



Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

## Designing Legitimacy in International Organizations

**Tuesday, 7 June 2016, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

**Max Weber Common Room**

**Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9, San Domenico di Fiesole**

Scientific Organizers:

- Gisela Hirschmann, Max Weber fellow, EUI
- Tobias Lenz, Max Weber fellow, EUI
- Ida Koivisto, Max Weber fellow, EUI
- Lora Viola, Jean Monnet fellow, EUI

### ■ OVERVIEW

This workshop aims to bring into conversation political science and legal perspectives on the design of legitimacy in international organizations. Our point of departure is the observation that the literatures on the (rational) design of international institutions and on institutional legitimacy have much to offer each other but rarely interact directly. While the rational institutionalist research program has much to say about institutional design, it implicitly reduces legitimacy to institutional effectiveness and so forgoes interesting avenues of research opened up by the institutional legitimacy literature. Scholarship on legitimacy, in contrast, questions the relative importance of output (institutional effectiveness) vs. input or procedural fairness as sources of legitimacy. However, the institutional legitimacy literature is ambivalent about how legitimacy can best be designed and whether, empirically, legitimacy is primarily a matter of input, throughput, or output factors. Against this background, the workshop aims to explore, from different disciplinary perspectives, how insights from (rational) institutional design and institutional legitimacy can be combined to enhance our understanding of international organizations.

## ■ PROGRAMME

### INTRODUCTION

- 8:30 – 9:00                      Arrival and registration
- 9:00 – 9:30                      Welcome by organizers
- 9:30 – 10:40                    Opening keynote: Legitimacy in Global Governance  
**Jonas Tallberg** (Stockholm University)
- Chair: Gisela Hirschmann (EUI)
- 10:40 – 11:00                    *Coffee Break*

### PANEL 1: POLITICAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVES

- Chair: Ida Koivisto (EUI)  
   Discussant: Jennifer Welsh (EUI)
- 11:00 – 11:40                    Legitimacy and Change in International Institutions  
**Tobias Lenz** (EUI) and **Lora Viola** (EUI)
- 11:40 – 12:20                    Pluralist Accountability: New Avenues for Enhancing the Legitimacy of  
International Organizations?  
**Gisela Hirschmann** (EUI)
- 12:20 – 13:00                    Parliamentarization in International Organizations  
**Katharina Meissner** (EUI)
- 13:00 – 14:10                    *Lunch* (Room: Saletta Rossa)

### PANEL 2: LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

- Chair: Tobias Lenz (EUI)  
   Discussant: Dennis Patterson (EUI)
- 14:10 – 14:50                    The Legitimacy of International Courts  
**Alain Zysset** (EUI)
- 14:50 – 15:30                    Institutional Legitimacy Through Transparency? Some Critical Remarks  
**Ida Koivisto** (EUI)
- 15:30 – 16:10                    Legitimacy in the Era of Global Legal Pluralism?  
**Gustavo Prieto** (University of Verona)



16:10 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

## CONCLUSION: TAKING STOCK

16:30 – 17:30 Concluding keynote: What's in a Name? Making Sense of Democratic Legitimation in Transnational and Intergovernmental Governance  
**Klaus Dingwerth** (University of St. Gallen)

Chair: Lora Viola (EUI)

17:30 – 18:30 Round table and discussion

- Klaus Dingwerth (University of St. Gallen)
- Friedrich Kratochwil (EUI, tbc)
- Dennis Patterson (EUI)
- Jonas Tallberg (Stockholm University)
- Jennifer Welsh (EUI)

19:30 Dinner at *Piatti e Fagotti*, Via delle Fontanelle, 9, San Domenico, Firenze (by invitation)

## ■ PARTICIPANTS

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