Luiss
School of Government

Summer Program
Parliamentary Democracy in Europe

10th Edition
Parliaments during and after the COVID-19 pandemic

12-16 July 2021

* Course to be held on campus
(the epidemiological situation will be closely monitored and the participants promptly updated of any change)

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This summer program applies research-based knowledge and professional expertise to the actual contexts where **constitutional democracies in Europe and beyond are facing unprecedented challenges to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic**. In particular, Parliaments as democratic institutions par excellence have been coping, on the one hand, with the problem of ensuring the continuity of their work in a time when social distancing is imperative by trying to adapt their technological infrastructures to online participation and voting of their members. On the other hand, they have find it difficult, especially where declarations of emergency and the state of exception have been issued, to control massive rule-making by the executives, severely affecting fundamental rights.

The program aims to explore the **tension between democratic principles, constitutional values and management of the pandemic**, given the problematic development of accountability procedures in such a context; the extent to which the rule of law has been endangered, new forms of technocratic dominance have emerged and the immediate and prospective long-term implications of the constitutional and political reaction to the COVID-19 outbreak on representative institutions. These are the challenges ahead at national level as well as at supranational level, as special attention will be paid to the European response to the pandemic, both in the framework of the European Union and of the Council of Europe.

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This intensive summer course is organized in cooperation with **Luiss Centre for Parliamentary Studies.**

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Course overview

The Summer Program intends to cope with the main challenge **constitutionalism** and **representative institutions** are currently facing in Europe and beyond, namely **the pandemic**. By bringing together an interdisciplinary group of renown international scholars, in particular in the fields of constitutional and EU law and in political science, as well as professionals, the Summer program will try to untangle the following problematic knots: **How has the COVID-19 outbreak affected the usual timing of democracy** (ie. the holding of elections, referendums etc.) **and the long-standing executive dominance? Are the effects of the pandemic going to be just temporary or permanent on the organization and the functioning of legislatures and with which implications over time? Which actors**, at domestic and at supranational levels, **have mainly contribute, directly or indirectly, to strike the balance amongst the many competing rights and interests at stake in the management of the pandemic?** How has the epidemiological emergency influenced the relationship between representative and technocratic institutions, on the one hand, and between democratic legitimation and scientific expertise, on the other? **What will be the likely role of parliaments in the recovery from the pandemic?**

Draft Programme

Participants

The Summer Program is designed for:

- **graduates, doctoral students and post-docs** active in the field of constitutional law, human rights, democratic transitions, parliamentary and legislative studies, electoral studies, European studies, international relations (preferably with a background in social sciences)

- **civil servants** from European institutions and bodies, from international organizations, and from national and subnational institutions in the EU Member States and from third countries

- **professionals working for NGOs, think tanks and interest groups** who want to acquire advanced knowledge on how liberal constitutional systems are being eroded from within, by which institutional and political actors and with which consequences for the protection of fundamental rights and of the rule of law principles.

Faculty

Scientific Committee:

- **Marta Cartabia**, Judge at the Italian Constitutional Court, member of the Venice Commission and Professor of Constitutional Law, on leave
- **Carlos Closa**, Full Professor at the Institute for Public Goods and Policies, CSIC – Senior Fellow, Global Governance Program, RSCAS-European University Institute
- **Gianluca Contaldi**, Full Professor of International Law, University of Macerata
- **Olivier Costa**, Research Professor at CNRS, Science Po-Bordeaux, Director of Studies, European Political and Administrative Studies Department, College of Europe (Bruges)
- **Renaud Dehousse**, President of the European University Institute, Florence
- **Amie Kreppel**, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam and Associate Professor in Political Science, University of Florida, and former Chair of the European Union Studies Association, 2011-2013
- **Cristina Leston-Bandeira**, Professor of Politics, University of Leeds
- **Nicola Lupo**, Full Professor of Parliamentary Law and Director of the Master Programme in "Parliament and Public Policies" and of the Master Programme in "Parliamentary procedures and legislative drafting" (EUPADRA), Luiss Guido Carli
- **Andrea Manzella**, Director of the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and former Jean Monnet Chair ad personam on the democratic principles in the EU, Luiss Guido Carli
- **Leonardo Morlino**, Professor of Political Science, Luiss Guido Carli, and former President of the International Political Science Association
- **Andrea Simoncini**, Full Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Florence, and Visiting Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School

School of Government Director:

- **Giovanni Orsina**, Full Professor of Contemporary History and Director of the Master in European Studies at Luiss School of Government

Summer Program Director:

- **Cristina Fasone**, Assistant Professor of Comparative Public Law, Luiss Guido Carli

Faculty:

- **Ittai Bar-Siman-Tov**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, and Head of BIU Innovation Lab for Law, Data-Science and Digital Ethics, Bar Ilan University
- **Iain Cameron**, Professor of Public International Law, Department of Law, Uppsala University and member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (TBC)
- **Bruno Dias Pinheiro**, Permanent Representative of the Portuguese Parliament to the EU institutions, Brussels
- **Tímea Drinóczi**, Full Professor, Department of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pécs
- **Cristina Fasone**, Assistant Professor of Comparative Public Law, Department of Political Science, Luiss University
- **Luigi Gianniti**, Head of the Research Department, Senate of the Italian Republic
- **Elena Griglio**, Parliamentary Counsellor, Senate of the Italian Republic
- **Joelle Grogan**, Senior Lecturer in UK and EU Public Law, Middlesex University London
- **Nicola Lupo**, Full Professor of Parliamentary Law, Department of Political Science, and Jean Monnet Chair on "Understanding European Representative Democracy", Luiss University
- **Aleksandra Maatsch**, Chair of Social Sciences and Economics, Willy Brandt Centre for German and European Studies, University of Wrocław

- **Giovanni Rizzoni**, Head of the Research Department, Italian Chamber of Deputies
- **Olivier Rozenberg**, Associate Professor, Sciences Po-Paris, Centre d'études européennes
- **Ton Van der Brink**, Full Professor of EU legislative studies, School of Law, Utrecht University
- **Giancarlo Vilella**, Former Director-General for Innovation and Technological Support at the European Parliament (TBC)

Online application

Admission is based on professional and academic achievement. A good knowledge of written and spoken English is also required. Early application is encouraged. Qualified candidates are admitted on a rolling, space-available basis.

Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space remains. Applicants need to:
- Complete the application form;
- Upload the detailed academic and professional CV;
- Upload a copy of an ID document;
- Upload a copy of a complete transcript;
- Upload a motivation letter, explaining the reasons for attending this summer program.

Tuition fees for the Summer Program have been fixed at:
- € 800 euro (without accommodation)
- € 1.200 euro (with accommodation)

Partner universities and Luiss students will receive a 10% tuition fee reduction

Certificates and credits

A certificate of participation is awarded upon successful completion of the Summer Program.

In order to gain this certificate, participants are expected to attend and actively participate in all the activities of the Summer Program.

Participants willing to obtain credits (**4 ECTS**) should consult their own institutions in advance about the acceptability of the Summer Program evaluation, which will be based on class participation and the successful evaluation of a written test (a take-home exam).

Credits will be awarded along the following guidelines:
- Attendance of every academic activity scheduled in the framework of the Summer Program
- Successful evaluation (at least satisfactory) of a written test based on two open questions to be answered in 24h (take-home exam).

Participants complying with these standards will receive an official transcript detailing the awarded credits.

Contact us

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