

# Constitution of the Centre for European Law and Legal Studies

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## 1. Objective

The objective of the Centre is to promote research and teaching in legal aspects of European Integration in a global context. This includes in particular research and teaching in EU law, including the legal framework of the EU's position in a global context, and on comparative law in a global context, with a focus on European countries. While legal research is its main focus, the centre is networked in interdisciplinary contexts.

## 2. Membership

2.1 Any member of the academic or research staff of the School of Law and any PhD researcher registered with the School of Law may be a member of the Centre.

2.2 Other individuals, whether members of the University or not, may be appointed to membership of the Centre by the Executive Committee.

2.3 Individuals and Institutions may become associate members. Individuals can be appointed by the Director on nomination of the executive committee, for fixed term or unlimited duration. Institutions can be associated to the Centre if they fulfil the conditions established in by-laws made from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Centre.

## 3 Jean Monnet Centre

The Centre is associated to the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Leeds, which serves as a common platform for researchers in European studies at the University.

## 4. Administration

4.1 The Centre shall be administered by a Director and an Executive Committee.

4.2 The Director, who shall be appointed by the Head of the School of Law upon proposal of the members of the Centre, shall normally hold office for a period of five years and shall be eligible for immediate re-appointment.

4.3 The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the running of the Centre and the representation of its interests, having regards to the views and recommendations of the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the centre members. S/he may be assisted by one or several Deputy Directors appointed by the Executive Committee, who shall be a member ex officio of the Executive Committee.

4.4 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Director and any Deputy Director and up to four nominated members. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt up to two additional members. Nominated and co-opted members shall be appointed normally for two years and shall be eligible for immediate re-appointment.

4.5 The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry on the work of the Centre, but in any event at least twice a year, the Director acting as convenor. Any member of the Executive Committee shall have the right to require the holding of a meeting of the Committee.

4.6 There shall be an Advisory Committee appointed by the Executive Committee which shall formulate advice and recommendations concerning any aspect of the administration or activities of the Centre.

4.7 The Advisory Committee shall meet at regular intervals with the Director acting as convenor. Special Meetings may be held at the request of the Executive Committee.

4.8. The Director shall convene the Centre members at least once a year for a Centre meeting.

## 5. Amendment to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by the School of Law upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Centre.