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CONSTITUTIONALISM TOWARD A JURISPRUDENCE FOR THE FUTURE

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RECONNET conference

Day 1 (Thursday, 25 June 2026)

09:00-09:30 Coffee & Welcome

09:30-10:30 Keynote: Ralf Poscher - Debunking the Hard Problem of Proportionality. Proportionality Has a Measurement, Not an Incommensurability Problem

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-13:15- Panel 1

11:00-11:45- Dimitrios Kyritsis - Constituent Power and Constitutional Obduracy

11:45-12:30- Laurens van Apeldoorn - Unwritten Emergency Law in the Swiss Constitution

12:30-13:15- Giuseppe Martinico - National Constitutional Law as a Weapon: Eurosceptic Challenges to EU Law Primacy

13:30-14:30 - Lunch

14:30-15:00 - Break

15:00-17:15- Panel 2

15:00-15:45- Paul Blokker - The Radical Conservative Constitutional Mission: The Future in the Past

15:45-16:30- Jorge Baquerizo - Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendments: A Conceptual Analysis of Teleological and Instrumental Antinomies

16:30-17:15- Donald Bello Hutt - Between Change and Stability: Deliberation and the Rule of Law



Day 2 (Friday, 26 June 2026)

09:00-09:30 Coffee & Welcome

09:30-10:30 - **Keynote: Roland Pierik** - Convention Constitutionalism: Paving the Way for a European Constitutional Future

10:30-11:00 - Break

11:00-13:15- Panel 3

11:00-11:45- **Ana Cannilla** - Principled Constitutionalism: Telling Right from Wrong in the Political Constitution

11:45- 12:30- **Ignacio Giuffré** - The Comparative Turn in Political Process Theory: Comparatively Ambitious, Democratically Limited

12:30- 13:15- **Alessandra Di Martino** - Social Acceleration and Constitutionalism: Two Paradigms from Comparative Law

13:30-14:30 - Lunch

14:30-15:00 - Break

15:00-17:15- Panel 4

15:00-15:45- **Leah Trueblood** - The Future of the Constitutional Value of Consent

15:45-16:30- **Massimo Fichera** - Communal Constitutionalism and the Notion of Legitimate Authority

16:30-17:15- **Francesco Rizzi Brignoli** - Constitutional Identity of Future Generations: A Problem of Authorship



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RECONNET is founded and coordinated by Massimo Fichera (Maastricht University), Francesco Rizzi Brignoli (University of Bologna), and Donald Bello Hutt (University of Valladolid).