

Strengthening Democracy in the EU Alternative Forms of Representation



RECON Workshop

WP 2 – Constitutional Politics, WP 3 – Representation and
Institutional Make-up and WP 5 – Civil Society and the Public Sphere

Bremen, 14-15 July 2011

Venue: Gästhaus der Universität, Auf dem Teerhof 58, Bremen

Organised by the Jean Monnet Centre, University of Bremen

Programme

Thursday 14 July 2011

13:00-13:30 **Registration**

13:30-13:45 **Introduction**
Ulrike Liebert / Tatjana Evas
University of Bremen

13.30-14:45 **Keynote**
Philippe C. Schmitter
European University Institute, Florence

Panel I: Re-assessing Representative Structures and Practices of the EU's Multilevel Parliamentary Field

Chair: Ulrike Liebert

15:00-15:10 **Introduction**
Ulrike Liebert
University of Bremen

15:10-15:30 **Ensuring Political Equality? The European Parliament and the Democratic
Performance of the EU**
Christopher Lord / Johannes Pollak
ARENA – University of Oslo / Webster University, Vienna

15:30-15:50 **European Citizen's Two Representation Channels and their Political
Interplay in the EU's Multilevel Parliamentary Field**
Ben Crum / John Erik Fossum
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam / ARENA – University of Oslo

15:50-16:10 **A Crisis of Representing Europeans?**
Richard Rose
University of Aberdeen

16:10-16:30 **The Challenge of Representation in the EU**
Richard Bellamy/ Sandra Kröger
University College London/ University Bremen

16:30-17:00 **Comments**
Philippe C. Schmitter, *European University Institute, Florence*
Carlos Closa, *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, Madrid*
Aleksandra Maatsch, *University of Bremen*

17:00-18:00 **Discussion**

Friday 15 July 2011

Panel II: The Role of Courts in Reconstituting Democracy in Europe: Unaccounted Players or Arenas for Citizen's Representation?

Chair: Norbert Reich

09:30-09:40 **Introduction**
Norbert Reich
University of Bremen

09:40-10:00 **The Social Ideal of the European Court of Justice**
Dagmar Schiek
University of Leeds

10:00-10:20 **Constitutional Courts and European Integration. Constructing a Systemic Relationship**
Carlos Closa
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), Madrid

10:20-10:40 **Lessons from Mass Litigation in and for Europe**
Harald Koch
Humboldt University, Berlin

10:40-11:00 **Coherence in Application of European Union Law: National Courts Perspective**
Tatjana Evas
University of Bremen

11:00-12:30 **Comments**
Norbert Reich, *University of Bremen*
Richard Bellamy, *University College, London*
Petra Guasti, *Czech Academy of Sciences/Julius-Maximilian University Würzburg*
Discussion

Panel III: Combining or Colliding? Alternative Forms of Democratic Representation in the EU: Political Parties, Civil Society and the Public Sphere

Chair: Christopher Lord

13:30-13:40 **Introduction**
Christopher Lord
ARENA – University of Oslo

13:40-14:00 **Euroscepticism in EU Elections and Referendums**
Hans-Jörg Trenz
ARENA – University of Oslo/University of Copenhagen

14:00-14:20 **National Parties, Parliaments and European Political Discourses**
Aleksandra Maatsch
University of Bremen

14:20-14:40 **Democratic Representation as Public Responsiveness. Political Parties, Civil Society, and the Mass Media in EU Policy-making**
Ulrike Liebert
University of Bremen

- 14:40-16:00 **Comments**
Philippe C. Schmitter, *European University Institute, Florence*
Richard Rose, *University of Aberdeen*
Martin Heidenreich, *Carl von Ossietzky University, Oldenburg*
Discussion
- 16:15-17:30 **Round Table: Lessons from RECON Research for the Reconstitution of Democratic Representation in the EU**

The workshop is open to public and free of charge but those interested should register by emailing Tatjana Evas (ta_ev [at] uni-bremen.de) by 12 July 2011.