



The Israeli Association for the Study of European
Integration and Bar-Ilan University cordially invite you to a seminar on:
**Hungary & Poland's Illiberal Policies and their Challenge to
the European Union**

Wednesday | 8 June, 2022 | 17:00-19:00 | Building 504 (Economics) | Room 010 & by Zoom

The European Union is facing unprecedented internal challenges from newer Member States who are accused of backtracking on their commitment to liberal and democratic values and who openly challenge EU norms. The Polish Constitutional Court ruled in October that Polish law has primacy over such norms and in December Viktor Orbán declared that Hungary refuses to change its immigration laws, in defiance of a ruling by the European Court of Justice (ECJ). The EU Commission has moved to impose financial sanctions against both Poland and Hungary for undermining the Rule of Law and the independence of the judiciary, and for inaction towards high level corruption, restrictions on freedom of expression and attacks on human rights. The Polish and Hungarian attempt to challenge these sanctions was dismissed by the ECJ. This seminar will discuss these challenges and their implications, in particular against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine, which has changed the significance of Poland and Hungary as border states, and reordered EU priorities.

- 17:00** **Gathering**
17:15 **Greetings: Dr. Rachel Frid de Vries, Co-President, IASEI**
17:20 **1st Session:**
Speaker: Dr. Peter Klotz, Faculty of Public Governance and Int'l Studies, University of Public Service, Hungary
"The Hungarian Elections and the Challenges that Hungary's Illiberal Policies pose to the EU"
Comments: H.E. Benkő Levente, Ambassador of Hungary to Israel
Dr. Toby Greene, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University
- 18:20** **2nd Session:**
Speaker: Prof. Arie Reich, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University
"Poland & Hungary vs. the EU Commission: The Recent Judgment of the EU Court of Justice and its Implications for Compliance with EU Law"
Comments: Dr. Rachel Frid de Vries, Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College

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