



“Constitutions and Markets”
June 14th-15th, 2007
San Domenico di Fiesole, Villa la Fonte

Thursday, 14 June, 2007

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome

Yves Mény, President of the European University Institute

9:15 – 10:30 Constitutions and Markets: A Broader ‘Weberian’ Perspective

Chair: *Ramon Marimon*, Director of the Max Weber Programme, European University Institute

“Culture and Institutions: Economic Development in the Regions of Europe”

Guido Tabellini, IGER, Bocconi University

Discussant: *Luigi Guiso* (European University Institute)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:20 Institutional Change: The Postcommunist Transition Experience

Chair: *Roman Petrov*, Max Weber Fellow (MWF), European University Institute

“Institutional Change and Postcommunist Transition”

Leszek Balcerowicz, Warsaw School of Economics

“Constitutional Courts and the Limits of Economic Policy: A Constitutional Political Economy Perspective of the Hungarian Experience”

Péter Cserne, Columbia University New York and University of Hamburg

Discussant: *László Bruszt*, European University Institute

12:20 – 13:10 Legal and Economic Change: The Chinese Experience

“Towards a Law and Economics of Public Property: From the US 16th Amendment of the US Constitution to the 10th People’s Congress of the Peoples’ Republic of China”

Zhiyuan Cui, Cornell University and Tsinghua University, Beijing

Discussant: *Stefan Voigt*, University of Marburg

13:10 – 14:40 Lunch Break



14:40 – 15:30 Endogenous Constitutional Changes

Chair: *José María Aguilera Manzano*, MWF, European University Institute

“Endogenous Constitutions”

Davide Ticchi, University of Urbino, and *Andrea Vindigni*, Princeton University

Discussant: *Francesco Passarelli*, Bocconi University, Milan and LEE, Castellon de la Plana

15:30 – 16: 20 Endogenous Political Party Changes

“Economic Performance and the Unraveling of Hegemonic Parties”

Jennifer Gandhi, Emory University

Discussant: *José Fernández-Albertos*, Harvard University and IBEI, Barcelona

16:20 – 16:50 Coffee Break

16:50 – 18:05 Constitutions and the Rule of Law

Chair: *Anne Rasmussen*, MWF, European University Institute

“The Constitutional Origins of the Rule of Law”

Barry Weingast, Stanford University

Discussant: *Stephen Holmes*, New York University

18:10 – 19:00 Cocktail

19:00 – Conference Barbecue Dinner

Friday, June 15, 2007

9:15 – 10:30 Constitutions and Market Failures

Chair: *Mariely López-Santana*, MWF, European University Institute

“Markets and Governments: The Reciprocal Dialectic of Failures”

Colin Crouch, University of Warwick

Discussant: *Peter Mair*, European University Institute

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break



11:00 – 12:20 Constitutions, the Global Economy and their Legitimacy

Chair: *Stéphane Beaulac*, MWF, European University Institute

“Constitutions and Global Markets: How to Define the ‘Development Objectives’ of the World Trading System?”

Ernst-Ulrich Petersman, European University Institute

“The Function of a European Constitution: A Question of Legitimacy”

Tor-Inge Harbo, University of Oslo

Discussant: *Mario Savino*, University of Rome “La Sapienza”

12:20 – 13:10 Competition for Economic and Political Outcomes

“Political (Dis)Integration, Rent Seeking and Growth”

Daniel Brou, University of Western Ontario and *Michele Ruta*, European University Institute

Discussant: *Massimo Morelli*, Ohio State University

13:10 – 14:40 Lunch Break

14:40 –15:30 Constitutions and Markets: A Historical Perspective

Chair: *Bojan Aleksov*, MWF, European University Institute

“Lessons from the Weimar Constitution”

Harold James, European University Institute and Princeton University

15:30 –16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:20 Constitutions and Markets: A EU Perspective

“The Notion of ‘Competitive market’ in the Evolution of the European Economic Constitution”

Giuliano Amato, Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs & European University Institute

16:20 –17:35 The Political Pursuit of Economic Inefficiency?

Chair: *Philip Sauré*, MWF, EUI

“Emergence and Persistence of Inefficient States”

Daron Acemoglu, M.I.T.

Discussant: *Gerard Roland*, University of Berkeley

17:35 – 18:15 End of Conference Cocktail