

RECON Kick-off Conference

Oslo, 26-27 January 2007

European integration takes place within a context of heightened economic globalization, juridification, and executive dominance. These processes deeply affect the sovereignty and autonomy of the nation state and its ability to serve as the undisputed embodiment of democratic government. Can democracy in Europe be reconstituted at the national level, with a concomitant down-scaling of the EU to an international organization; reconstituted through establishing the EU as a federal state; or is there a third possibility – the EU as a post-national Union with an explicit cosmopolitan imprint?

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- ARENA, University of Oslo (Coordinator)
- Center of Political and Constitutional Studies, Madrid
- Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- European University Institute, Florence
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences, Prague
- Jagiellonian University, Krakow
- Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- Queen's University Belfast
- Riga Graduate School of Law
- Sabanci University, Istanbul
- Université Libre de Bruxelles
- University of Bremen
- Universidad de León
- University of Reading
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

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Conference venue: Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, Holbergsgt 30, Oslo

Programme

Friday 26 January

- 09:00 Welcome by Morten Egeberg, Director, ARENA
Opening: **Democracy in the Age of Globalisation. Managing the Unmanageable**
State Secretary Liv Monica Stubholt
- 09:30 **Reconstituting Democracy in Europe – Three Options**
Erik O. Eriksen (ARENA)
- 10:00 Keynote: **Transnational Democracy: The Formal and the Discursive**
John Dryzek (Australian National University)
- 10:30 Comment: Hauke Brunkhorst (University of Flensburg)
Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Keynote: **Decentering Democracy: Democratization Beyond the State**
James Bohman (Saint Louis University)
- 12:00 Comment: Rainer Forst (Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt)
Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **RECON outlined**
Introduction and chair: John Erik Fossum (ARENA)
Constitutionalising Multilevel Democracy: Dynamics, Formalities and Ideals
Ben Crum (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), WP 2
The Status of Institutional Democracy in Europe
Chris Lord (University of Reading), WP 3
Gender Equality and Justice in the EU
Yvonne Galligan (Queen's University Belfast), WP 4
- 15:00 Comment: Tanja Hitzel-Cassagnes (Leibniz University Hannover)
Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 **Democratisation From Below**
Ulrike Liebert (University of Bremen) and Hans-Jörg Trenz (ARENA), WP 5
A Collective Foreign and Security Policy?
Helene Sjursen (ARENA), WP 6
A Supranational Regime of Social Protection?
Agustín José Menéndez (Universidad de León), WP 7
Shifting Borders in Europe - What Kind of Identity?
Zdzisław Mach (Jagiellonian University Krakow), WP 8
Global Transnationalisation, Juridification and Democratisation Compared
Christian Joerges (European University Institute), WP 9
- 17:15 Comment: Philippe C. Schmitter (European University Institute)
Discussion