PROTECTING THE RULE OF LAW WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION – PROPOSAL FOR A REFORM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION’S ‘HUMAN RIGHTS CLAUSE’ IN COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD-COUNTRIES

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ABSTRACT | The talk will point out how the European Union has promoted human rights, democracy and rule of law in its development cooperation policy. It has also insisted that all new Member States respect these values, but there seems to be no efficient remedies available in those situations where Member States (after accession) fail to respect these values. The lecturer first gives an introduction to the area – and thereupon will try to ‘reconstruct’ the so-called human rights clauses (which are included in all cooperation agreements between the European Union and third countries) so as to become a two-edged sword. I.e. the human rights clauses shall be pointed towards both the EU and the third countries (not merely towards the latter).

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