

First ACELG Annual Conference on
**Open EU Decision Making: A Constitutional Challenge
Promise, Practice and Perils**

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9.00 – 9.30 Arrival and Registration

9.30 – 9.45 ***Introduction***

Open EU Decision Making: Constitutional parameters
Deirdre Curtin, Director of ACELG

9.45 – 11.15 ***Session 1: Opening up the Legislative Power***

Chair: Annette Schrauwen, ACELG


**Open EU Decision Making – or Technocracy in Disguise?
Democratic implications of early agreements in co-decision-making**
Anne Elizabeth Stie, University of Oslo - ARENA


**Open EU Decision Making for National Parliaments: More
bureaucracy and transnationalisation at the expense of
democracy?**

Christine Neuhold, University of Maastricht

Discussants:

 Emilio de Capitani, European Parliament, LIBE committee

 Thomas Beukers, University of Utrecht

 Kathalijne Buitenweg, former MEP, ACELG

11.15 – 11.30 Break

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- 11.30 – 13.00 ***Session 2: Opening up the Executive Power***
Chair: Pieter Jan Kuijper, ACELG
- Open EU Administration and the EU Citizens**
Joana Mendes, ACELG
- Can You Keep a Secret? How the European Parliament got access to sensitive documents in the area of security and defence**
Guri Rosén, University of Oslo - ARENA
- Discussants:**
- e: Paolo Ponzano, former Director Task Force 'Future of the European Union and institutional questions' and EUI
 - e: Mark Bovens, University of Utrecht School of Governance
 - e: Madalina Busuioc, ACELG
- 13.00 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.00 ***Session 3: Opening up the Judicial Power***
Chair: Leonard Besselink, Utrecht University
- Can the European Court of Justice Be Responsive to EU Citizens?**
Bruno de Witte, Maastricht University & EUI
- Openness and Decision Making in the European Court of Justice: Access to deliberative participation**
Ross Carrick, University of Oxford
- Discussants:**
- e: Christiaan Timmermans, former Judge European Court of Justice
 - e: Thomas Vandamme, ACELG
 - e: Christina Eckes, ACELG
- 15.00 – 15.30 ***General Discussion and Conclusions***
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Participation to the Conference is free of charge. Due to limited capacity of the room, participants are requested to register by 13 October 2011 by sending an email to acelg@uva.nl.

- 16.00 – 17.00 **Top Secret Europe**
Inaugural Lecture Professor Deirdre Curtin

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