



Recalibrating executive-legislative relations in the European Union

Venue: UM Campus Brussels (Avenue de l'Armée 10, 1040 Brussels)

Date : 18 & 19 January 2018

Organizers: Diane Fromage, Thomas Christiansen, Anna Herranz-Surrallés

Day 1: Thursday 18 January 2018

13:30 – 13:45: Opening address by Thomas Christiansen and Diane Fromage (Maastricht University)

13:45 – 15:00: Panel 1: Executive-legislative relations in the European integration process

Chair: Diane Fromage (Maastricht University)

- Peter Bursens (Antwerp University) - *The EU's multilevel parliamentary system: escaping from the trilemma of market integration, national democracy and national sovereignty*
- Claudia Wiesner (Hamburg University) - *Representative Democracy in Times of Austerity: New Challenges in the EU Multi-level System*

Discussant: Mendeltje van Keulen (Tweede Kamer)

15:00 – 15:30: Coffee break

15:30 – 17:30: Panel 2: Recalibration of executive-legislative relations at EU level

Chair: Christine Neuhold (Maastricht University)

- Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt (Technical University of Munich) - *A Cacophony of Voices? Preference Cohesiveness of Multiple Principals and the Commission's Discretion in Trade Negotiations*
- Elena Griglio (LUISS Guido Carli University) - *The divided accountability of the European Council and the Council: solving the puzzle through collective parliamentary oversight*
- Marco Urban (University of Lausanne) - *Interinstitutional Agreements' influence on the competences of the EP in the procedure for negotiating and concluding International Agreements*
- Wolfgang Weiss (Speyer University) - *The European Parliament's Role in the Operation of Trade Agreements*

Discussant: Thomas Fich (European Commission)

Day 2: Friday 19 January 2018

9:00 – 10:00: Panel 3: National case studies of recalibration of executive-legislative relations

Chair: Thomas Chrisitaensen (Maastricht University)

- Diane Fromage (Maastricht University) – *Transposition and implementation of EU law and the provoked shift in the balance of powers at national level*
- Jan Grinc (Charles University) & Robert Zbiral (Masaryk University) - *De-parliamentarisation thesis and national strategies of EU law implementation: Does the executive/legislative divide matter?*

Discussant: Tim de Bondt (Belgian Senate)

10:00 – 10:30: Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30: Panel 4: Recalibrating the Multi-level parliamentary field

Chair: Anna Herranz-Surrallés (Maastricht University)

- Cristina Fasone (LUISS Guido Carli University) & Maria Romaniello (IMT Lucca) - *National and regional parliaments on EU trade agreements: democratic facilitators or veto players?*
- Péter Márton (Central European University) - *In pursuit of democratic input legitimacy in EU trade agreements: The role of European Parliaments*
- Katharina Meissner (University of Vienna) & Guri Rosén (University of Oslo) - *Exploring interaction between national parliaments and the European Parliament in EU external affairs*
- Charikleia Vlachou (Université d'Orléans) - *Democratic accountability of European agencies: is there a role for national parliaments?*

Discussant: Pekka Nurminen (European Parliament)

12:30 – 12:45: Concluding remarks and next steps by Anna Herranz-Surrallés (Maastricht University)



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