

COVERING LETTER

Re: Submission of an article for CYELP

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Dear Editors of the Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy,

I herewith submit for publication my article entitled: *"Representative Democracy across Levels? National Parliaments and EU Constitutionalism"*, together with a summary.

The article has neither been submitted for publication to another journal nor published elsewhere in any form. I am the sole author of the entire text. This is a revised version of the paper I presented in Boston at the 19th Conference of Europeanists as part of an interdisciplinary panel I convened. The conference was organised by the Council for European Studies at Columbia University from 22-24 March 2012. I have received invaluable feedback from Prof. Leonard Besselink (Utrecht University), Dr Karolina Boronska-Hryniewiecka (EUI), François Randour (Université Catholique de Louvain) and other participants at the panel. This has resulted in a greater coherence of the structure of the headings of the article, a sharpening of my arguments and a more fluent development of the theoretical discussion.

I hope that my article will make a useful contribution to European public law scholarship in view of the topicality of the European role of national parliaments. I undertake to harmonise my article with OSCOLA as soon as I receive the decision on publication.

I would kindly ask you to acknowledge the receipt of my article and inform me of the result of my submission at your earliest convenience. Below I provide a summary of the article submitted and a short biographical note about me as the author.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and I am grateful for your time and consideration.

Utrecht, 27th April 2012

Kind regards,



Davor Jancic

Summary of the article:

This contribution analyses the notion and practical application of the concepts of representative democracy and constitutionalism in relation to national parliaments within a European Union that is understood not in the classic constellation of hierarchy but rather in that of heterarchy. A specific focus of investigation is the post-Lisbon function of national parliaments, as attested by the Fiscal Treaty and as conceptualised in a variety of models of EU constitutionalism. However, there is as yet no sophisticated methodological approach for assessing the direct and indirect interactions between national parliaments and EU institutions. There is very few evidence of national parliamentarians acting as European actors. In order to test the theoretical premises, the article delves into the political praxis and examines the application by MPs and senators of scrutiny instruments regarding a number of EU dossiers that were the object of cross-level discussions within the framework of COSAC and the Barroso Initiative. The objective of the inquiry is to test the hypothesis that national parliamentary scrutiny of EU matters does not occur as an isolated domestic process but as a process that is interdependent with those unraveling at the EU level and that such scrutiny may have implications for the European Union's democratic legitimacy.

Biographical note about the author

Davor Jancic was born in 1982 in Novi Sad, Serbia. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the Bachelor's programme in law at the University of Novi Sad as the student of the generation of both the Faculty of Law and the University itself. He continued his education at the University of Amsterdam, where he obtained a *cum laude* Master's degree in International and European Law. From 2007 to 2011, he was a PhD Fellow in European Constitutional Law at Utrecht University.

Davor has held research positions at Sciences Po Paris, the London School of Economics and the University of Lisbon. In 2011, he obtained a research fellowship from the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. Apart from this, Davor has published in the *Columbia Journal of European Law*, *European Constitutional Law Review*, *Common Market Law Review*, *Utrecht Law Review*, *Interdisciplinary Political Studies* and other law journals. He presented papers at many international conferences from Harvard, Pittsburgh and Victoria BC to Cambridge, Copenhagen, Leuven and Bordeaux.

During his career, he was awarded a number of prizes. Most recently, in 2011 he won the *Europe Award for Junior Academics* from the Montesquieu Institute, The Hague, in 2010 an *Honourable Mention* from the Ius Commune Research School.

Since the autumn of 2011, Davor has been working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Law of Utrecht University.