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Blockchain and Constitutional Thinking

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In an era of digital transformation, blockchain technology redefines constitutional governance by enhancing transparency, immutability, and decentralised decision-making. Blockchain technology has instituted a new normative framework, empowering and connecting individuals through frictionless decentralised global networks. Combined with new arbitration networks and community-based legal systems, it fuels the next wave of global cooperation.

The workshop 'Blockchain and Constitutional Thinking' bridges traditional constitutional scholarship—focused on the Rule of Law, constitutional rights, constitutional justice, and due process—with modern blockchain governance models. It addresses the Congress theme, 'Sustainable Constitutionalism: Answers for a Changing World', by exploring how blockchain fosters innovative legal perspectives in constitutional law, promoting accountable governance that mitigates power imbalances through verifiable, tamper-resistant systems, and offers equal access for all through unbiased technology.

Blockchain's immutable ledgers and smart contracts strengthen the Rule of Law by ensuring the transparent enforcement of constitutional norms, securing power control and fundamental rights protection. Decentralised governance mechanisms, as observed in phenomena like Bitcoin and projects like Cardano, promote participatory justice akin to constitutional assemblies, aligning with polycentric systems where legitimacy derives from distributed authority and consent rather than centralised hierarchies.

The integration of LegalTech leverages blockchain tools, such as arbitration platforms, to streamline judicial processes and enhance due process, making constitutional justice more accessible, efficient, and equitable. For instance, blockchain-based solutions enable scalable, transparent dispute resolution, complementing traditional courts or other suitable dispute resolution mechanisms, thereby strengthening fundamental rights protection in digital ecosystems. Decentralised justice, advanced by Kleros through crowdsourced adjudication, offers neutral, scalable conflict resolution mechanisms, supporting sustainable constitutional frameworks that meet the demands of an interconnected world.

This workshop examines how blockchain technology enhances and reshapes traditional normative law. We invite interdisciplinary contributions from academics, jurists, and technologists to examine blockchain's implications for constitutional theory and practice. Key questions include: How can blockchain technology improve law-making and possibly institute a new separation of powers? What is the aim of constitutional law and can this be expressed in code? How do decentralised legal systems and LegalTech address challenges like digital sovereignty, human rights, and governance in polycentric environments? Can the cross-border, voluntary cooperation seen in decentralised networks change how we look at normative principles? Can decentralised networks play a role in safeguarding foundational rights amid global uncertainties?

Case studies, normative analyses, or comparative perspectives are welcome, exploring how blockchain can bolster the legitimacy and resilience of constitutional systems. Contributions may draw inspiration from emerging research (e.g., Thyse’s Decentralized Law, the 2023 EUI conference ‘Blockchain Constitutionalism’), addressing both theoretical and practical applications of these technologies in law. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, the workshop proposes sustainable constitutional innovations that ensure resilience in political regimes and jurisprudence, adapting to the challenges of a changing world. It welcomes diverse perspectives to enrich global constitutional discourse, promoting an exchange that integrates law, technology, and governance. The workshop remains open to abstracts in the second round of the call, aiming for inclusivity and pluralism in contributions.