



The EU's constitutional resources for dealing with emergencies: From the Covid crisis to the energy crisis

by Professor Bruno de Witte

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The seminar relates to two of his latest publications:

- De Witte, B. (2022). Guest Editorial: *EU emergency law and its impact on the EU legal order*. Common Market Law Review, 59(1), 3-17.
- De Witte, B. (2021). *The European Union's Covid-19 Recovery Plan: The Legal Engineering Of An Economic Policy Shift*. Common Market Law Review, 58(3), 635-681.

Programme

18:10 Welcome

Constantinos Kombos, Associate Professor in Public Law and Department Chair,
Department of Law, University of Cyprus

18:20-19:30 Presentation & Discussion

Chair and Discussant: Ioanna Hadjiyianni, Lecturer in Public Law, Department of Law,
University of Cyprus

Speaker: Bruno de Witte, Professor of
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Abstract

Many states in the world have "emergency constitutional law", whereby the normal constitutional rules are put aside for the time of the emergency and then come back into operation once the emergency has ended. The constitutional law of the European Union does not make available such a general emergency regime. Instead, the EU Treaty rules must be used in good and bad times, in normal times and in crisis times. However, we do find, dispersed in different corners of the European Treaties, a number of legal competences allowing the EU to take action to address emergencies or, more generally, unforeseen situations. The Union did show its capacity to act in dealing with the pandemic crisis; not so much with the health crisis itself (which was largely left in the hands of its single member states), but much more with the economic consequences of that crisis. The economic response to the pandemic crisis represented a true shift in the EU's economic policy which was possible thanks to some creative legal engineering from the side of the EU's institutions and their legal services. In 2022, the war in Ukraine and, later on this year, the energy crisis, required again the creative use of the EU's constitutional resources.

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Speaker Bio

Bruno de Witte is a Professor of European Union law at Maastricht University, and part-time professor at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. He is co-director of the Maastricht Centre for European Law. Previously, from 2000 to February 2010, he was professor of EU law at the EUI, and co-director of the Academy of European Law there, and before that, from 1989 to 2000, he was professor at Maastricht University. De Witte's principal interest is the constitutional law of the European Union, with a particular focus on the relation between international, European and national law, the protection of fundamental rights, law-making and treaty revision procedures, internal market law and non-market values. His second main field of interest is the law of cultural diversity, with a particular focus on language law, the protection of minorities and the relation between market integration and cultural diversity in European Union law.

