



Debating the Hungarian Constitution

Roundtable Discussion



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The new Hungarian constitution, the **Fundamental Law of Hungary** that went into force on 1 January 2012 has attracted a great deal of criticism and debate worldwide. Hailed by its proponents as the act that completed the transition to democracy, it was criticized by others as an undertaking that ends constitutional democracy in Hungary by removing checks on the power of the government and putting virtually all power into the hands of the current governing party for the foreseeable future.

The Roundtable Discussion will discuss fundamental issues linked to the Hungarian Constitution inviting key participants and observers of the Hungarian constitution making process:

MEP Jozsef Szajer, Vice-chair of the European People's Party and Chairman of the group that drafted the New Hungarian Constitution,

MEP Zita Gurmai, Vice-Chair of The Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament

Professor Gabor Halmai , Director of the Institute of Political and International Studies (Budapest) and former chief counselor to the President of the Constitutional Court of Hungary

Professor Andras Jakab - András Jakab is Schumpeter Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, editor of the Commentary of the Hungarian Constitution

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