

The Inaugural Aharon Barak Lecture

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Beit Maierdorf, room 503, Mt. Scopus Campus,  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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# **High Courts under Political Pressure**

Political pressure on constitutional courts or supreme courts with constitutional jurisdiction is by no means a new phenomenon. But recently the attempts to curb or pack such courts have increased not only in authoritarian systems, but also in democratic countries. The lecture will analyze some of these cases and try to discover the forces and reasons behind these attempts. It will also explore the concept of democracy that guides these attempts and assess the strategies that courts can use to resist the pressure.

**18:00-18:30 Reception**

**18:30-18:45 Greetings**

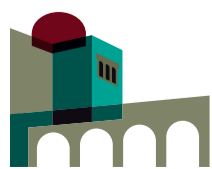
- Prof. Michael Karayani  
Dean, Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Prof. Alon Harel

**18:45-20:15 Inaugural Lecture**

- Prof. Dr. Dieter Grimm  
Chief Justice (emeritus), German Constitutional Court
- Prof. Aharon Barak  
President (emeritus), Supreme Court of Israel



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