

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

10:00 h.

■ I. Introduction and words of welcome

Carlos Closa
(Deputy Director for Studies
and Research, CEPC)

10:15 h.

■ II. The RECON project:

John Erik Fossum (ARENA)
and **Agustín Menéndez (Universidad de León):**

1. Overview of the project.
2. The Laeken constitution-making process assessed from the three RECON models.

10:45 - 14:00 h.

III. Assessing the Reform Treaty

Chair: Carlos Closa (CEPC)

10:45 h.

Bruno de Witte
(European University Institute):

The Reform Treaty and national constitutions:
more or less Europeanisation?

Discussant:
Miguel Poiares Maduro
(European Court of Justice)

11:45 h.

■ Coffee-break

12:15 h.

Julio Baquero (CEPC):

What's Left of the Charter? Reflections on Law
and Political Mythology.

Discussant:
Isabela Atanasiu
(CEPC)

13:30 - 15:30 h.

■ LUNCH

15:30 - 20:00 h.

■ IV. Europe's constitutional future. European and national angles

Chair: Julio Baquero (CEPC)

15:30 h.

Hans-Jörgrenz (ARENA):

The constitutional debates
in Member States.

Discussant:
Elena Jileva
(CEPC)

16:30 h.

Carlos Closa (CEPC):

The role of ratification in EU
constitutional politics.

Discussant:
Ignacio Molina
(Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

17:30 h.

■ Coffee -break

17:45 h.

Anneli Albi
(University of Kent):

Europeanisation of national constitutions.

Discussant:
José María de Areilza
(Instituto de Empresa)

18:45 h.

Kristine Kruma
(Riga Graduate School of Law):

Constitutional Courts in the
Europeanisation of national constitutions.

Discussant:
Daniel Sarmiento
(Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

21:00 h.

■ DINNER

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY

Chair: Rainer Schmalz-Bruns
(University of Hannover)

10:00 h.

Hauke Brunkhorst
(University of Flensburg):

On the future of the European Constitution.

Discussant:
Eric Miklin
(Institute for Advanced Studies)

11:00 h.

■ Coffee - Break

11:15 - 13:00 h.

■ V. RECON Project integration

John Erik Fossum (WP 2),
Agustin Menéndez (WP 7),
Grzegorz Pozarlik (WP 8),
and **Rainer Schmalz-Bruns (WP 1)**

13:30 h.

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RECON is a 5-year integrated project under the Commission's 6th framework programme. It seeks to clarify whether democracy is possible under conditions of pluralism, diversity and complex multilevel governance. This includes taking proper heed of the challenges to democracy at EU, national and regional/local levels. RECON spells out three different models for democratic reconstitution: Model I: democracy can be reconstituted at the national level with a concomitant reframing of the EU as a functional regulatory regime based on audit democracy; Model II: democracy can be reconstituted through establishing the EU as a federal state based on a collective identity; and Model III: democracy can be reconstituted through developing a post-national Union with an explicit cosmopolitan imprint. RECON assesses which approach to democratic reconstitution is the most viable – in empirical and normative terms – through analyzing a wide range of relevant issues.

RECON's Workpackage 2 focuses on the challenge of democracy in Europe through explicit focus on the role and impact of the dual processes of EU constitutionalisation and Europeanisation of national constitutions. Are these processes likely to foster supranational democracy, and if so, how (i.e. along the state-based lines of RECON's Model II or along the cosmopolitan-based lines of RECON's Model III)? Will they undermine or instead consolidate national democracy?

To determine these issues the RECON project will during its 5-year duration seek to establish: (a) the character of the link between democracy and constitution; (b) the character and effects of the constitutionalisation of the EU over time; (c) the integration of national constitutional traditions into the constitutional law of the EU; (d) the effects of the Europeanisation of national constitutional arrangements, that is, the adaptation of national constitutional norms to the process of juridification and constitutionalisation of supranational relations, and eventually to the writing of a supranational constitution; and (e) the overall effects of these developments in democratic, constitutional and polity terms.

For more information on the RECON project:
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towards further Europeanisation?

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democratic implications?

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