

## Call for new partners

RECON seeks two new partner institutions to complement the project's existing research expertise within the fields of representation and institutional make-up (WP 3) and the political economy of the EU (WP 7). The deadline for submitting research proposals is 16 January 2008.

From mid-2008 RECON will include two more partner institutions in its consortium. The competitive call for new partners was launched on 21 November 2007 and aims to recruit one partner institution for each of the two research fields: **representation and institutional make-up (I)** and **the political economy of the EU (II)**. A separate budget is reserved for each of the two new partners, and each field will be evaluated independently.

The call is aimed at research institutions and universities from European, Associated or Candidate countries with the expertise and ability to carry out one of the two main research tasks as defined below. An institution or university can apply to both fields, but this must be stated explicitly and separate research proposals made for each field.

Proposals should be conceptually innovative and methodologically rigorous, and should indicate how they address the RECON models.

### Representation and Institutional Make-up

One new partner is asked to make a research proposal that complements existing projects in RECON's work package 3 - *Representation and Institutional Make-up*. WP 3's overarching emphasis is on (a) clarifying the nature of the challenges facing systems of representation at the national and supranational levels in Europe and how these interact; (b) establishing the direction of change (towards which of the three RECON models these systems develop); and (c) evaluating the democratic quality of these arrangements. Such an assessment presupposes proper attention to the broader institutional settings within which patterns of representation are entrenched in the European multilevel setting.



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### The Political Economy of the European Union

RECON's work package 7 - *The Political Economy of the European Union* analyses the relationship between public finance and democracy in the EU's multilevel political system. Institutional designs and policy options are spelled out with regard to the financing system and the allocation of tax powers to the EU, and conceptions of social integration, with particular emphasis on the relationship between solidarity, justice and democracy, are identified and related to the RECON models. The new partner is expected to lead the development of a 'second pillar' of the work package, namely, the elucidation of the relationship between social insurance mechanisms and democratic government.



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### Submitting proposals

A call web page has been created at RECON's website. More details as well as documents and links are available on this web page (proposal submission forms, project effort form, guide for proposers and general information on the Sixth Framework Programme).

It is highly recommended that proposers contact the RECON Project Helpdesk (mail to [admin@reconproject.eu](mailto:admin@reconproject.eu)) and register as a potential proposer. The RECON team will do their best to provide relevant information and guidance to the proposers.

Deadline for submitting research proposals is **16 January 2008**.

The research proposals will be evaluated by independent experts selected by the RECON consortium and approved by the European Commission. Final selection of partners by the RECON consortium with the approval of the European Commission will be done in March 2008.

The new partners will be included in the project from 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2011 (42 months).

Read more on RECON's website: [www.reconproject.eu](http://www.reconproject.eu)

# RECON series joined the ERPA network

The RECON Online Working Paper Series joined the European Research Papers Archive (ERPA) on 16 November 2007. ERPA is a database for online working papers in the field of European integration research. The search engine allows advanced searches for authors, titles, publication dates and keywords as well as full text search. The RECON series is the eleventh series to join ERPA, which currently includes around 1,150 research papers in its database.

ERPA now includes the following series: (1) *European Integration online Papers* (EIoP) by ECSA-Austria; (2) *MPIfG Discussion Papers* and *MPIfG Working Papers* by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG); (3) *ARENA Working Papers* by ARENA - Centre for European Studies; (4) *Jean Monnet Working Papers* by the European Union Jean Monnet Chair, NYU Law School; (5) *Working Papers of Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Law Department*, by the European University Institute; (6) *MZES Working Papers* by the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES); (7) *One Europe or Several? Working Papers* by the ESRC Programme 'One Europe or Several?'; (8) *European Governance Papers* (EUROGOV) by Connecting Excellence on European Governance (CONNEX) and New Modes of Governance (NEWGOV); (9) *Webpapers on Constitutionalism and Governance Beyond the State* (ConWEB) by Queen's University Belfast and McGill University of Montreal; (10) *Queen's Papers on Europeanisation* by the Institute of European Studies, Queen's University of Belfast; and (11) *RECON Online Working Papers* by Reconstituting Democracy in Europe (RECON).

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## RECON Online Working Papers

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The RECON Online Working Paper Series publishes pre-print manuscripts on democracy and the democratisation of the political order in Europe. The topics of the series correspond to the research focus of RECON's work packages. Papers are available in electronic version only (PDF format).

## New website:

### The Europeanisation of National Constitutions

*A new website on the Europeanisation of national constitutions has recently been launched. It is mastered by the RECON partner Center for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC) in Madrid, and is aimed at researchers, journalists and citizens interested in learning about the Europeanisation of member states' constitutions.*

The new website can be accessed at two domains [www.europeconstitution.eu](http://www.europeconstitution.eu) and [www.constitutioneurope.eu](http://www.constitutioneurope.eu). It is set up as a source of information on the process of Europeanisation of national constitutions. It aims at providing basic documentation of national constitutional adaptations to the process of European integration, and includes information on EU member states, candidate countries and potential candidate countries. For each country, information is provided on constitutional provisions related to the EU with links to the texts of the national constitutions (in English). The website also offers information on national Parliamentary debates on the constitutional adaptation to the EU (where available), case-law and selected bibliographies.

The website, which will be continuously updated and completed during the RECON project, will also include a search engine tool to search within the website.

The website constitutes an important part of RECON's WP 2 – *The Constitutionalisation of the EU, the Europeanisation of National Constitutions, and Constitutionalism Compared*. This work package analyses the impact of

the dual processes of EU constitutionalisation and Europeanisation of national constitutions on the reconstitution of democracy in Europe. In the first project period, the main aims of WP 2 are to derive implications from each of the three RECON models pertaining to: the procedural design; the substantive contents of the European constitutional arrangement; and the integration of national constitutional arrangements into a European constitutional arrangement. A major part of this work is the collection and dissemination of data through the website, which will constitute a powerful research tool for the analysis of the impact of the Europeanisation of national constitutions on the reconstruction of democracy in Europe.

[www.europeconstitution.eu](http://www.europeconstitution.eu) / [www.constitutioneurope.eu](http://www.constitutioneurope.eu)



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## Five new research positions at ARENA

At ARENA – Centre for European Studies at the University of Oslo three researcher positions, one postdoc or PhD fellowship and one PhD fellowship are vacant from 2008. As a further development of the Centre's core research on the political dynamics of Europe, ARENA has developed a new research programme under the heading 'The Transformation and Sustainability of European Political Order'. The five new positions are linked to four research areas: (1) The administrative-regulative dimension of political order; (2) The constitutional-democratic dimension of political order; (3) The cognitive-cultural dimension of political order; and (4) The external dimension of political order.

**Deadline for application: 21 Jan 2008**

Read more at ARENA's website: [www.arena.uio.no](http://www.arena.uio.no)

## Two assistant positions at the University of León

Two assistant positions are available at the University of León within the framework of RECON. One research position is for 6 months, and renewable up to a total of 12 months, to start from 1 January 2008. The second research position is for 5 months (non renewable), to start from 1 February 2008. The new assistants will undertake research within the framework of RECON's WP 7 - *The Political Economy of the European Union*, with the supervision of Dr. Agustín J. Menéndez.

**Deadline for application: 12 Dec 2007**

Read more at RECON's website: [www.reconproject.eu](http://www.reconproject.eu)

# Report from RECON's kick-off conference

RECON Report No 3 / ARENA Report 8/07

*How to Reconstitute Democracy in Europe? Proceedings from the RECON Opening Conference*

Edited by Erik Oddvar Eriksen

The RECON project was launched with a two-day long kick-off conference in Oslo in January 2007. RECON Report No 3 collects paper presentations and comments from the opening session of the conference. It starts with RECON's theoretical framing paper by Erik O. Eriksen and John Erik Fossum which is followed by the keynote speeches of John Dryzek and James Bohman. It also includes the prepared comments to the keynote speeches by Hauke Brunkhorst and Rainer Forst, respectively.

The RECON Report Series is part of the established ARENA Report Series. The reports can be downloaded in electronic format (PDF) at: [www.reconproject.eu/projectweb/portalproject/RECONReports.html](http://www.reconproject.eu/projectweb/portalproject/RECONReports.html). Paper copies can be ordered by e-mail to [admin@reconproject.eu](mailto:admin@reconproject.eu).



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## RECON Events

### Representation and Institutional Make-up

Brussels, 15-16 June 2007

The kick-off workshop of WP 3 – *Representation and Institutional Make-up* was held in Brussels in June. The overall objective of WP 3 is to assess the status of democracy in Europe. The first section of the workshop was designed to deepen and share the understanding of theories of representation and their application to the EU. The second section was devoted to presentations of the various WP 3 projects. In the final part, other RECON work package leaders commented on the possibilities for cooperation between WP 3 and the rest of the RECON network.

On the first day, keynote speeches were held by **Jane Mansbridge** (Kennedy School of Government, University of Harvard), **Vivien Schmidt** (Boston University) and **Johannes Pollak** (Austrian Academy of Sciences). The keynote papers, and the discussions they provoked, complemented a 'state-of-the-art' report on representation and the EU which was circulated within the project network. Taken together, the report and the workshop contributions will provide the individual projects in WP 3 with a shared framework of conceptual reference points.



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The second day was dedicated to presentations by **Christopher Lord** (University of Reading), **Ben Crum** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) and **Zdenka Mansfeldová** and **Petra Rakušanová** (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic). The workshop concluded with contributions from **John Erik Fossum** (ARENA, University of Oslo) on behalf of RECON as a whole – and by **Ben Crum** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), **Yvonne Galligan** (Queen's University Belfast) and **Ulrike Liebert** (University of Bremen) on behalf of RECON work packages 2, 4 and 5 respectively – on how WP 3 might develop research synergies with other work packages. Special attention was paid to possibilities of exchanging data, of collaborating in planned activities and publications, and of designing research so that it could answer questions of interest to other projects.

### Missing Links? Citizenship, Civil Society and Political Parties in European Constitutional Politics

Prague, 11-13 July 2007

The international workshop 'Missing Links? Citizenship, Civil Society and Political Parties in European Constitutional Politics' was held in Prague on 11-13 July 2007. The workshop was organised by the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Jean Monnet Center for European Studies (CEuS) at the University of Bremen, and was a joint event of two interrelated research projects: RECON's WP 5 – *Civil Society and the Public Sphere* and ConstEPS ('Citizenship and Constitutionalization: Transforming the Public Sphere in East- and West-European Integration'), headed by Prof. Ulrike Liebert and financed by the Volkswagen Stiftung Foundation.

The two projects are closely interrelated, and RECON's WP 5 is partly a topical follow-up to complete and deepen the knowledge from the ConstEPS project. The program covered a large range of issues dealt with by both research projects with respect to theoretical conceptualization, as well as the analysis of empirical results in ConstEPS. Prof. **Philippe C. Schmitter** from the European University Institute in Florence opened with the keynote: 'If the EU is not democratic, how can its impact upon domestic politics not be undemocratic?'

A total of 27 participants from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Italy, Germany, Poland and the US took part in the workshop and its intense three-day activities. Renowned political scientists and young researchers were accompanied by students and invited representatives of NGOs. The participants prepared and presented a comprehensive analysis of the European constitutional process. The workshop stressed the need to redefine basic analytical categories with a view to enable further study of Europeanization, as well as the necessity to bring political parties and citizens back among the key actors of the constitutional process.

### Bremen Summer School Advanced Methods and Techniques in Media Analysis

Bremen, 22 July - 17 August 2007

In July and August 2007 the Jean Monnet Centre for European Studies at the University of Bremen hosted a four weeks 'hands-on training and research module', in form of the RECON Summer School 'Advanced Methods and Techniques in Media Research'. The summer school was organised by Ulrike Liebert and Hans-Jörg Trenz, who are leaders of RECON WP 5 – *Civil Society and the Public Sphere*. A major objective of WP 5 is to understand the role and performance of the mass media in different old and new member states following the referendums on the



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Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe in France and the Netherlands.

The participants were recruited from universities European-wide with a special focus on selecting research fellows speaking different languages in order to ensure coverage of a maximum of countries in the empirical studies. The participants were mainly PhD candidates in the social sciences, media and communication studies or European integration/European politics.

The aim of the summer school was twofold. The first aim was to make the participants familiar with different theoretical approaches to the analysis of textual data and equip them with the practical knowledge of how to carry out analyses of such data on their own. The second aim was to produce comparative media data enabling WP 5 researchers to investigate similarities and differences in the media debates of the respective countries under study. The summer school proved successful in providing future researchers with adequate knowledge on how to set up and conduct media research. By covering a total of 14 countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK) it also proved successful in providing comparable data for the RECON project on the media debates in several European countries.

### Conflict of Laws and Laws of Conflict in Europe and Beyond: Patterns of Supranational and Transnational Juridification

Florence, 21 September 2007

The second workshop of WP 9 – *Global Transnationalisation and Democratisation Compared* took place on 21 September 2007 at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. The workshop was organized by the Department of Law at the EUI and provided an opportunity to continue the work started in the WP 9 March workshop and to explore the conflict of laws approach in more detail. More than 40 researchers and practitioners participated.

The central focus of the workshop was the viability of a conflict of laws approach to European integration and transnational governance. The workshop was divided into three sessions. While the first session dealt with theoretical perspectives and risk regulation, the second focused on societal constitutionalism. The third and last session was dedicated to social regulation.

## Gender Justice and Democracy in the EU

Belfast, 28-29 September 2007

The first workshop of WP 4 – *Justice, Democracy and Gender* was held at the Institute of Governance and Social Research at Queen's University Belfast (QUB) on 28-29 September. The workshop was organised by the Centre for Advancement of Women in Politics (CAWP) at the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at QUB. The workshop brought together leading experts on democracy in the EU, as well as scholars of gender politics, gender activists and officials, in addition to members from related RECON work packages.

The workshop had five main objectives: to present an overview of the main objectives and research plan of RECON WP 4; to initiate a debate on how 'gender justice' and 'gender democracy' could be understood and investigated in the context of EU multi-level governance; to clarify and discuss the gender dimensions of the different RECON work packages and their implications for research; to establish a cooperative relationship between RECON WP 4 and other current FP6 projects on the field of gender equality in Europe; and finally, within the context of the RECON project, to promote a fruitful dialogue and exchange on gender justice and democracy in Europe with representatives of women's civil society organisations, European Commission officials and Members of the European Parliament.

The workshop opened with a keynote speech by **Agnes Hubert** on the evolution of gender equality in the EU since the Treaty of Rome. Hubert is a member of the Bureau of Policy Advisers of President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso, and a key actor in the development of gender equality policies by the European Commission since the 1980s. Following Hubert's keynote speech, the workshop was structured around five different themes in relation to gender justice and democracy in the European Union, corresponding to those parts of RECON that are particularly gender-relevant: Theoretical framework (WP 1); EU constitutionalisation and constitution-building (WP 2); Representation and institutional make-up (WP 3); Civil society and the public sphere (WP 5); European identities and identity-formation (WP 8).



Holmenkollen Park Hotel, Oslo

### RECON in context

Oslo, 22 October 2007

ARENA, Centre for European Studies at the University of Oslo organised a seminar on 'RECON in context' at Holmenkollen Park Hotel in Oslo on 22 October 2007. The one-day seminar gathered more than 20 project

participants from several partner institutions and work packages to an informal discussion on the project's theoretical framework. The background for the event was the challenges experienced by RECON project participants with using RECON's theoretical models and adapting them to different research areas. The seminar dealt with how the work packages can link in and make use of the models, as well as how to operationalise these in different research fields. In particular the participants engaged in a discussion on relevant indicators of the three models for the various work packages.



Collegium Maius, venue for the WP 8 workshop © Jagiellonian University

### Collective Identity Formation

Kraków, 26-27 October 2007

The first workshop of WP 8 - *Identity Formation and Enlargement* was organised in Kraków by the Centre for European Studies at the Jagiellonian University in October. WP 8 addresses the crucial question of how much trust and commonality is needed to establish democracy, as a means of collective will formation at the various levels of governance of the compound EU polity.

The workshop was designed to present the first phase of research conducted within WP 8 at the RECON partner institutions, to deepen cooperation among researchers and to discuss the scope of further research. The first part of the event was devoted to the theoretical issues of the research on identity in Europe. The keynote speech: 'Europe as a Narrative Network: Taking Serious the Social Embeddedness of Identity Constructions' was delivered by Prof. **Klaus Eder** from Humboldt University Berlin, which proved an inspiring starting point for the further discussions. The second part of the workshop was devoted to the review and discussion on the first results of the research conducted at the participating institutions in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Norway, Poland and Turkey. A particular emphasis was on the methodological innovative dimension of the research.

### Transnational Standards of Social Protection: Contrasting European and International Governance

Bremen, 23-24 November 2007

The second joint workshop of RECON WP 9 - *Global Transnationalisation and Democratisation Compared* and the Collaborative Research Centre Transformations of the State (CRC

597) Project A 1 (Trade Liberalisation and Social Regulation in Transnational Structures) was organised by the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence and the University of Bremen.

This meeting complemented the first WP 9 workshop 'Re-framing Transnational Governance' in Florence on 9 March 2007, which focused in particular on social regulation and social protections. The meeting was structured around a session on free services and a session on labour standards, in addition to a general discussion and a discussion of the theoretical framework (the legitimacy of transnational governance).

### Parliamentary Control of European Security Policy

Frankfurt/Main, 7-8 December 2007

The first conference of RECON's WP 6 – *The Foreign and Security Dimension* was organised by the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) on 7 and 8 December 2007. The conference addressed difficulties for national parliaments to effectively control and monitor European security politics and explored avenues for parliamentary control on a supranational and transnational level.

The event attracted experts in the field, and among the practitioners and academics who participated were Hans Born (Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces), Giovanna Bono (Sub Committee on Security and Defense of the European Parliament), Michael Hilger (Parliamentary Assembly of the Western European Union, Paris), Andreas Maurer (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik Berlin), Hartwig Hummel (University of Düsseldorf) and Stefan Marschall (University of Düsseldorf).



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## Seminar The Fate of the Constitutional Treaty Oslo, 17 September 2007

On 17 September 2007 ARENA invited to an open seminar with policy adviser and political economist **Stefan Collignon** and legal scholar **Agustín José Menéndez**. The two scholars were invited to give their views on the new Reform Treaty agreed upon by European leaders at the EU Summit in June 2007, later

known as the Lisbon Treaty. Some of the questions addressed by this seminar was whether the changes in the Reform Treaty are real or merely symbolic. Is it really not a reform with constitutional implications? Furthermore, does it imply more supranationalism or less? Will the EU become more or less democratic if it is ratified?



*Agustín José Menéndez and Stefan Collignon*

Stefan Collignon was one of the members of the Amato Group, a group of high-level European politicians who worked unofficially on rewriting the Constitutional Treaty. According to Collignon, the Reform Treaty represents a result that is as good as it could get. He highlighted elements of the discussion within the Amato group, including the various approaches taken and the challenges involved in arriving at common agreement. He also pointed to the new possibility of proceeding with two-speed integration, which might give the opportunity for some countries to start a new constitutional debate.

Agustín José Menéndez, on the other hand, questioned the claim that the Reform Treaty really is 'simplified'. He argued that, despite the ratification failure, the Laeken process was a constitutional success because it appealed to European citizens. Further, he pointed to the apparent change from the period immediately after the negative referenda results in France and



*Erik O. Eriksen, Agustín José Menéndez and Stefan Collignon*

the Netherlands, when most people claimed that the Constitutional Treaty (CT) was only halted, to the widespread agreement today that they put an end to the constitutional process and that the CT is 'dead'. Finally, Menéndez pointed to potential pitfalls of the Reform Treaty. Firstly, the short drafting period entails that the EU reverts to the IGC method of its early life and is a strong signal that the process will be distant from the people. Secondly, he contested the claim that the Reform Treaty is so simple and short, a so-called 'mini Treaty'. As opposed to the CT, which would have replaced the existing treaties, the new Reform Treaty will only contain new and amended provisions. Thus, taking into account all provisions, protocols and declarations in the Treaties, the Reform Treaty is far from short and offers a very complex framework. Menéndez thus claimed that it is only apparently simple.

## Upcoming workshops and events

For more information and full programme of the various workshops, see the 'Events' section on the project website. Participation is restricted at most events, but please consult the organisers or the website for further information.

**Workshop: The Reform Treaty and national constitutions  
Towards further Europeanization? What are the democratic implications?**  
Madrid, 25-26 January 2008

The inaugural workshop of WP 2 – *Constitutionalisation of the EU, the Europeanisation of National Constitutions, and Constitutionalism Compared* will be staged on 25 and 26 January 2008. The workshop is organised by the Center for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC), Ministry of the Presidency in Madrid.

The Madrid workshop seeks to combine three core concerns pertaining to the democratic implications of European constitutionalisation. The EU has recently embarked on a new round of constitution making after the referenda rejections of the Laeken Constitutional Treaty. This is the point of departure for what will be a more comprehensive assessment of European constitution-making and its imprint on – and interweaving with – national constitutions. The workshop will offer a preliminary assessment of the substantive and procedural aspects of the Reform Treaty – in the context of the broader framework of EU constitutionalisation. Since the constitutional dimension also figures strongly in other parts of RECON, particular efforts are also made to integrate the work in other work packages with the work conducted under WP 2

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**Training session on comparable focus-group methodology  
March 2008**

The training session is part of WP 8 – *Identity Formation and Enlargement* and will be co-organised by the Eötvös Loránd University Budapest and the Jagiellonian University Krakow (JUK).

For more information, contact Zdzislaw Mach (JUK):  
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**Workshop: Operationalization of the three RECON models  
April 2008**

The workshop will serve as an arena for the discussion of indicators and categories related to the three RECON models, and is part of WP 1 – *Theoretical Framework*. It will be an internal workshop in which all work packages are presented, and briefing papers on the operationalization of the models on specific research areas will be discussed.

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**Workshop:  
The intellectual debates on Europe in national contexts  
Brussels, 29-30 May 2008**

Within RECON's WP 5 – *Civil Society and the Public Sphere*, the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) will organise a workshop on intellectual debates on Europe. The workshop will investigate how European integration is addressed by political thinkers in distinct national environments, and how they conceive of their country's national identity and its position inside (or outside) the EU.

For more information, please contact Justine Lacroix (ULB):  
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## Joint workshop of the two sub-projects of WP 9 Florence, May 2008

A workshop within RECON's WP 9 – *Global Transnationalisation and Democratisation Compared* will be organised by the European University Institute in Florence and ARENA, University of Oslo in cooperation with the European Network for Canadian Studies. WP 9 consists of two collaborative sub-projects. The first explores the link between democratisation in Europe and globalisation in the wider international system, while the second examines the cosmopolitan pull on the state-centred model, through comparing the EU with Canada, as a possible example of 'state-based cosmopolitanisation'.

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## Workshop: Transnational deliberative democracy Frankfurt/Main, May 2008

The Johann Wolfgang Goethe University (JWGU) will organise a workshop on the topic of transnational deliberative democracy in May 2008. The event is part of RECON's WP 1 – *Theoretical Framework* and will be staged in Frankfurt am Main.

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## RECON's research fields

WP 1 - Theoretical Framework

WP 2 - Constitutional Politics

WP 3 - Representation and Institutional Make-up

WP 4 - Justice, Democracy and Gender

WP 5 - Civil Society and the Public Sphere

WP 6 - The Foreign and Security Dimension

WP 7 - The Political Economy of the EU

WP 8 - Identity Formation and Enlargement

WP 9 - Global Transnationalisation and Democratisation Compared

## Appointments



**Paul Magnette**, professor at the RECON partner Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) was appointed **Walloon Minister of Health, Social Welfare and Equal Opportunities** in July 2007. Prof. Magnette is an international expert on EU matters who has provided expertise to the European Commission (as member of the Jean Monnet Group on the 2003-2004 IGC; on the future of Europe 2001-2002; and on the governance of the Union 2000-2001), to the Greek Presidency (as member of international expert group 2002-2003); and to the European Parliament (contribution to the EP Report on citizens' participation in the EU). Within RECON, Prof. Magnette has been part of the work package on *Civil Society and the Public Sphere*.

**François Forêt**, Lecturer in Political Science at the ULB, will take over the research tasks foreseen by Magnette in RECON. Forêt has specialised in research on the EU, its legitimation and its symbolic dimension, and will work together with Justine Lacroix in the RECON team at the ULB.



**Wolfgang Wagner** at the RECON partner Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), co-leader of RECON's work package 6 on *The Foreign and Security Dimension*, assumed a new position at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VUA) on 1 August 2007. Wagner will be on leave from PRIF for two years while taking up the position as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Political Science at the VUA.



**Dirk Peters** is new research fellow at PRIF and participates in the institute's RECON team together with Nicole Deitelhoff. Peters is currently finishing his PhD thesis on European Security and Defence Policy and will take up work in a research project on the parliamentary control of the armed forces. His main research interests include foreign policy analysis and the evolution of EU foreign, security and defence policy.



**Raúl Letelier Wartenberg** assumed a new position as postgraduate researcher at the RECON partner University of León on 15 October 2007. Letelier Wartenberg is Master in Public Law from the University Carlos III in Madrid, and holds the Diploma of the Center of Political and Constitutional Studies in Madrid and the Diploma of the European Public Law Center in Greece. He will participate in RECON's research on the field *The Political Economy of the EU*, with a main focus on the topic of state liability of EU member states.



**Lesley Jane Smith** was appointed as Rector of the RECON partner Riga Graduate School of Law (RGSL) by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia on 20 November 2007. Dr. Smith is a Scottish solicitor and foreign member of the Hanseatic Bar of Bremen, Germany. She has long-standing experience as a teacher and professor of International and European Economic Law. Dr. Smith will be part of the RGSL's RECON team.

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