

INVITATION

Sexual and Gender Minorities in International Law and European Union Law: Thomas Giegerich's Farewell Conference

12 and 13 March 2026 | Europa-Institut, Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany

PROGRAM

12 March 2026

- 09:00-10:00 a.m. [Arrival, Registration & Coffee](#)
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. [Introduction: Sexual and Gender Identity, Human Dignity and Binary-Cisgender Backlash](#)
Thomas Giegerich
- 10:15-11:20 a.m. [Global Law Perspective: Hard and Soft Norms Protecting Sexual and Gender Identities](#)
Elif Askin & Ralf Alleweldt
- 11:20-11:50 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:50 a.m.-12:55 p.m. [Sexual and Gender Minorities in the Case-Law of the ECtHR](#)
Julia Jungfleisch & Ivana Jelić
- 13:00-14:15 p.m. Lunch Break

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- 14:15-15:20 p.m. [Systemic Perspective: EU Values of Dignity and Equality in Art. 2 TEU](#)
Luigi Malferrari & Darren Harvey
- 15:20-15:40 p.m. Coffee Break
- 15:40-16:45 p.m. [Individual Rights Perspective: Free Movement and Privacy](#)
Kristina Müller & Marco Evola
- 16:45-17:50 p.m. [Sexual and Gender Minorities in the EU's External Action](#)
Sara Poli & Frank Hoffmeister
- 19:00-21:00 p.m. Dinner

13 March 2026

- 09:00-10:05 a.m. [Special Case: Sexual and Gender Minorities in International Sports](#)
Annika Blaschke & Björn Schiffbauer
- 10:05-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:30-11:35 a.m. [U.S. Perspective on Sexual and Gender Minority Rights](#)
Gregory Fox & Russell Miller
- 11:35 a.m.-13:00 p.m. [Final Panel: Way Forward](#)
Władysław Czapliński, Iris Goldner Lang, Ivana Krstić, Dagmar Richter & Andreas Ziegler

ORGANISATION

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