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ELTE Faculty of Law
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to a public lecture held by

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Collective security: the past, present and future

Date: 20 April 2023, 2 p.m.

Venue: Faculty Council Room (1053 Budapest, Egyetem tér 1-3.)

The lecture will focus on the persistent ambivalence and at times cynicism of the major powers towards the notion of collective security over the past century, and its eroding impact on the international legal order. After briefly revisiting the role of the major powers in the rise and demise of the League of Nations, the lecture focuses on two categories of conduct that undercut the collective decision-making process which is central to the notion of collective security envisioned by the United Nations Charter. The first relates to the ambivalent legal bases that underpinned some UNSC mandates under Chapter VII and their subsequent interpretation by major powers. The second relates to exceptions invoked by States for justifying the unilateral use of force in international relations. These notably include the right to self-defence and humanitarian intervention (R2P).

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