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The Political Question Doctrine in EU Law

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11.00 - 13.00

Institutional Greetings

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Session 1

Chair: Lucia Serena Rossi
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Judging Politics? The Political Question Doctrine in National Constitutional Law
Paolo Zicchittu
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***Actes de gouvernement* of the European Commission. Is there a Functional Equivalent in European Administrative Law?**
Marta Simoncini
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A Political Question Doctrine in the Case-law of the CJEU? Emerging Trends in CFSP after *KS and KD*
Paula García Andrade
Senior Research Fellow, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Judicial Review and Acts of State: Lessons from the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights.
Emanuel Castellarin
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14.30 - 17.00

Session 2

Chair: Pietro Manzini
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Intergovernmental Acts and the Political Question Doctrine
Sabine Mair
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The limits of the Direct and Indirect Effects of International Agreements in the EU Legal System: Primacy of Political Will?
Federico Casolari
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A Political Question Doctrine in Disguise in the Context of Public Liability for Breaches of EU law?
Marco Fisicaro
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Carving Out a Quiet Space for Political Questions: Limitations to Transparency in the Political Process
Annalisa Volpato
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Conclusions

Is There Such a Thing as a Political Question Doctrine in EU Law?
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