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LISBOAN SEMINAR

Towards a European Economic *and* Political Union

From the integration of the Fiscal Compact and the ESM into the Lisbon Treaty

16 – 17 September 2013

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The Lisbon Treaty, in conjunction with the Eurocrisis, has contributed to favor an institutional imbalance to the advantage of the European Council at the expense of the European Commission. The new Fiscal Compact and the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), ratified outside the Treaty's framework, have additionally increased the intergovernmental dimension of the European Union (EU)'s decision making system. At the same time, the European Central Bank (ECB) is taking the lead of the Banking Union.

How can these new Treaties and mechanisms help move towards the ultimate aim of a Political Union? Can they be effectively integrated in the current EU's political and institutional set up? Is it still realistic to believe in a Political Union?

DRAFT PROGRAMME
(as of 31 July)

Strategic partner

Monday, September 16

- Chair: *Flavio Brugnoli*, Director, Centro Studi sul Federalismo, Turin
- 14.30 – 14.45 **Introduction**
Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- 14.45 – 16.00 **Session 1**
“The financial and economic crisis as a test bench for the Lisbon institutions: what new roles and functions? What is missing?”
- Speaker *Alberto Majocchi*, Professor of Public Finance, University of Pavia
- 16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15 – 17.30 **Session 2**
“Old and new institutions for the management of the Fiscal Compact and ESM”
- Speaker *Iain Begg*, Professorial Research Fellow, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 17.30 – 18.45 **Session 3**
“How to effectively integrate the Fiscal Compact and the ESM into the Lisbon Treaty?”
- Speaker *Lucia Serena Rossi*, Professor of International Law, University of Bologna

Tuesday, September 17

- Chair: *Gustavo Visentini*, Scientific Director, Fondazione Bruno Visentini, Rome
- 9.30 – 10.45 **Session 4**
“The issue of legitimacy: the role of European Parliament and National Parliaments in the new institutional context”
- Speaker *René Repasi*, Assistant Professor, Heidelberg University
- 10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.15 **Session 5**
“The Eurozone as the core of a Political Union? Scenarios and perspectives”

<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Brigid Laffan</i> , Professor of European politics, School of Politics and International Relations, University College, Dublin
	<i>Jaap de Zwaan</i> , Professor of European Union Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam
12.15 – 13.00	Wrap-up Session
<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Wolfgang Wessels</i> , Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, University of Cologne.
	<i>Paolo De Ioanna</i> , Fondazione Bruno Visentini, and Member of the Council of State
13.00 – 14.00	Buffet lunch