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Titolo del progetto

Governing by numbers. The impact of indicators on the constitutional system: rules, rights, public policies and judicial review

Soggetto attuatore

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NUMERIC CONSTITUTIONALISM.
HOW QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS SHAPE RIGHTS AND POWERS WITHIN THE
EUROPEAN MEMBER STATE

Draft for a workshop to be held in Bologna (May, 7th, 2025)

9.30 Opening remarks and welcome to participants

9.45 *I session – Chair:* Nino Rotolo (University of Bologna)

Numeric constitutionalism: quantitative indicators within the EU Member State – Corrado Caruso (University of Bologna)

Can we generalize about global social indicators? – David Nelken (King's College London)

Discussant: Chiara Valentini (University of Bologna); Alberto Arcuri (University of Bologna)

11.00 *Coffe break*

11.15 *II session – Chair:* Monica Palmirani (University of Bologna)

Post-truth and the fragmentation of the public sphere: How should governments regulate? – Eric Heinze (Queen Mary University of London)

The exercise of constitutional powers within digital environments in the EU: A risk regulation for a human-centered public sphere – Amnon Reichman (University of Haifa – EUI)

Counting in the European Union: How Indicators Shape European Multi-Level Governance in the Digital Sector – Marta Infantino (University of Trieste)

Discussant: Giovanni Sartor (University of Bologna); Emanuela Fronza (University of Bologna)

13.00 *Lunch*



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14.00 *III session – Chair:* Elisa Cavasino (University of Palermo)

The Microphysics of Power in EU Health Governance: Addressing Vulnerabilities Between Supranational and National Indicators – Marta Tomasi (University of Trento)

Beyond indicators: a European performance-based funding model (Päivi Leino-Sandberg)

Carbon neutrality, Best Available Techniques (BAT) and emissions regulation. Assessing the democratic credentials of technical standard-setting in the Industrial and Livestock Emissions Directive (Marta Morvillo)

Discussant: Luigi Franzoni (University of Bologna) – Federico Casolari (University of Bologna)

15.45 *IV session – Chair:* Chiara Bologna (University of Bologna)

Rule of Law or Rule by Numbers? Mutations in the EU Regulatory State and the Inevitability of Multiconstitutional Dialogue – Mikel Diez Sarasola (Universidad del País Vasco)

Indexing Rule of Law Restoration: The Epistemic Authority of the Transnational Legal Community in Action – Michal Stambulsky (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Measuring Justice? Constitutional Implications of the EU Performance-based Approaches – Ylenia Guerra (Luiss Guido Carli Roma)

Discussant: Corrado Roversi (University of Bologna); Paul Blokker (University of Bologna)



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