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THE 22ND JIWP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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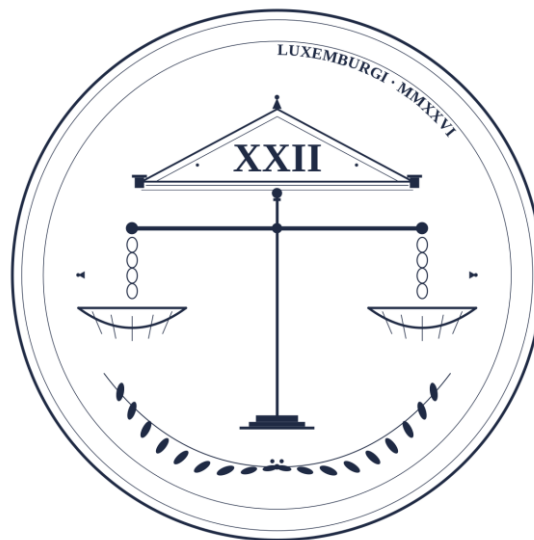
# Judicial Independence

*in cooperation with the*

**Luxembourg Centre for European Law, University of Luxembourg**

*Culture of Judicial Independence and Democracy*

*The ELI Mt Scopus European Standards — Promoting a Culture of Judicial Independence to Maintain the Rule of Law and Liberal Democracy*



**13 — 15 December 2026**

*Luxembourg Centre for European Law · Kirchberg Campus · Luxembourg*



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## The Conference

The International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace (JIWP), in cooperation with the Luxembourg Centre for European Law, University of Luxembourg, will host the 22nd JIWP International Conference on Judicial Independence in Luxembourg from 13 to 15 December 2026.

The conference will bring together prominent members of the judiciary, legal scholars, policy-makers and representatives of civil society for a timely and critical discussion on the culture of judicial independence as a precondition of the Rule of Law and of liberal democracy, on the basis of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards and the Mt Scopus International Standards of Judicial Independence.

By way of background, the JIWP has been active in promoting judicial independence for over forty years. It has held twenty-one international conferences during the past two decades, has published six volumes on judicial independence (with a seventh forthcoming) and has drafted the international Standards of Judicial Independence and Judicial Ethics that constitute the doctrinal framework of the present conference.



## Co-Chairs of the Conference

**Prof. Dr. Shimon Shetreet** — President, International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace (JIWP); Greenblatt Chair of Public and International Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Dr. Serhii Kravtsov** — Luxembourg Centre for European Law, University of Luxembourg.

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**Prof. Dr. Shimon Shetreet** — President, International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace (JIWP); Greenblatt Chair of Public and International Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



## Outline of Key Conference Topics

The conference will address the following thematic clusters:

- The duty of the State to promote a culture of judicial independence (Standard 12 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).

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- Foundations of judicial independence and the fundamental values of the justice system (Standards 1–11 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).
  - Ensuring a fair and legitimate judicial selection system (Standards 24–29 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).
  - Judicial accountability and independence: judicial ethics and discipline (Standards 30–37 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).
  - The judicial role in times of crisis: courts as the last line of defence of democracy and human rights (Standards 4–5 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).
  - Protecting the integrity of elections — the case of the 2024 presidential election in Romania.
  - Courts and technology (Standard 23 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).
  - Effective judicial review as a cornerstone of the Rule of Law.
  - Legitimacy of remedial legislation to reform the justice system and to correct illegalities concerning judicial independence (Standard 38 of the ELI Mt Scopus European Standards).
  - Relations between international and supranational courts and top domestic courts (Articles 1.3 and 1.3A of the Mt Scopus International Standards of Judicial Independence).
  - The independence of international judges (Part B of the Mt Scopus International Standards of Judicial Independence).
  - The mutual impact of national and international jurisprudence on judicial independence.

*Reference texts: ELI Mt Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence (2024),*  
[https://www.europeanlawinstitute.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/p\\_eli/Publications/ELI-Mount\\_Scopus\\_European\\_Standards\\_of\\_Judicial\\_Independence.pdf](https://www.europeanlawinstitute.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/p_eli/Publications/ELI-Mount_Scopus_European_Standards_of_Judicial_Independence.pdf)

*Mt Scopus International Standards of Judicial Independence (consolidated text, 2022)*

<https://jiwp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/mt-scopus-standards-of-Judicial-Independence-consolidated-2022.pdf>;

## ***Schedule***

*The detailed conference programme will be announced in due course.*

The detailed conference programme — including keynote addresses, panels and the schedule of social events — will be announced at a later stage. Confirmed participants will receive the programme by electronic communication well in advance of the event.



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## CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

### Conference Venue

**Luxembourg Centre for European Law (LCEL)**, University of Luxembourg.

4, rue Alphonse Weicker, L-2721 Luxembourg (Kirchberg Campus).

**Nearest tram stop:** « Kirchberg, Alphonse Weicker » (Tram T1) — adjacent to the venue, approximately two minutes on foot.

### Recommended Accommodation

Four hotels are suggested below, reflecting different preferences in terms of location, ambiance and proximity to the conference venue. All public-transport connections within the Grand Duchy quoted in this announcement are free of charge for residents and visitors alike (since 1 March 2020).

#### 1. Meliá Luxembourg

*Address:* 1, Park Dräi Eechelen, L-1499 Luxembourg (Kirchberg, Place de l'Europe).

*Distance to venue:* approx. 1.0 km — a 12-minute walk along Avenue J. F. Kennedy, or three stops by Tram T1.

#### 2. Best Western Plus Grand Hotel Victor Hugo

*Address:* 3, avenue Victor Hugo, L-1750 Luxembourg (Limpertsberg).

*Distance to venue:* approx. 2.5 km — directly served by the tram (approximately seven stops on Tram T1, total travel time of fifteen minutes from door to door). The hotel sits between the Old Town and the Kirchberg district, within walking distance of the Grand Théâtre and Glacis.

#### 3. Mercure Luxembourg Off Kirchberg

*Address:* 271, rue de Neudorf, L-2221 Luxembourg.

*Distance to venue:* approx. 1.3 km — a 17-minute walk uphill, or a short bus + tram connection (see below).

### Travel from Luxembourg Airport (LUX / Findel) to the Hotels

**Luxembourg Airport** is located approximately 8 km east of the city centre. Since 2 March 2025 the Tram line T1 connects the airport directly to the Kirchberg district. ***All public transport in Luxembourg is free of charge.***

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### To Meliá Luxembourg (Kirchberg):

- Take **Tram T1** from the « *Findel — Luxembourg Airport* » stop in the direction of « *Stadion* ».
- Alight at « *Kirchberg, Philharmonie — Mudam* » (approx. 12 min, six stops).
- From the tram stop, walk approximately 200 m to the hotel entrance on Place de l'Europe (a two-minute walk).

### To Best Western Plus Grand Hotel Victor Hugo (Limpertsberg):

- Take **Tram T1** from the airport, direction « *Stadion* ».
- Alight at « *Limpertsberg, Theater* » (approx. 22 min, eleven stops).
- From the tram stop, the hotel is approximately a four-minute walk along avenue Victor Hugo. The Grand Théâtre and the Glacis park lie immediately adjacent to the hotel.

### To Mercure Luxembourg Off Kirchberg (Neudorf):

- Take **Tram T1** from the airport, direction « *Stadion* ».
- Alight at « *Kirchberg, Alphonse Weicker* » (approx. 10 min, four stops).
- From there, the hotel is a 17-minute downhill walk via rue de Neudorf, or a short ride by city bus (lines 7, 9, 25, 26 stop nearby; alight at « *Cents, Charles De Tornaco* » — a two-minute walk to the hotel entrance). A taxi from the airport takes approximately 10 minutes.

## Travel from the Hotels to the Conference Venue (LCEL)

### From Meliá Luxembourg:

- On foot — approximately 12 minutes via Avenue J. F. Kennedy and rue Alphonse Weicker.
- By tram — board **Tram T1** at « *Kirchberg, Philharmonie — Mudam* » in the direction of « *Findel — Luxembourg Airport* », and alight at « *Kirchberg, Alphonse Weicker* » (three stops, approx. 5 minutes). The venue is opposite the tram stop.

### From Best Western Plus Grand Hotel Victor Hugo:

- From the hotel, walk approximately four minutes to the « *Limpertsberg, Theater* » tram stop.
- Board **Tram T1** in the direction of « *Findel — Luxembourg Airport* » and alight at « *Kirchberg, Alphonse Weicker* » (seven stops, approx. 13 minutes). The venue is opposite the tram stop.



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### From Mercure Luxembourg Off Kirchberg:

- On foot — approximately 17 minutes uphill via rue de Neudorf, leading directly to the LCEL building on rue Alphonse Weicker.
- Alternatively, take any city bus from the stops nearest to the hotel (Cents — Charles De Tornaco) toward Kirchberg and connect with the Tram T1 at « Kirchberg, Alphonse Weicker ».

*Useful planning tools:* the official journey planner [www.mobiliteit.lu](http://www.mobiliteit.lu) and the *Mobiliteit* mobile application provide real-time schedules and door-to-door directions for tram, train and bus services across the Grand Duchy.

### Correspondence and Response

Confirmations of interest in attending, expressions of interest in presenting a paper or proposing a panel, and any administrative or logistical queries should be addressed to the Co-Chairs of the Conference:

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*Further administrative details (registration, programme, social events) will be communicated to confirmed participants in due course.*

*With our kindest regards,*

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