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9.00: Welcome addresses
Bernhard Fügenschuh, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Teaching, University of Innsbruck
Christian Markl, Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Innsbruck

Panel 1: Regions and their Chambers: Options for Power-Sharing
9.30 – 11.00
Chair: Anna Gamper (University of Innsbruck)
Unicameralism, Bicameralism, Tricameralism: Evolution and Trends in Europe
Paolo Passaglia (University of Pisa)
Shared Rule vs Self-Rule? Bicameralism, Power-Sharing and the "Joint Decision Trap"
Arthur Benz (Technical University of Darmstadt)
Discussion
11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

Panel 2: Methods and Structures of Territorial Representation
11.30 – 13.00
Chair: Roberto Tonietti (University of Trento)
Second Chambers and Beyond: Bilateral, Multilateral and Alternative Representation of Territorial Interests
Francesco Palermo (University of Verona, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
The Legal Geography of Bicameralism: Territorial Representation between Symmetry and Asymmetry
Matteo Nicolini (University of Verona)
Discussion
13.00 – 14.00: Buffet lunch

Panel 3: The Functional Design of Federal Second Chambers
14.00 – 15.30
Chair: Francesco Palermo (University of Verona, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
Legislative Functions of Second Chambers
Anna Gamper (University of Innsbruck)
Extra-Legislative Functions of Second Chambers
Esther Happacher (University of Innsbruck)
Perfect and Imperfect Bicameralism: Conflict and Cooperation
Giacomo Delledonne (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa)
Discussion
15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

Panel 4: The Role of Second Chambers in the European Union
16.00 – 17.30
Chair: Esther Happacher (University of Innsbruck)
The Committee of Regions – a Third Chamber?
Giuseppe Martinico (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa)
The Functions of National Second Chambers after the Lisbon Treaty
Jens Woelk (University of Trento, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
Discussion
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Panel 5: Case Studies, Part I: Symmetry, Bicameralism and Mature Federal Systems
8.30 – 10.00
Chair: Matteo Nicolini (University of Verona)
The German Bundesrat and Executive Federalism
Matthias Niedobitek (Technical University of Chemnitz)
The Swiss Ständerat: a Model of Perfect Bicameralism
Eva Maria Belser (University of Fribourg/Freiburg)
The Austrian Bundesrat – Imperfect and Unreformed
Peter Bußjäger (University of Innsbruck, IFSO)
Discussion
10.00 – 10.30: Coffee break

Panel 6: Case Studies, Part II: Asymmetry, Bicameralism and Constitutional Engineering
10.30 – 13.00
Chair: Jens Woelk (University of Trento, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
Belgian Bicameralism between Linguistic and Territorial Representation
Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp)
Transforming the House of Lords: a Chamber of Regions for the United Kingdom?
Meg Russell (Constitution Unit, UCL)
The Italian Senate after the Referendum: another Road to Reform?
Carlo Fusaro (University of Florence)
The Spanish State of Autonomies and the Secession Issue: Bicameralism Revisited
Alberto López Basaguren (University of the Basque Country)
Discussion
Conclusions: Representing Regions, Challenging Bicameralism
Roberto Tonietti (University of Trento)
13.00: Buffet lunch