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The Norwegian Constitution was adopted on 17 May 1814 and is the second oldest written Constitution in the World still in existence.

The Bicentenary of the Norwegian Constitution in 2014 will raise awareness of what the Constitution means today and what role it will play in our future democracy.

European integration extends way beyond the 28 EU member states, with a number of neighbouring countries being members of the internal market and Schengen. Which models of affiliation are currently in place, and to what extent do these relations suffer from participatory gaps?

This conference will discuss the Norwegian perspective in particular, but also EU-Switzerland relations.

In 2014, Norway celebrates the bicentennial of the Constitution as well as the 20th anniversary of the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement. Norway has become deeply entangled in the European integration project through the EEA agreement, Schengen and other agreements. This conference will explore Norway's EU affiliation based on a recent book: *The Norwegian Paradox*, which points to several problems from a democratic perspective.

Switzerland is affiliated with the EU through bilateral agreements. What lessons can we learn from the Swiss perspective? What are the democratic implications of this kind of affiliation?

NORCONE THE NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION IN A CHANGING EUROPEAN CONTEXT

NORCONE is a research project at ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo, financed by the Research Council of Norway's Norwegian Constitution Bicentennial 2014 research initiative.

The main purpose of NORCONE is to establish the nature of the EU's constitutional developments and the constitutional implications for Norway that stem from its relationship with the EU. Are Norwegian citizens able to govern themselves autonomously through politics and law within the new European context?

PROGRAMME

Session 1

14.00-15.10

Welcome

Christopher Lord

Erik O. Eriksen

Norway's EU affiliation: Democratic self-harm?

John Erik Fossum

Surrogate representation in Brussels

Espen D. H. Olsen

The paradox of an outsider: Depoliticized citizenship

Helene Sjursen

Democracy or action capacity? Norway-EU relations in foreign and security policy

Coffee break

Session 2

15.25-16.45

Halvard Haukeland Fredriksen

The EEA and the case law of the ECJ: Incorporation without participation?

René Schwok

The EEA vs. bilateral agreements: The Swiss case

Sieglinde Gstöhl

The expansion of the EU's economic community: Lessons for the neighbours

Panel debate

Chair: Christopher Lord

16.45-17.30

Cocktail reception

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Time: Monday 23 June 2014, 14.00-17.30

Place: Philanthropy House, Rue Royale 94, Brussels (5th floor)

The conference is free and open to anyone upon registration

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Registration (by 20 June):

<https://nettskjema.uio.no/answer/registration-eu-non-members.html>

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NORCONE BOOKS:

Det norske paradoks: Om Norges forhold til Den europeiske union

The book *The Norwegian Paradox: On Norway's Relations with the EU* is edited by Erik O. Eriksen and John Erik Fossum and appeared with Universitetsforlaget in January 2014).

The book points to several problems related to Norway's affiliation from a democratic perspective, and discusses the constitutional implications of the EEA, Schengen and Norway's other agreements with the EU.

The Normativity of the European Union

The book is authored by Erik O. Eriksen and appeared with Palgrave Macmillan in February 2014).

Reconstructing the integration process with a view to the Eurozone crisis, Eriksen provides an insight into the conditions for integration and the nature of the EU. He identifies the main reasons for European integration as imperatives; as normative musts.

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