

# LEGAL ARGUMENTATION OF COURTS: PERSUADING, JUSTIFYING OR ELSE?



19 March 2026, 11:00-13:00



Law Space  
(Vilnius University Law Faculty)



English

- 10:30 – 11:00** Registration
- 11:00 – 11:10** Welcome speech by the Dean / Vice-dean of the Law Faculty
- 11:10 – 11:30** **Judicial Opinion Writing in the U.S.: Who is the Real Audience?**  
Charles Szypszak  
(University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Government)
- 11:30 – 11:50** **Culture and Consensus: Decision Making in Tribal Courts**  
Grant Christensen  
(University of Alabama School of Law)
- 11:50 – 12:10** **Metaphor in Legal Discourse**  
Inesa Šeškauskienė  
(Vilnius University Faculty of Philology)
- 12:10 – 12:25** **Judicial Precedent as a Lighthouse in Continental Europe**  
Johanas Baltrimas  
(Vilnius University Law Faculty)
- 12:25 – 12:40** **Are Courts in Central and Eastern Europe Too Formalistic?**  
Donatas Murauskas  
(Vilnius University Law Faculty)
- 12:40 – 13:00** Discussion and closing remarks

MODERATOR



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