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The Marine Le Pen's ineligibility judgment and its implications

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Fordham Law School

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About the Program

On Monday, 31 March 2025, Marine Le Pen, leader of the far-right party *Rassemblement National* (National Rally) in France, was [convicted](#) of misappropriation of public funds in the so-called “parliamentary assistants” case. She was sentenced by the Paris Criminal Court to four years of imprisonment, including two years to be served, a fine of 100,000 euros, and a five-year period of ineligibility to hold public office immediately enforceable.

This unprecedented judgment jeopardizes the very possibility for the leading candidate in the upcoming 2027 presidential election to run for office. The judgment is marked by an unusual degree of judicial creativity, particularly in its underlying conception of democracy, which may be understood through the lens of militant democracy. Although it does not constitute a political judgment in the traditional, partisan sense, its constitutional and symbolic significance is substantial—and the backlash it has provoked against the judiciary is a cause for concern.

Speakers



Eleonora Bottini, Visiting Professor of Law, Fordham Law School, and *Full Professor of Public Law at the University of Caen Normandy* (France)



Moderator: **Martin Gelter**, Professor of Law and Director of the Fordham Center on European Union Law

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