

# Webinar: Democratic law-making: principles of law-making and public consultations

## Biographies of Speakers



**Mr. Yves Doutriaux, State Counsellor, Conseil d'État (France)**

- Counsellor of State, with activities as a judge in administrative cases and legal adviser to the Government ( on International Accords inter alia), project leader on a Twinning arrangement financed by the UE between the Conseil d'Etat and the Ukrainian Administrative High Court(2011-2013);Member of the Advisory Committee against Discriminations with the “Défenseur des Droits”
- Associated Professor in Public Law and Public Management Université Paris 1 Panthéon- Sorbonne ;Professor in Geopolitics Université Paris-Dauphine
- Ambassador to the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe ( 2003-2006) Vienna
- Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations Organization (1998-2002) New-York; Deputy Spokesperson MFA Paris (1995-1998;Consul General of France to Toronto Canada (1992-1998);Counsellor to the French Permanent Mission to the European Union (1988-1992) Brussels; Counsellor to the MFA Cabinet office Paris 1986-1988;First Secretary Embassy of France in Tunisia 1981-1984.



**Ms. Alice Thomas, International Human Rights and Legal Consultant**

Alice Thomas is a human rights and democracy consultant, and has been working in the field of human rights and democratization for more than twenty years. Up to 2017, she was employed with the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Warsaw, more specifically for the Legislative Support Unit within the OSCE/ODIHR, which she also led for more than four years. Other employment experience includes working as a legal and human rights adviser to the staff of the Ombudsperson Institution in Kosovo and as a lawyer for the European Court of Human Rights, as well as co-teaching a course on the European Convention on Human Rights at IE University in Madrid. For the last three years, Ms Thomas' consultancy work has included a variety of areas related to human rights and democratization, including regulatory reform and legal analyses on legislation pertaining to human rights, for a variety of stakeholders including the OSCE, non-governmental organizations and state governments.



**Mr. Yevgeniy Zhovtis, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law**

Yevgeniy Zhovtis is a prominent human rights lawyer and the current director of the Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and the Rule of Law, a member of the OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly and a member of International Bar Association Human Rights Institute' Council. He has PhD in mining economics but in late 80<sup>th</sup>-early 90<sup>th</sup> turned to promoting democracy, rule of law and human rights in Kazakhstan and post-Soviet space. He graduated with honors from the High Law School "Adilet" in 1999 and has been an outspoken critic of human rights violations in Kazakhstan for the past 30 years. Zhovtis has been the recipient of numerous human rights awards, including the EU and US Democracy and Civil Society Award in 1999, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Human Rights Award in 2007, the Norwegian Helsinki Committee Andrey Sakharov Freedom Award in 2010.



**Prof. Dr. Tímea Drinóczi, DSc, Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,  
Full Professor, University of Pécs, Faculty of Law**

Tímea Drinóczi is a Professor of constitutional law at the Faculty of Law, University of Pécs, Hungary. Her new, co-edited book on the rule of law, common values and illiberal constitutionalism has just been published by Routledge. She is frequently invited by ODIHR to serve as an independent expert in constitutional and legislative matters. She participated in the assessment of the lawmaking process of Georgia and the constitutional reforms in the Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan. Now, she contributes to developing the ODIHR guideline for democratic law-making.