



Reconnect Workshop

Reconnect is a four-year multidisciplinary research project on Reconciling Europe with its Citizens through Democracy and the Rule of Law aimed at understanding and providing solutions to the recent challenges faced by the European Union (EU). With an explicit focus on strengthening the EU's legitimacy through democracy and the rule of law, Reconnect seeks to build a new narrative for Europe, enabling the EU to become more attuned to the expectations of its citizens. Reconnect brings together 18 academic partner institutions from 14 countries.

Acknowledging that the attempt to strengthen the rule of law and democratic principles over the past decade has not succeeded in fostering the legitimacy of European institutions, scholars and policy makers will reflect on the key concepts challenged by the current EU crises – legitimacy, authority and sovereignty – and what should European institutions deliver and be held accountable for. What caused the current erosion of legitimacy that European institutions are witnessing? How can citizens be placed at the center of a new narrative of legitimacy rebuilding? The answers to those questions should pave the way for the advancement toward a reconnection of EU institutions with the citizens.

H. 9 am
Aula Toti
Viale Romania 32, Rome

Re-conceptualizing Authority and Legitimacy in the EU: New Architectures and Procedures to Reconnect the Union with its Citizens

H. 9 am Welcome addresses

Leonardo Morlino
LUISS

Jan Wouters
KU Leuven

H. 9:30 am Keynote lecture

Speaker
Giuliano Amato
Italian Constitutional Court

Chair
Jan Wouters
KU Leuven

H. 10:30 am Coffee Break

H. 11 am Panel: Revisiting the Notion of Authority

Chair
Leonardo Morlino
LUISS

Speakers
Authority, Sovereignty and Supranationalism
Joseph Corkin
Middlesex University London

The Principle of Conferral and the Division of Competences between the EU and the Member States: Old and New Challenges
Daniele Gallo
LUISS

The Rule of Law in Action in the EU: an Administrative Law Perspective
Aldo Sandulli
Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples

Strengthening Authority in the EU: Access and Transparency Make the EU a Win-win Game?
Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella
LUISS

Electoral Accountability and EU Authority: The Case of the European Parliament's Elections
Julien Navarro
Lille Catholic University

Discussant
Cristina Fasone
LUISS

H. 1 pm Lunch Break

H. 2 pm Panel: Revisiting the Notion of Legitimacy

Chair
Giovanni Orsina
LUISS

Speakers
The Legitimacy of the EU in Historical Perspective. History of a Never-ending Quest
Lise Rye
NTNU

Input Legitimacy and Output Legitimacy of the EU: Where Are We Now?
Cesare Pinelli
Sapienza University of Rome

The Role of Parliaments in the EU between Legitimacy and Accountability
Nicola Lupo
LUISS

What Role, if any, Should Democratic Decision-making Play in Identifying Principles of Justice for the EU
Andrea Sangiovanni
European University Institute

Reconciling Democracy and Rule of Law in the EU and in its Member States
Carlos Closa Montero
CSIC Madrid

Discussant
Kolja Raube
KU Leuven

H. 4 pm Final Reflections and Debate

Keynote speech
Challenges to Legitimacy and the Role of EU Courts
Andreas Føllesdal
University of Oslo, PluriCourts

Chair
Daniela Piana
University of Bologna

Concluding reflections
Daniela Piana
University of Bologna
Jan Wouters
KU Leuven

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