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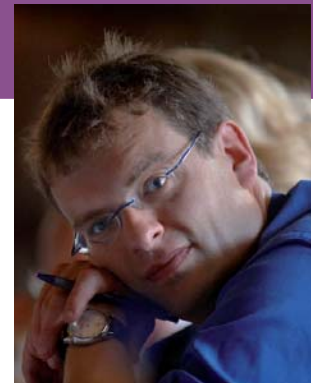


PUBLIC SEMINAR

DISINTEGRATION THROUGH LAW? On the Decomposition of Citizenship in Europe

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(sandwiches from 12.45pm)

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THE LECTURE

The law is widely seen as contributing to the integration of political communities and to the legitimation of political power. The concept of citizenship has long been said to play a vital role in this respect. In recent times, however, the legal content of citizenship has undergone significant changes—a 'decomposition', as will be argued, which may in turn undermine the law's integrative and legitimatory capacity. This development is particularly advanced in 'post national' Europe, and the talk will focus on this region. But the same concerns may also become relevant outside of Europe, as similar trends are discernible in other regions, as well.

THE LECTURER

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