

# Jean Monnet Chair

## *Jean Monnet Seminars*

### *The "Constitutional" Roots of the possible European Civil Code,*

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#### **OUTLINE**

The seminar intends to make the point on the actual debate about a possible European Civil code and to verify the possibilities of going ahead with this project with regard to the actual debate of "constitutional" law in Europe.

An introduction to the background of the idea of a European civil code will be followed by the analysis of the project currently ongoing in Europe and referred to the idea.

Then an overview of the actual status of the harmonizations of law related to matters that could be covered in the ambit of a possible Civil code will serve as the basis to consider the further developments on the same matters and other possible grounds of harmonization.

The seminar will then deal with the "constitutional" grounds of a possible European Civil Code.