



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT CALL FOR PAPERS

European Governance and Democracy – What Prospects, Opportunities and Threats?

14-15 November 2002

Brussels, Hotel Metropole

Place de Brouckère, 1040 Brussels

This seminar is concerned with the future of European institutions, governance and democracy. In search of legitimacy for the project of integration, the European Union has been seeking to address the democratic deficit of its own institutions as well as that of the structures of collaboration with national and regional institutional frameworks. In doing this it has been calling for both accountability and transparency as well as openness in decision-making towards greater citizen consultation and participation.

How seriously meant are these calls and what are the prospects of the pronounced reforms, including of the European convention? Which democratic model is most appropriate for Europe? What are successful models of citizen consultation and/or participation in a multi-lingual and diverse context? What forms of representation are compatible with active citizenship?

These are some of the questions addressed by this seminar which is organised by the EUROPUB project of the Fifth Framework Programme. Besides presenting the interim findings of the EUROPUB project, the seminar aims to bring together scholars and professionals working in the field for the exchange of views and expertise and the joint reflection on policy and research strategies concerning the European public space.

Papers are invited which deal with one or a set of the following themes:

- A. Normative, theoretical and policy-relevant conceptions of the European public and the European public space
- B. Which democratic model is most appropriate for Europe and implications for European citizenship

- C. Representation and Deliberation: Complementary or Opposing Conceptions of Citizenship and Politics and where does this leave accountability?
- D. Democracy in practice: what institutional practices in decision-making are supportive of active citizenship?
- E. The left-right political dimension: how relevant is it still and prospects in the European context
- F. New spheres of political action and influence: the media, the financial markets and security

Authors whose papers are selected for presentation will receive reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses incurred for participating at the seminar.

Abstracts should be submitted to:

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no later than **15th September 2002.**

They should be between 500 and 1,000 words in length.

Authors will be informed about the results of the review process by the beginning of October.

Full-length papers will have to be submitted by 30th October 2002.

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