

**Invitation to**

**Constitutional  
Conversations in  
Europe –  
Actors, Topics and  
Procedures**

**31 March - 1 April 2011  
University of Antwerp  
Program**

## Thursday Program

*Foyer Zoozicht, Zoo City Antwerp*

- 09.45 Registration
- 10.15 Opening Remarks
- 10.30 Judicial dialogue and legitimacy- Arjen Meij
- 11.00 Dialogue of the Deaf? [working title] – Bruno de Witte
- 11.30 Discussion and Lunch
- Theme 1 – Modalities of dialogue between constitutional courts and the ECJ*
- 13.30 Open-ended judgments by the ECJ – Daniel Sarmiento
- 14.00 Poland - Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk
- 14.30 Discussion
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.15 Czech Republic – Jan Komarek
- 15.45 Italy – Oreste Pollicino
- 16.15 Belgium – Patricia Popelier
- 16.45 Discussion
- 17.15 Closing thoughts
- 19.00 Conference dinner

## Friday Program

*Room K. 201, University of Antwerp*

- Theme 2 – The content of dialogues between constitutional courts and the ECJ*
- 09.30 The European perspective – Catherine van de Heyning
- 10.00 Germany – Daniel Thym
- 10.30 France – François-Xavier Millet
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15. Central and Eastern Member States – Anneli Albi
- 11.45 Discussion and Lunch
- Theme 3 – Expanding the dialogue: the influence of the European mandate of ordinary courts on the position of national constitutional courts*
- 13.30 The European perspective – Michal Bobek
- 14.00 Belgium – Jan Velaers
- 14.30 France – tbc
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 The Netherlands – Maartje de Visser

16.00 Discussion

16.15 Critical Reflections on  
constitutional dialogues – Dieter  
Grimm

16.45 Closing thoughts – Monica Claes

17.00 Reception

## Venue Seminar

### ***Thursday 31 March 2011***

Foyer Zoozicht, Antwerp zoo  
Square before Central Station  
Astridplein 26

[www.zooantwerpen.be](http://www.zooantwerpen.be)

### **Friday 1 April 2011**

Room K. 201  
University of Antwerp  
Kleine Kauwenberg 14  
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## Accommodation

Hotel De Keyser \*\*\*\*

De Keyserlei 66-70

Antwerp Central Station

<http://www.vhv-hotels.be/hotel/1>

Accommodation arrangements will be  
made for speakers

## Registration

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