



## INVITATION TO THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- 'JUDGES UNDER PRESSURE' DOCUMENTARY
- PANEL DISCUSSION: JUDICIARY AND RULE OF LAW BACKSLIDING
- NETWORKING OF LEGAL CIRCLES

**When:** Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, from 17.00

**Venue:** Oslo Scene, Rosenkrantz' gate 7 - 3. etasje, Oslo 0159

[Registration](#)

### Problem

Politicians did in the past, do currently, and might in the future, challenge the rule of law and judicial independence and thus put political demands on the judiciary. Courts in different countries face forces calling for illiberal measures and 'reforming' the judiciary. Academia does critically assess the measures by which rulers in different regimes seek to influence judges improperly.

But it is equally important to explore judicial individual and collective reactions to rule of law backsliding. Is there a right, or even a duty of a judge to resist illiberal measures that limit the rule of law standards, including judicial independence, even if framed within positive law? Join us to explore these issues, based on real examples.

### Program

**17.00 - Drinks and buffet throughout the event**

**17.30 - Introduction**

Hans Petter Graver, UiO – Judges Under Stress - the Breaking Point of Judicial Institutions, opening of the Conference  
Łukasz Bojarski, UiO – introduction to the side event and guests – group of 10 Polish 'resisting' judges

**18.00 - Film 'Judges under pressure', 2021, 87",** director Kacper Lisowski, production: Iwona Harris / Lollipop Films (English subtitles).

[Film trailer](#)

**19.30 - Panel discussion:** Role of the judge in the times of Rule of Law backsliding.

Prof. Hans Petter Graver (UiO), Prof. Inger Johanne Sand (UiO), Iver Ørstavik (Rafto Foundation), Polish Judges.

**20.15 - Networking, meeting with Polish judges**

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