



## Court elects a new Section President

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected a new Section President – Judge **Kateřina Šimáčková**, elected in respect of the Czech Republic. She will take up her duties on 30 May 2025.

### Kateřina Šimáčková

Born on 23 October 1966 in Brno, Czech Republic  
Master of Law, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno, 1988  
Lecturer, Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno, 1990-1993, 2001-2007  
Law clerk, Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Czechoslovakia, 1992  
Practising lawyer and litigator, 1994-2009  
PhD in Law, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno, 2007  
Assistant professor, Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno, since 2007  
Member, Government Legislative Council of the Czech Republic, 2007-2009  
Judge, Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic, 2009-2013  
Member, Committee on the selection of judges of the Civil Service Tribunal, Court of Justice of the European Union, 2009-2013  
Substitute Member, European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission), Council of Europe, 2010-2021  
Member, Examination Committee for the purpose of judicial qualification exams in the area of constitutional law, organisation of justice and organisation of public prosecution, 2010-2021  
Judge, Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, 2013-2021  
*Ad hoc* Judge, European Court of Human Rights, 2016-2021  
Member, Scientific Board, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague, since 2016  
Certified trainer of the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe, since 2020  
Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 13 December 2021.

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