

The Future of **Constitutional Democracy** in Europe: a Legal Assessment

Department of European Legal Studies



Thursday 15/02/2018

Registration

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome & Introduction

Jörg Monar, Rector, College of Europe

09:30 – 09:40

Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and
Professor, Ghent University

09:40 – 09:50

Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

09:50 – 10:00

First session – Critical Reflections on the State of Constitutional Democracy in the EU and the wider Western World

Chaired by Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

10:00 – 13:00

The "Democratic deficits" of the US and the EU compared

Daniel Kelemen, Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair in European
Union Politics at Rutgers University

10:00 – 10:20

Parliamentary Democracy in the UK Before, During and After Brexit

Michael Gordon, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Liverpool

10:20 – 10:40

The Populist Challenge to Constitutional Democracy

Cesare Pinelli, Professor of Public Law, University of Rome Sapienza

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee break for all participants

11:00– 11:20

Panel-lead discussion

Jonathan Faull, Visiting Professor, College of Europe

Allan Rosas, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU

Ben Smulders, Head of Cabinet of First Vice-President of the European Commission

Frans Timmermans

11:20 – 12:30

Sandwich lunch for all participants

12:30 – 14:00

Second session – Parliaments and Elections

Chaired by Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, European Commission and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

14:00 – 17:00

Elections and “Institutional Corruption”

Elinor Amit, Assistant Professor, Brown University

14:00 – 14:20

Differentiated Representation

Paivi Leino, Professor, University of Helsinki

14:20 – 14:40

De-parliamentarization in the EU and the Member States

Adam Cygan, Professor of Law at the University of Leicester

14:40 – 15:00

Coffee break for all participants

15:00– 15:20

Panel-led discussion

Nathalie Brack, Assistant Professor, ULB

Justice Liam McKechnie, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland

Jo Shaw, Professor, University of Edinburgh

Luca Visaggio, Head of Unit, Legal Service, European Parliament

15:20 – 17:00

Dinner for speakers and panelists

18:00 – 22:00

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Third session – Transparency and Participation

Chaired by Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Professor, Ghent University

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Is there a Deficit in “Throughput Legitimacy” in the EU?

Vivien Schmidt, Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration, Professor of International Relations and Political Science at Boston University

09:30 – 09:50

Transparency and accountability of EU Agencies

Merijn Chamon, Post-Doc Researcher, FWO, Ghent University

09:50 – 10:10

Accountability in European Integration

Ana Bobic, Postdoctoral Researcher, Hertie School of Governance

10:10 – 10:30

Coffee break for all participants

10:30 – 10:50

Panel-led discussion

Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm, Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International

Joris Luyendijk, Journalist, The Guardian

María José Martínez Iglesias, Director, Legislative Affairs, European Parliament

Aidan O’Sullivan, Head of Cabinet of the European Ombudsman

Georges Vallindas, Référéndaire, Court of Justice of the EU

10:50 – 12:10

Sandwich lunch for all participants

12:10 – 13:00

Fourth Session: Constitutionalism and Democracy

Chaired by Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, European Commission, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

13:00 – 16:30

The Democratic Challenge of Human Rights in the EU

Elise Muir, Professor, Institute of European Law, KU Leuven

13:00 – 13:20

The Value of Constitutionalism in the EU

Armin Hatje, Professor of Public Law and European Law, Hamburg University

13:20 – 13:40

European Constitutional Ideology

Jan Komárek, Professor of EU Law, University of Copenhagen

13:40 – 14:00

The Democratic Challenge of Competence Creep: Celebrating the EU Legislative Process

Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

14:00 – 14:20

Coffee break for all participants

14:20– 14:40

Panel-led discussion

Jonathan Faull, Visiting Professor, College of Europe

Christian Joerges, Professor of Law and Society, Hertie School of Governance

María José Martínez Iglesias, Director, Legislative Affairs, European Parliament

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Conclusions

Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, European Commission, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

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Publication plans

Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

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Closing remarks

Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Professor, Ghent University

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