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PAPER WRITERS, SESSION TOPICS, AND INVITED COMMENTATORS

1. *Nevil Johnson*
Constitutionalism in Europe since 1945: Reconstruction and Reappraisal
focus on a review of the post-war experiences of constitution-building and -rebuilding in Europe; the political arrangements having evolved in the search for stability in government and for safeguards against abuse of power. *Commentator: Gerhard Casper.*

2. *Klaus Von Beyme*
The Parliamentary Crisis and How to Strengthen Democracy
focus on the development and status of parliamentarianism within the context of post-war development, and on how individual rights have fared in light of the development of a strong state; the effect of increased democratization on the relationships among political parties. *Commentator: Carlos Nino.*

3. *Louis Favoreu* *
The Role of Constitutional Courts in the Protection of Individual Rights
focus on the role of the constitutional courts with regard to civil rights protection, examining the court's function in the context of constitutionalism in modern-day Europe, and considering the mechanisms it employs to ensure individual rights. *Commentator: Wilhelm Hennis.*

4. *Peter Hardi* **
Federalism and Decentralization in Europe since World War II
focus on the phenomenon of a decentralized, federal model of government in the reconstructed constitutionalism of Europe, in particular its relevance to the current reforms being undertaken in Eastern Europe. *Commentator: Knud Krakau.*

5. *Jordi Sole Turá*
Iberian Case Study: The Constitutionalism of Redemocratization
focus on the problem of transition from dictatorship to democracy as exemplified by the experiences of Spain and Portugal; the origins of the problem, the development of the processes, and the constitutional implications of the solutions. *Commentator: Juan Rial.*

6. *Joseph Weiler*
Constitutionalism: The European Community and State Sovereignty
focus on the integration of Europe and its constitutional significance; the emerging extra-constitutional political system of an integrated Europe, and the phenomenon of legislation by administration and those elements which legitimize it. *Commentator: Hans-Peter Schneider.*

7. *Ludger Kühnhardt*
European Courts and Human Rights
focus on the human rights function of the European constitutional court system, and the degree to which it serves to unify, or to create conflict with regard to state implementation; the instruments that exist on a supra-national level, and their relevance to the search for a European constitutionalism. *Commentator: Yash Ghai.*

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8. Alexander Von Brünneck
Constitutionalism of the European Community and Public Opinion
focus on the social and economic consequences of legislation by the Community bureaucracy, particularly as measured in the perception of responsiveness of Community states to their citizens; the influence of public opinion on politics, and the public affairs aspect of the development of integration in Europe. *Commentator: Marie-France Toinet.*

9. Rita Tullberg
Constitutionalism and Survival
focus on the relevance of constitutionalism to Europe given the changes wrought by integration and growing supra-national bureaucracy; the limits of constitutionalism and its responsiveness to issues crossing national boundaries, and problems which challenge state constitutionalism, particularly issues of peace and mutual security. *Commentator: Miriam Campanella.*

10: Panel Presentation

Luciano Gallino
Environmental Issues and Constitutionalism
focus on the problem of the environment and constitutionalism's future in an increasingly integrated European Community, concentrating on issues which affect the health and safety of countries throughout Europe, and the constitutional preparedness of these countries to assume social responsibility for them.

Aristide Zolberg
Intra-Community Migration and Constitutionalism
focus on migration, another issue critical to the survival of an integrated Europe and constitutionalism; attention to these population shifts motivated by political unrest and economic stability, and to the restrictive access to naturalization and asylum frequently encountered.

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