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European integration after NGEU: Navigating the Constitutional Borderlands?

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Room: Aula 203 (Toti), Campus of Viale Romania

Introduction
Peter L. Lindseth (University of Connecticut and Luiss University)

Discussion
Daniele Gallo (Luiss University)
Nicola Lupo (Luiss University)
Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)

Q&A with the audience

Conclusion
Marco D'Alberti (Italian Constitutional Court)

Chair: Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella (Luiss University)

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Abstract: Taking stock of the publication of the recent book, the seminar will discuss the EU's position in a 'constitutional borderlands' – between its traditional role as a prodigious producer of regulatory norms and a nascent, yet incomplete, role that seeks to develop fiscal capacities to achieve its goals. The NGEU model has had profound distributive and democratic consequences, shifting power toward executive and subordinate technocratic actors while sidelining parliamentary oversight and the involvement of other stakeholders. At the same time, the NGEU model arguably

created misaligned incentives, often prioritizing national spending envelopes over the production of genuine European public goods. Moreover, the core innovations of the NGEU model – national planning, performance-based financing, and enhanced Commission discretion – form core elements of the Commission's proposals for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2028-2034). The seminar will critically reflect on what the NGEU experience might mean for the future of European integration, in particular its impact on democratic politics and constitutional deliberation.

About the Presenter:

Peter L. Lindseth is the Olimpiad S. Ioffe Professor of International and Comparative Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, where he is also Director of Graduate, International, and Non-JD Programs. A legal scholar and historian, his work explores the evolution of governance structures and public law, particularly as they relate to European integration and the modern administrative state. His academic career began at Columbia Law School, and he has also held numerous visiting positions, including at Yale Law School, Princeton, the French Conseil d'Etat, the American Academy in Berlin, the Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte, Luiss University, and other universities across Europe.

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