

The All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values 2017

On 4 September 2017, Koen Lenaerts, Professor of European Law at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and President of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), receives the ALLEA's 2017 Prize for his outstanding scholarly contribution on European law and jurisdiction

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Koen Lenaerts is awarded the 2017 All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values to honour his extensive scholarly work on European law and his reflections on European jurisdiction. As a Professor of European law, his publications represent a thorough and impeccable analysis for understanding the EU's judicial system and the democratic values on which it is based. "Law is at the origin of the European idea and the basis for free societies, and this year the Prize Jury decided to honour a scholar with a truly European track record in law", stated ALLEA President Günter Stock, Chair of the Prize Jury.

Lenaerts is the fourth scholar to be honoured with the Prize, initiated by ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, with the friendly co-sponsorship of the Italian foundation Compagnia di San Paolo. The 20,000 EUR Prize is awarded on the occasion of the ALLEA General Assembly in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest on 4 September 2017.

Koen Lenaerts, born in 1954 in Mortsel (Belgium), is Professor of European Law at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and, since 2015, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union. His scholarly work has been published in several languages and it represents a wealth of analysis on the case law of the European Court of Justice. His most recent publications include: "The rule of law and the coherence of the judicial system of the European Union" (2007), "Exploring the Limits of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights" (2012),



"How the ECJ Thinks: A Study on Judicial Legitimacy" (2013), "The Principle of Democracy in the Case Law of the European Court of Justice" (2013), "La vie après l'avis: Exploring the principle of mutual (yet not blind) trust" (2017), among others.

ALLEA established the All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values in 2014 to pay tribute to the intellectual and cultural diversity and richness of Europe, and to highlight how outstanding scholarly work in the fields of the humanities and social sciences contributes to the understanding of Europe as a cultural and intellectual entity.