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Discussion with the Former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Poland

Decline and Recovery of Rule of Law

Opening Remarks:

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Keynote by Prof. Dr. Adam Bodnar:

Rule of Law Recovery in Poland:
Between Treading on Legal
Minefields and Democratic Populism

Panel Discussion:

Rule of Law in Europe – Endangered Heritage?

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