

EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTRE
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EU@OX

One-day workshop bringing together Lawyers and Political
Scientists at Oxford, plus invited guests, on:

'The EU Constitution: Alternative Futures '

Convenors: Kalypso Nicolaïdis and Stephen Weatherill

Friday 5 May

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

The Buttery, Hilda Besse Building

St Antony's College

All Welcome

We are grateful to the Law Faculty for their financial support.

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5 May, St Antony's College Oxford

Roundtable on the Future of the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

EU@OX, a cooperation of Oxford based lawyers and political scientists are holding a one day workshop looking at what can be done to achieve the objectives of the Constitution without actually having the (Treaty establishing a) Constitution enter into force.

This inquiry could involve some specifically legal questions about what changes can be made without the need for formal Treaty revision (through institutional practice, or perhaps in some cases through secondary legislation); some more overtly political questions about what can be done, whatever the formal legal position (where, for example, one may conclude that even if Treaty revision is an adequate legal basis for change, politically some such reforms are not currently viable); and then more normative questions about what we may wish to salvage from the Treaty establishing a Constitution and what we might wish to do better, given another chance. And: what do we do with this stalled Treaty. Moreover, all this ranges over not only the specific institutional/ constitutional changes intended by the Constitution, but also the broader objectives of improved transparency and user-/citizen-friendliness.

EU@OX is hoping to come up with proposals of 'what is to be done' with the Constitution and/or without it - indeed including with a view to the Austrian summit in June.

The workshop will be held as an informal discussion according the Chatham House Rules. It is going to be a round table discussion where participants exchange views, develop opinions and explore solution together rather than a series of presentations of different papers.

There will be a rough outline of the day closer to the date as well as a preliminary exchange of views by email. Please forward this information and we will update you of course.

List of Participants (as of March 28)

Oxford Lawyers

- Nick Barber
- Nicola Countouris
- Paul Craig
- Pavlos Eleftheriadis
- Liz Fisher
- Alicia Hinarejos Parga
- Paolisa Nebbia
- Stephen Weatherill
- Derrick Wyatt

Oxford Political Scientists

- Dan Kelemen
- Janie Pélabay
- Kalypso Nicolaidis
- Timothy Garton Ash
- Luciana Ghica
- Leila Vignal

- John Loughlin (and Cardiff U)

Outsiders

- A representative of the Austrian Presidency
- Diana Brookes, Legal Counsellor, FCO (tbc)
- Sir Brian Crowe (Chatham House)
- Alan Dashwood (Cambridge)
- Anand Menon, Birmingham
- John Temple Lang (Cleary Gottlieb, Brussels).