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Largo San Marcellino, 80138 Napoli, Floor 4

Current issues in EU law: the neighbourhood, enlargement and beyond

The Friday workshop identifies some of the current challenges faced by the European Union. It starts with a presentation on how EU neighbourhood law calibrates proximity to and distance from the EU's legal order. The extension of the EU's Social Security Regulation in EU Association Agreements with its neighbouring partners is examined as a case study. Additional techniques for calibrating proximity to the EU's legal order will be discussed such as the provisions on (lack of) direct effect in the law of EU association agreements. Subsequently, the workshop addresses the challenges of the Enlargement reflecting on how the EU addresses with internal and external challenges. The rights and obligations relating to EU membership will be discussed.

The workshop concludes with a roundtable on the current challenges faced by the EU and on the place of law in mediating and addressing these challenges. The themes discussed include the legal and material interdependences in the EU neighbourhood, EU values in the enlargement process, institutional deadlocks in EU decision-making, and new international alliances in a fragmented geopolitical scenario.

9:50 **Welcome:** Giacinto della Cananea, Bocconi University and SSM

10:00-10:20 **Calibrating proximity through EU neighbourhood law**
Alessandro Petti, Scuola Superiore Meridionale

10:20-10:40 **The Challenges of the EU Enlargement**
Christophe Hillion, University of Oslo

Principal Discussant : Flavia Rolando, Università Federico II Napoli

11:00- 12:00 General Discussion on Current Challenges in EU law

Participants:

Mads Andenæs, University of Oslo
Tarjei Bekkedal, University of Oslo
Øyvind Bø, University of Oslo
Stefano Civitarese, Università Chieti-Pescara
Martina Conticelli, Università Roma Tor Vergata
Giacinto della Cananea, Bocconi University
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Christophe Hillion, University of Oslo
Catherine Jacqueson, Copenhagen University
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