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### *Policy Brief: Poland's Constitutional Crisis: Facts & interpretations*

**Prominent lawyer prescribes cause and cure for "assault on the rule of law" in Poland**

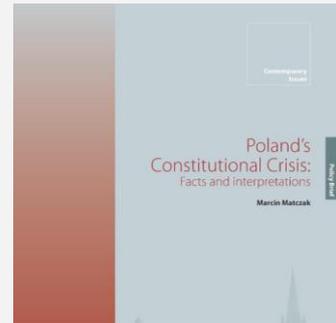
Lawyer and prominent critic of recent legislation in Poland Marcin Matczak presents the crucial events of 'the Polish constitutional crisis', in which the government is implementing measures to assume direct control over the judiciary, in contravention of the Polish Constitution.

The policy brief considers the causes and potential cures for the erosion of the rule of law in Poland, which is the subject of a planned legal challenge by the European Commission on the grounds that "these measures undermine the principle of judicial independence".

**Download the Policy Brief:**

[\*\*Poland's Constitutional Crisis: Facts & interpretations\*\*](#)

Marcin Matczak, lawyer and academic



### *Academics and practitioners examine how best to achieve fairness for consumers*

**Workshop assesses *TfL v Uber*, PPI, & energy prices**

How can we best ensure that consumers receive fair treatment in the marketplace? Ombudsmen, economists, and regulatory experts met at Wolfson College last month to debate the appropriate level of regulatory intervention to ensure an even playing field for consumers.

Frank Vibert, Senior Visiting Fellow at LSE, presented his paper on Fairness and the Role of Economic Regulators, and cautioned that the new more interventionist approach in response to greater outsourcing and contractual complexity could go too far in suppressing the market.

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## *Lecturer offers bold reinterpretation of Confucian thought*

**Dr Ying Yu draws parallels that challenge convention**

FLJS Research Fellow Dr Ying Yu gave a bold reinterpretation of Confucian thought at Wolfson College last month, drawing parallels between Eastern and Western jurisprudence to challenge the conventional wisdom that the two major civilizations have developed along entirely different lines.

Dr Yu recounted her own experience of the banning of Confucianism during the Cultural Revolution, and drew parallels between the two traditions through 'Mingde Shenxing', a concept closely resembling due process in Western legal thought.

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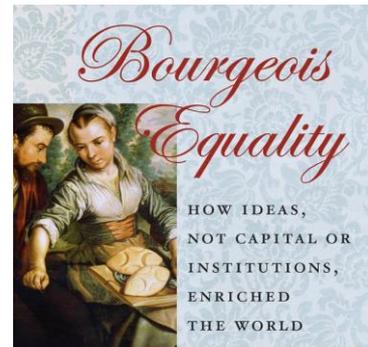
## *Experts weigh Great Enrichment vs social inequality in McClosky's defence of Bourgeois values*

**Latest Book Colloquium takes on provocative thesis**

An FLJS panel assessed the relative merits of the huge increases in global wealth in recent centuries against increasing social inequality, in a book colloquium at Wolfson College last month to review the latest offering by the economist and historian Deirdre McCloskey.

Professor Denis Galligan was joined by Profs Christopher Decker and Eric Heinze to discuss *Bourgeois Equality: How Ideas, Not Capital or Institutions, Enriched the World*. They found some difficulties with the thesis that we must accept inequality as an inevitable consequence of the capitalist pursuit of personal enrichment, and asked: "Where does justice come in?"

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