Fundamental rights from a European perspective (and the influence of the case law of European Court of Justice)

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12:15 – 1:30 pm
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RSVP Here. Lunch will be served.

Dr. Verica Trstenjak will discuss the system of fundamental rights protection in the EU. The new EU Charter of Fundamental Rights is in force since 2009 and is the most important legal instrument in this field in the EU. Since the legislation cannot always follow the rapid changes of the society (e.g. digital technology, the migration crises), the case law of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) is particularly important. The CJEU case law is binding in all 28 EU Member States with more than 500 million people. In addition, the CJEU has an important role in the system of fundamental rights protection; it interprets fundamental rights more and more widely. Dr. Verica Trstenjak will present some cases from the so-called classical areas, for example the right to privacy and protection of personal data, and also cases from areas that are normally not associated with fundamental rights, for example the right to accommodation and freedom to conduct business.

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