


# Consolidation Citizen Forum

## Innovative Economic Governance Practices and 21st Century Liberal Democracy



 **10** SEPTEMBER  
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 9:00 - 17:30

 Le Château HEC Paris  
5 Rue de la Libération  
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### SCOPE

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the European Union has developed a strategy to ensure rule of law compliance in certain Member States based on economic and budgetary mechanisms – such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the Conditionality Regulation 2020/2092, and the European Semester. Those mechanisms use “spending conditionality”: to benefit from European fundings and in the managing of European funds, Member States have to respect European values, in particular the rule of law. To put it differently, economic and budgetary mechanisms are a means for the European Union of ensuring that reforms and investment implemented at the national level improve the respect for European Values despite a dissensus on them in certain Member States. The Consolidation Citizen Forum will therefore explore how economic and budgetary mechanisms are used to promote liberal democracy. It will bring together citizens, researchers and experts, including EU and Member States representatives and civic leaders active in the promotion of European Values. Participants will discuss innovative economic governance practices by focusing on four of them: equality and non-discrimination, solidarity, justice, and democracy.

### Keynote Session:

## Spending Conditionality: Overcome Dissensus over European Values?

Speakers:



Ana Bobić  
CJEU



Merijn Chamon  
VUB



Dimitry Kochenov  
CEU



Chair:  
Arnaud Van Waeyenberge  
HEC Paris

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### FORUM PROGRAM

- 08:30 - 09:00 *Welcome Coffee*
- 09:00 - 09:15 *Opening Remarks*  
**Louise Fromont**, HEC Paris
- 09:15 - 10:30 *Session 1 - Equality & non-discrimination*  
*Chair: Matteo Winkler, HEC Paris*
- **Giovanna Badalassi**, Researcher, consultant and trainer on welfare and gender policies
  - **Ilaria Gambardella**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
  - **Annamaria Linczowska**, Campaign Against Homophobia
- 10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee break*
- 10:45 - 12:00 *Session 2 - Solidarity*  
*Chair: Dimitrios Argyroulis, Université libre de Bruxelles*
- **Ioanna Christodoulaki**, Université libre de Bruxelles
  - **Francesco Corti**, Centre for European Policy Studies
  - **Elizabeth Kuiper**, European Policy Centre
- 12:00-13:00 *Lunch break*
- 13:00 - 14:30 *Keynote session - Spending Conditionality: Overcome Dissensus over European Values?*  
*Chair: Arnaud Van Waeyenberge, HEC Paris*
- **Ana Bobić**, Court of Justice of the European Union
  - **Merijn Chamon**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
  - **Dimitry Kochenov**, Central European University
- 14:30 - 14:45 *Coffee break*
- 14:45 - 16:00 *Session 3 - Justice*  
*Chair: Louise Fromont, HEC Paris*
- **Viktor Zoltán Kazai**, Civil Liberties Union for Europe / Université libre de Bruxelles
  - **Martín Martínez Navarro**, Court of Justice of the European Union
  - **Eulalia Rubio**, Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute
- 16:00 - 17:15 *Session 4 - Democracy*  
*Chair: Saskia Hollander, Clingendael Institute*
- **Kurt Bassuener**, Democratization Policy Council
  - **Matteo Bonelli**, Maastricht University
  - **Jakub Jaraczewski**, Democracy Reporting International
- 17:15 - 17:30 *Concluding Remarks*  
**Louise Fromont**, HEC Paris, & **Arnaud Van Waeyenberge**, HEC Paris