

Conference Programme

Lawmaking in Multi-level Settings: Federalism, Europe, and Beyond

Law making is a difficult task in itself, even in a simple national setting. Multi-level settings complicate matters still further. At the central or upper level, laws must respect the autonomy and diversity of the component units, yet be effective, coherent, simple and accessible. At the decentralized or lower level, law makers must implement external laws, drafted at the central level, within a given time-frame and integrate them in their own legislative framework. There are problems of principles and theory as well as practical and technical problems. How to secure the autonomy of subnational entities or Member States? How to ensure that law making is effective, both at the central level and the decentralized level? In the specific context of the European Union (EU), how to ensure timely transposition of EU directives, reduce red tape and avoid bureaucracy? How to include the practical knowledge of the "lower" level in legislative process of the upper level? How to balance the legal drafting traditions and practices of the "lower" and "upper levels"?

In this conference, the challenges and solutions are discussed from three angles, each of which is explored within three consecutive sessions. The first session takes a systemic approach, looking at the coherence and effectiveness of legislation at all legislative levels in federal and supra-national systems. The second session focuses on the quality of EU legislation in particular, looking at the challenges of effective law-making both at the EU level and at the national level. The third session takes the perspective of Member States that have to comply with EU and other regional legislation.

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Thursday 20 September 2018

9h30 Welcome Word by Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp, Host of the Conference) and Helen Xanthaki (University College London, Chair of the International Association of Legislation)

9h45 **Keynote Speaker 1:** Claudio Radaelli (University of Exeter)

10h15 Part 1: Quality of Legislation in Multi-Level Systems

Chair: Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp)

10h15 Theme 1: Multi-level Law-Making: Form, Arrangement and Design in Theory and Practice – Felix Uhlmann (University of Zurich)

10h35 Theme 2: Legislative Challenges from an Upper-Level Perspective – Evelyne Schmid (University of Lausanne)

10h55 Coffee break

11h15 Theme 3: Legislative Challenges from a Lower-Level Perspective – Nicola Lupo and Elena Griglio (Luiss, Rome)

11h35 Open Call: Hybridization and Deculturalization of Legal Language(s) in Multi-Level Settings – Speaker: Agnieszka Doczekalska (Kozminski University)

11h55 Panel Discussion

12h15 Public Discussion

12h40 Lunch

14h10 Part 2: Quality of EU Legislation

Chair: William Robinson (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies)

14h10 Theme 1: Recent Developments in EU Regulation and Legislation – Speaker: Karen Banks (Legal Service of the European Commission)

14h30 Theme 2: A critical analysis of EU regulation – Speaker: Markéta Whelanová (Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, deputy director of the Department for Compatibility)

14h50 Coffee break

15h10 Theme 3: A critical analysis of EU legislation – Speaker: Maria Mousmouti (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies)

15h30 Open Call: Taking a Hard Line on Soft Law? The Transposition of ‘Hybrid Recommendations’ by the National Legislator – Petra Lea Láncoš (Deutsches Forschungsinstitut für Öffentliche Verwaltung)

15h50 Panel Discussion

16h10 Public Discussion

16h30 Reception

19h00 Dinner with Speakers and Chairs

Friday 21 September 2018

9h30 **Keynote speaker 2:** Stephan Naundorf (Better Regulation Unit, Federal Chancellery, Germany)

10h00 **Part 3: Legislation adopted by EU Member States to comply with their EU obligations**

Chair: João Tiago Silveira (Lisbon Law School/University of Lisbon)

10h00 Theme 1: Mechanisms at national level to improve the transposition of EU directives – Wim Voermans (University of Leiden)

10h20 Theme 2: How to reconcile the drafting rules and practices of the Member-States with the rules and practices of the EU? – Rui Linceiro (Lisbon Law School/University of Lisbon)

10h40 Coffee break

11h00 Theme 3: How to avoid two legal regimes at the national level (one resulting from the transposition of EU directives, the other from other laws)? – Case study: general data protection regulation – Jeroen Van Nieuwenhove (Council of State and KULeuven)

11h20 Open Call: EU Regulations and the Spirit of Codification - Ruben de Graaff and Dorine Verheij (University of Leiden)

11h40 Panel Discussion

12h00 Public Discussion

12h20 Closing Word by Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp)

12h30 Drink