



## CLOSING CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013

Time	Event
12.30 – 13.30	Registration
13.30 – 13.35	Welcome by <b>Prof. Hildegard Schneider</b> (Dean, Law Faculty Maastricht University)
13.35 – 14.00	Opening address by <b>Prof. Monica Claes</b> (EuNaCon)
14.00 – 16.00	<i>Territorial Pluralism</i> by <b>Dr. Nikos Skoutaris</b> (EuNaCon)  Discussants: <b>Prof. Robert Schütze</b> (Durham University) <b>Prof. Joxerramon Bengoetxea</b> (University of the Basque Country)
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee/tea break
16.30 – 18.30	<i>The Individual and Political Participation</i> by <b>Viorelia Gasca</b> (EuNaCon)  Discussants: <b>Prof. Bruno de Witte</b> (Maastricht University / EUI) <b>TBA</b>
19.00 -	Conference Dinner (speakers and discussants only)

## THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013

Time	Event
09.00 – 11.00	<i>Constitutional Interpretation and Review</i> by <b>Dr. Maartje de Visser</b> (EuNaCon)  Discussants: <b>Prof. Tania Groppi</b> (University of Siena) <b>Prof. Aharon Barak</b> (Radzyner School of Law)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 – 13.30	<i>Parliaments and Governments</i> by <b>Dr. Lars Hoffmann</b> (EuNaCon)  Discussants: <b>Dr. Jan-Herman Reestman</b> (University of Amsterdam) <b>Dr. Katrin Auel</b> (Vienna Institute for Advanced Studies)
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.30	<i>Constructing the European Constitution</i> by <b>Prof. Monica Claes</b> (EuNaCon)  Discussants: <b>Prof. Constance Grewe</b> (Judge, Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina / Strasbourg University) <b>Ingolf Pernice</b> (tbc)
19.00 -	Conference Dinner (speakers and discussants only)

## FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013

Time	Event
09.00 – 10.45	<p><i>Session 1: Europe's "constitutional heritage", constitutional culture, and the role of comparative law</i></p> <p>This session addresses the challenges involved in conducting comparative legal research in the area of European constitutional law as well as the importance ascribed to this type of research in light of the conceptualisation of the European constitution as a composite constitution, consisting of rules and principles developed at European level, complemented by national constitutional rules and principles as well as rules and principles from other sources such as the ECHR. Explicit attention will be devoted to the notion of 'constitutional culture' and its impact on the design and execution of the comparative method in European constitutional law.</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Prof. Marie-Claire Ponthoreau</b> (Université Montesquieu, Bordeaux) <b>Prof. Renata Uitz</b> (Central European University, Budapest) <b>Dr. Laurent Pech</b> (NUI, Galway)</p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 – 13.00	<p><i>Session 2: The conceptualisation of Europe's composite Constitution</i></p> <p>This session will explore various ways in which European and national constitutional law are intertwined. A particular question in this respect concerns the impact of EU membership on the role and content of national Constitutions: think of the introduction and amendment of Europe-clauses, the new fiscal clauses and more generally, how traditional notions such as Statehood and sovereignty can/should find expression in modern Constitutions. What is the current and future role of national Constitutions in the European constitutional space?</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Prof. Leonard Besselink</b> (University of Amsterdam) <b>Prof. Anneli Albi</b> (Kent Law School) <b>Dr. François-Xavier Millet</b> (Université Toulouse I Capitole)</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.45	<p><i>Session 3: Operating Europe's composite Constitution</i></p> <p>This session looks at the practical operation of Europe's composite constitution, more specifically at the problem of <i>dédoublement fonctionnel</i>. To fully understand and appreciate the opportunities and challenges offered by the conceptual framework of the European composite Constitution, it is essential to consider take an actor's perspective and look at how national actors actually function under, and come to terms with their European mandate. This idea is still most clearly expressed in the notion of <i>dédoublement fonctionnel</i> (Georges Scelle), but one may also think in this respect of the two-hat theories or discussions about the European role of national parliaments etc.</p>

Speakers:

**Prof. Aida Torres** (Pompeu Fabra University)

**Dr. Mattias Wendel** (Humboldt University)

**Prof. Patricia Popelier** (tbc)

