



I ANNUAL MEETING

International Conference on Citizenship and Rights in the Consumer Society

Granada, 26th and 27th October 2021

Law Faculty, University of Granada

The *Jean Monnet Eucons Project* is organising its **First Eucons Annual Meeting**, an International Conference that aims to bring together scholars of **European Constitutional Law**, to debate and discuss current topics in the field. In the spirit of the Italian-Spanish Seminar on Constitutional Studies, the Conference seeks to draw attention on two ideas, one generic and, the other, more specific. With the former, the purpose is that of opening a dialogue on the most relevant topics in the field that have been published in recent times. To this end, we present a **call for a “discussion between publications”**. With the latter, we would like to devote attention to a topic of great interest and innovation for contemporary Constitutional law: **the present-day Consumer Society**. This requires a reassessment of the classic postulates of the welfare society and thus affects the essential pillars of our coexistence. In this sense, the Conference will have two parts. The first, more conventional, will include “Plenary Panels” that bring together **renowned international speakers** and “**Communications Panels**”, which are open to all those who wish to contribute with their knowledge and research to the topics addressed during the Conference. The second part of the Conference will focus on the **discussion - between the authors and thoughtfully selected discussants** - of the selected publications. All this will take place at the **Faculty of Law of the University of Granada on 26th and 27th October 2021**. The Conference will be preferably held **in-person**, although - considering the evolution of the epidemiological situation - the holding of the event in a hybrid mode is also expected.

The recognition of human subjectivity and individuality is the keystone of modern Sociology and Law. Accordingly, it implies the recognition of mankind's capacity to self-determination, to be different, to create the History in a rational way; as well as that she holds in her hands the possibility of change and improvement. The foundations of the modern state were laid in the idea of the human being as a subject, and the dialectic it preserves with the public power and the community. Initially, as an individual subject endowed with spheres of immunity from external interference (**liberal State**); later as a cooperative subject whose destiny is linked to the community and articulated through public power (**social State**). In both cases, the concept of citizen has summarised a compendium of rights and freedoms that articulated the relationship between the individual and public power. But the process of globalisation and the acceleration of communication technologies have transformed - in record time- the links between individuals and the state, between public authorities and the community. The reason for this is **the emergence of new private, financial, multinational and technological powers** that are not subject to the borders of States and go beyond their territory and their law. This situation has been relevant in the mutation of the concept of citizen, as the **citizen-**

state relationship has been undermined and new dialectical categories such as creditor-debtor, service provider-user or producer-consumer have been created.

The European Union, as a supranational Community based **on constitutional values**, has sought to rebalance the process of globalisation with the legal-political integration and the creation of European citizenship. However, this dynamic and gradual integration process has been more effective in the construction of an internal market (based on the four fundamental freedoms) than in the political-democratic integration. Thus, European citizenship – at the current stage of integration – characterises a subject endowed with rights but who is acting within the framework of a market based on the objective principles of non-discrimination and free competition. **A citizen who acts freely but within the predetermined framework of production and consumption established by the market.**

In this sense, the **First Eucons Annual Meeting** aims at a rigorous and critical academic debate on the configuration of European citizenship and its meaning in the Consumer Society paradigm: **the culture of men and women integrated into European society, more than anything else, as producers and consumers.** A model of citizenship embedded in rights, which should therefore be articulated in the light of the constitutional values proclaimed in Article 2 TEU. However, once these values are triggered within the current margins of the integration process, the concept of citizenship ends up being used mostly in the regulation of production and consumption relations. This dialectic ought to create a space for reflecting on the contemporary configuration of multiple constitutional goods and interests – such as ecology, equality, work, housing, etc. – from whose content and legal regulation will emerge the concept of **contemporary European citizenship.**

The Directors of the Conference

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The place of the event: Faculty Law (Room “Paraninfo”).

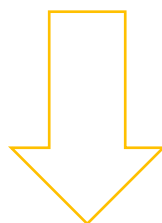
Working languages: Spanish, English, Italian and Portuguese.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Due to capacity constraints, prior registration is required. A certificate of attendance will be issued provided that 80% of the sessions are attended, including one of the parallel panels.

More information at: eucons@ugr.es. All information will soon be accessible via a specific website.

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(PROPOSED) CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER

10.00. Opening

10.30. Opening Panel: “Against the conceptual triad Producer-Consumer-Citizen”

Moderator: Marilisa D’Amico, *University of Milan*

Speakers:

“Producers”: José Luis Monereo Pérez, *University of Granada*

“Consumers”: Augusto Aguilar Calahorro, *University of Granada*

“Citizens”: Francisco Balaguer Callejón, *University of Granada*

13.30. Lunch break

First Session: «Citizenship and labour»

16.00. First Specific Panel

Moderator: Adoración Galera Victoria, *University of Granada*

Speakers:

Catherine Barnard, *University of Cambridge*

Miguel J. Arjona Sánchez, *University of Granada*

18.00. Coffee break

18.30. Communications Panel

WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER

Second Session: «Citizenship and consumption»

10.00. Second Specific Panel

Moderator: Edoardo C. Raffiotta, *University of Milan Bicocca*

Speakers:

Saikrishna Prakash, *University of Virginia*

Fernando Losada Fraga, *University of Helsinki*

Federico Pedrini, *University of Modena and Reggio Emilia*

12.00. Coffee break

12.30. Communications Panel.

14.00. Lunch break.

Third Session: «Discussion of the publications» (parallel panels)

16.00. Panel 1. (Room to be confirmed)

Moderator: Germán M. Teruel Lozano, *University of Murcia*

Discussant: Gregorio Cámara Villar, *University of Granada*

Speaker to be confirmed (1)

16.00. Panel 2. (Room to be confirmed)

Moderator: Antonio Pérez Miras, *University of Granada*

Discussant: Enrique Guillén López, *University of Granada*

Speaker to be confirmed (2)

18.00. Coffee break

18.30. Panel 3. (Room to be confirmed)

Moderator: Leonor Moral Soriano, *University of Granada*

Discussant: Miguel Azpitarte Sánchez, *University of Granada*

Speaker to be confirmed (3)

18.30h. Panel 4. (Room to be confirmed)

Moderator: Angelo Schillaci, *Sapienza University of Rome*

Discussant: Juan Francisco Sánchez Barrilao, *University of Granada*

Speaker to be confirmed (4)

20.30. Closing (Plenary Session - Room "Paraninfo")

SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Papers may be submitted in any of the working languages of the Conference and must focus on one the topics addresses in the **first two Sessions of the Conference**. Each author may submit only one paper, except co-authorship, in which case up to two papers may be accepted. The Communications should not exceed **15 pages** (Times New Roman 12, 1.5 Line Spacing. Free citation format). The presentation time limit is **10 minutes**.

Proposals for communications should be sent by **e-mail to eucons@ugr.es**. The subject should include the name and surname and the Session in which s/he wishes to participate. Example: "Ana García Rossi Communication First Session". **The paper and a clear summary of its objectives and conclusions should be submitted** as attached documents to the e-mail.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 3rd October 2021.

Admission of the communication: 5th October 2021.

The selection will be made by the scientific committee based on relevance and interest to the specific topics of the Conference and the quality of the proposals. The Organisation may award a mention to the best paper/s of the Conference, which will be announced at the closing ceremony.

All accepted papers should be presented **in person** (in case of co-authorship, they should be defended by only one of the authors). However, due to public health reasons, the Organisation may consider the possibility of online presentations.

The participation of communicants in the recreational activities of the Conference may be subject to a fee.

The Organisation may, prior notice to the authors, publish papers of sufficient quality in an open access publication. Where appropriate, they may be submitted for peer review.

CALL FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLICATIONS

Following its commitment to create spaces for healthy academic debates, the Jean Monnet Eucons Project would like to invite the most renowned European researchers on European Constitutional Law to discuss their main ideas during the parallel panels of the Third Session of the *First Eucons Annual Meeting*. For this purpose, the scientific committee will select **the four publications** that raise the greatest interest due to the novelty of their arguments and the relevance of their conclusions. **Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Organisation.** The selection **requirements** are listed below:

- **Individually authored** research publications, completed in **2019 and 2020**.
- Publications must be **books** in reputable publishing houses or **scientific articles** in high impact international journals. Book chapters are not accepted.
- Publications should be of interest to **European Constitutional Law**.
- Publications may be submitted **in any official language of the European Union** but must be complemented by an **extensive summary in Spanish or, alternatively, in English**.
- The selected authors have the commitment to present their work at the panel indicated by the Organisation for a maximum of **40 minutes** and to address the comments of the discussant, encouraging debate among the audience.
- The presentation **shall preferably be addressed in Spanish or, alternatively, in English**, although the use of a different language may be agreed by the Organisers.
- Members of the Conference Organisation and of the Department of Constitutional Law of the University of Granada are not eligible to apply.
- Interested applicants are requested to send an email to eucons@ugr.es indicating their interest in participating in the selection process **by 20th September 2021**. **The pdf of the publication or a free online access**, together with the extensive **abstract** in Spanish (or, alternatively, in English) shall be attached to the e-mail. The submission must also include a brief **curriculum vitae** of the author (it can be a link to an official and updated curriculum vitae). In the case of published books, **a paper version**, if available, shall also be sent to **the following postal address:**

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