(welcome from 6:15 p.m. on with refreshments in front of the room)

Author/Presenter: Wojciech Sadurski

Discussants: Mattias Kumm (WZB Center for Global Constitutionalism), Maximilian Steinbeis (Verfassungsblog) and Kriszta Kovács (WZB Center for Global Constitutionalism)

Wojciech Sadurski, distinguished professor of law at the Universities of Sydney and Warsaw, will present his new book "Poland's Constitutional Breakdown" (OUP 2019) followed by a discussion with Mattias Kumm (WZB Center for Global Constitutionalism), Max Steinbeis (Verfassungsblog) and Kriszta Kovács (WZB Center for Global Constitutionalism).

Since 2015, Poland's populist Law and Justice Party (PiS) has been dismantling the major checks and balances of the Polish state and subordinating the courts, the civil service, and the media to the will of the executive. Political rights have been radically restricted, and the Party has captured the entire state apparatus.

Poland's anti-constitutional breakdown poses three questions that this book sets out to answer: What, exactly, has happened since 2015? Why did it happen? And what are the prospects for a return to liberal democracy? These answers are formulated against a backdrop of current worldwide trends towards populism, authoritarianism, and what is sometimes called 'illiberal democracy'.

The WZB provides for child care during the lecture. If you are interested, please respond by July 11, 2019, indicating the number of children and their ages.

To register, please reply by July 11, 2019, to hilde.ottschofski@wzb.eu