

National Europe Centre Seminar Series

Tuesday 22 July, 4.30 – 6.00pm

The Lisbon Treaty: Reflections on the Quest of Multilevel Democracy & Legitimacy in the EU

Discussion forum hosted jointly by the National Europe Centre & the Contemporary Europe Learning Community (CELC), ANU.

After the recent Irish rejection of the Lisbon Treaty, it is timely to reopen the debates about legitimacy in the emerging European multilevel polity. In 2005, the Dutch and the French no-votes to the draft Constitutional Treaty triggered a reflection on the *content* of the Treaty. The treaty negotiations themselves, however, gave voice to different concerns – concerns as regards the *processes and instruments* of legitimating the European project and its institutional structures. In particular, the EU's single focus on generating direct popular legitimacy through referenda came under scrutiny by EU policy-makers themselves. This Roundtable provides a forum to explore and debate these topical issues.

Guest Speaker: Professor Fritz Scharpf

Emeritus Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Studies of Societies in Cologne, Germany, and Member of the Commission on the Reform of the Federal Order in Germany.

Chair & Discussant: Professor Kim Rubenstein

Professor & Director of the Centre for International and Public law, at the ANU College of Law, Australian National University.

Please RSVP: Monday 12.00pm, 21 July 2008, europe@anu.edu.au

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