

## Report

### LISBOAN Working Group Workpackage VII (WP leader: Lucia Serena Rossi)

#### Quasi Constitutional Nature of the Lisbon Treaty

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Pursuant to the programme announced during the morning session of the General Assembly, three short speeches were delivered.

Prof. Thomas Christiansen presented his latest studies on constitutionalism in the EU. In particular, he focused on the need to maintain a broad perception of the phenomena characterising European integration and insisted on the need to study the emergence of the material constitution after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty;

Prof. Jean Paul Jacqué recalled some topical moments in the elaboration of the Constitutional Treaty and commented the Spinelli Project of 1984. He underlined the political consequences stemming from the use of the term Constitution, but also stressed that the EU is not a State (federal or otherwise). Assuming that there cannot be a Constitution without a State, attention should be paid to developments deriving from the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty;

Dr. Di Federico reviewed the process leading to the elaboration of the Constitutional Treaty, its rejection and the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty pinpointing the goals pursued and the amendments brought to the original treaties.

All participants had an opportunity express their view and put forward questions.

The debate that followed revolved around the following topics:

- the need to further investigate the concept of constitutional pluralism and constitutional dialogue;
- the interest in assessing the changes introduced by the Lisbon Treaty with respect to the principles of primacy, direct effect and loyal cooperation;
- the pivotal role played by the concept of solidarity in the future;
- the lack of a true European identity and possible remedies to be found at a European level.