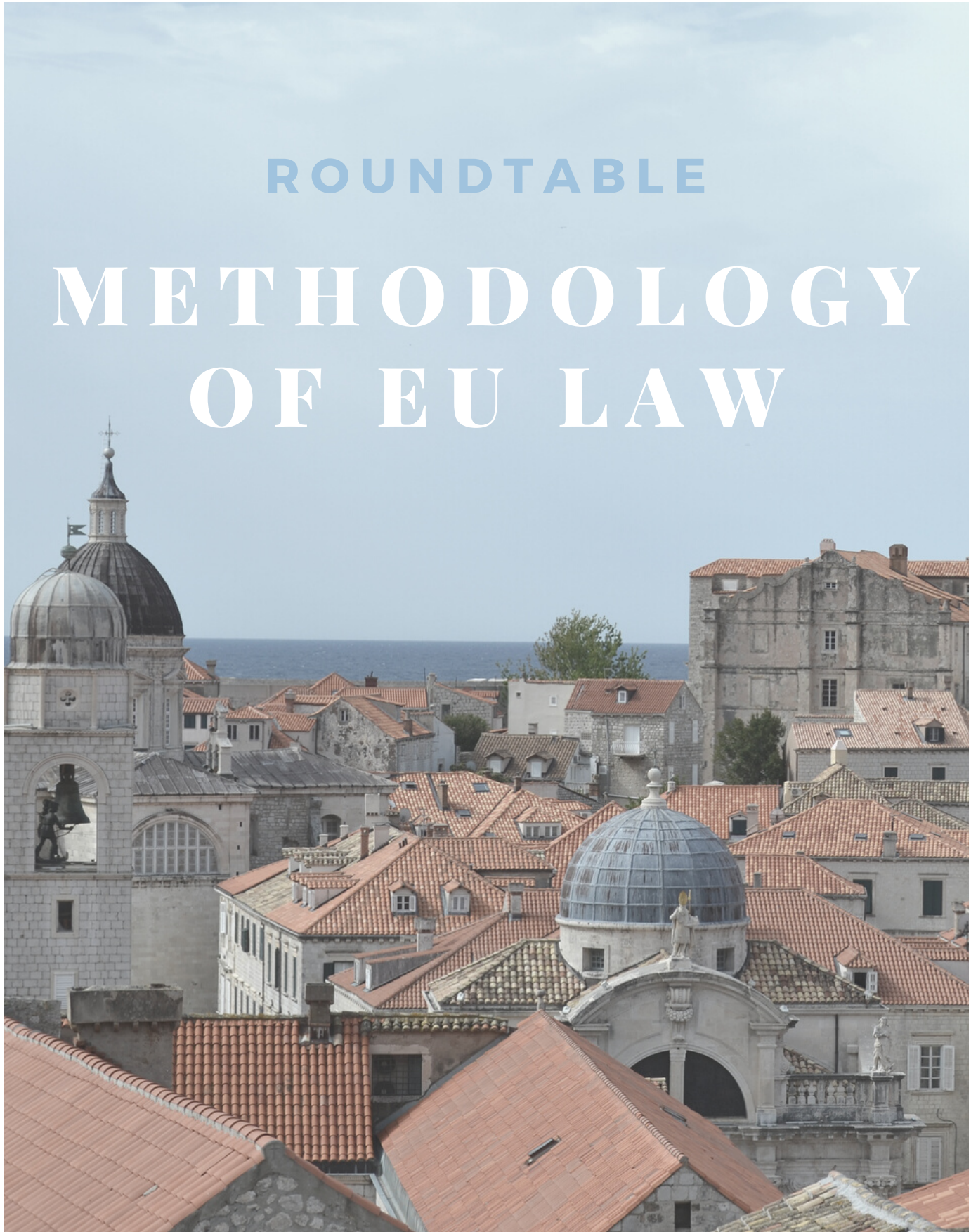




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ROUNDTABLE

# METHODOLOGY OF EU LAW

**FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2023**

**INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE DUBROVNIK**

**LECTURE ROOM II, 1ST FLOOR | 9:30-12:30**

## **JEAN MONNET MODULE “EU CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND METHODOLOGY” KICK-OFF EVENT**

**Roundtable: METHODOLOGY OF EU LAW**

**Chair:** Nika Bačić Selanec, University of Zagreb

**Panelists:** Michal Bobek, former advocate general, Court of Justice of the EU  
Tamara Čapeta, advocate general, Court of Justice of the EU  
Miguel Maduro, former advocate general, Court of Justice of the EU  
Tamara Perišin, judge, General Court, Court of Justice of the EU  
Siniša Rodin, judge, Court of Justice of the EU  
Eleanor Sharpston, former advocate general, Court of Justice of the EU  
*and*  
Gavin Barrett, University College Dublin  
Iris Goldner Lang, University of Zagreb  
Zdeněk Kühn, Charles University Prague  
Adam Łazowski, University of Westminster  
Ulla Neergaard, University of Copenhagen  
Niamh Nic Shuibhne, University of Edinburgh  
Donald Regan, University of Michigan  
Sybe A. de Vries, Utrecht University

### **SHORT DESCRIPTION**

The process of European integration – as propelled by the Court of Justice of the European Union – cannot be profoundly understood without examining the perplexities of judge-made law. One of the central aims of the Jean Monnet Module on “EU Constitutional Law and Methodology” is therefore to promote at the host institution, and academic research more generally, a methodological understanding of EU constitutional law, which entails questioning the methods of judicial creation and interpretation of the law and promoting the use of realist and critical legal methods in EU law and EU scholarship.

Promoting a critical approach to EU legal studies, above all, depends on demystifying the traditional operation of legal methodologies, and challenging those theoretical presumptions in legal discourse that over-emphasize the positivistic, formalistic, doctrinal, principled or conceptual barriers to the development of EU law. True critical engagements with EU law necessitate a straightforward recognition of policy objectives, conflicting interests or social values that exist hidden behind the rhetoric of formal law; and a recognition that a choice in methods of interpretation and legal justification informs judicial outcomes, shaping legal doctrines.

At the celebratory roundtable, which marks the kick-off of the Jean Monnet Module, we will jointly discuss these methodological aspects of EU law and examine how has our jurisprudential outlook to EU law and legal studies developed over time. We will, in particular, discuss the influence of established legal methodologies on our understanding of EU judge-made law and how it develops; the use of various theories of adjudication to examine the case law of the Court of Justice, including the constructive interpretation of the law, or the realist theories deconstructing our belief in determinacy of legal concepts and legal reasoning; the recent rise of critical studies in EU law versus the more traditional doctrinal approaches; and the overall importance of theoretic contemplation in how we think about, how we write about and how we teach EU law and the Court's case law.

More information about the Jean Monnet Module available at:  
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