



Workshop

European Constitutional Pluralism and the Constitution of the Union

Madrid, 10-11 November 2011

Venue: [Center for Political and Constitutional Studies \(CEPC\)](#), Plaza de la Marina Española, 9, Madrid

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Programme

Thursday, 10 November 2011

10:30-11:15 Registration

11:15-11:30 Opening remarks

First Session: Theorising EU constitutionalism

11:30-12:00 The theory of constitutional synthesis: A constitutional theory for a democratic European Union

Paper givers: John Erik Fossum, *ARENA, University of Oslo*, and Agustín José Menéndez, *University of León*

12:00-12:30 Conflicting constitutional laws and constitutional pluralism in an asymmetric world

Paper giver: Rainer Nickel, *Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main*

12:30-13:00 Discussant: Paul Blokker, *University of Trento*

13:00-13:30 Debate

Second Session: EU democracy and the Lisbon Treaty changes

16:00-16:30 National parliaments in the European security policy: Governments' allies, independent players or transnationally networked actors?

Paper giver: Aleksandra Maatsch, *CEuS, University of Bremen*

16:30-17:00 Problems of compound representation after Lisbon

Paper giver: Christopher Lord, *ARENA, University of Oslo*

17:00-17:30 Discussant: Ulrike Liebert, *CEuS, University of Bremen*

17:30-18:00 Debate



Friday, 11 November 2011

Third Session: Constitutional reform or Treaty change?

- 10:00-10:30 **Unanimity: on the legitimacy of a locking rule**
Paper giver: Carlos Closa, *Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)*
- 10:30-11:00 **Can the EU referendum genie be put back in the bottle?**
Paper givers: Ben Crum, *VU Amsterdam*, and Saskia Hollander, *Radboud University Nijmegen*
- 11:30-12:00 Discussant: Bruno de Witte, *University of Maastricht*
- 12:00-12:30 Debate
- 12:30-13:00 **Closing panel**