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**Speakers Short Bios**

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**Massimo Egidi**, formerly Rector of the University of Trento, is adjunct professor of Behavioral Economics and Psychology at LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, where he has been serving as Rector since October 2006. He was President of FBK - the Bruno Kessler Foundation in Trento, Italy serving from December 2010 to December 2014. As an economist, he is amongst the most acknowledged scholars in the field of Behavioral economics, his main research interests being especially related to the study of bounded rational behaviour in organizations and institutions, as well as of organizational learning. Most of his papers released in the last decade concern, in particular, biases in decision making and problem solving. He is considered to be a distinctive voice in the academic and institutional frameworks; as such, he has often been involved in the debates on issues concerning university governance, relations between research and industry and the European policies for technology transfer and innovation.





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**Fotis Fitsilis** has worked in Germany, Greece and Serbia. As engineer and economist he excels in a broad range of fields, from telecommunications and logistics to management and governance. After a career as a research engineer in Germany, he worked as Special Advisor for Business and Industry to the Hellenic Ministry of Development. During this period he was a member of several legislative committees. Since 2007 he has been working for the Hellenic Parliament; initially as Scientific Advisor to the Speaker of the Parliament and later as Head of the Department for Scientific Supervision and Reporting in the Scientific Service, while contributing to the organizational restructuring of the Parliament. Having already experience in governmental and parliamentary entities, Dr. Fitsilis was chosen to lead from the position of the Resident Twinning Advisor the highly profiled and complex project to improve legislation, administrative and openness procedures in the National Assembly of Serbia in view of the EU accession of the country. This EU project, which mobilized more than 100 international experts from 10 Parliaments of Europe, was successfully finalized in 2015. Dr. Fotis Fitsilis is part of the EUPADRA Master Program as Visiting Professor at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid on issues related to the function of parliamentary control.

**Piedad Garcia-Escudero Márquez** is a Professor of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University of Madrid (2010), where she is a regular teacher since 1995. She is also Clerk at the Cortes Generales (Spanish Parliament) since 1981. At the present time is Head of the Department of Legal studies in the General Secretariat of the Congress of Deputies and Legal advisor at the Justice Committee. Doctor in law with extraordinary Prize by the Complutense University of Madrid (1995), she teaches Constitutional Law at the Complutense University in several Degrees and Legal Drafting in a Master of Parliamentary Law, Elections and Legislative Studies. She has been Secretary General of the Congress of Deputies and Clerk of Parliament (Letrado Mayor de las Cortes Generales), as well as Secretary of the Central Electoral Board. She teaches lessons in courses and seminars and delivers lectures in different courses for postgraduate students, including many courses online since 2003 for Latin America parliaments' officials and clerks, organized by the CEDDET, Center of distance education for the economic and technological development, sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and the UNED, National University of Distance Learning, and integrated into the Global network of learning of the World Bank. She has taken part in a number of projects of international cooperation, including a project of the European Union in support of the Parliament of Uruguay and several seminars on legislative and control procedures and legal drafting in collaboration with AECID, the Spanish official Cooperation Agency, in different countries. Her domains of research focuses on constitutional law in general, in particular parliamentary law, electoral law, legislative procedure, legal drafting, second Chambers. She has published more than one hundred essays in scientific journals or collaborations in collective works on those topics. Five periods of six years of research recognized by the CNEAL. Her publications include 10 books, among them: "The Senators designated by the autonomous communities", Madrid, 1995. "The legislative initiative of the Government", Madrid, 2000. "The ordinary legislative procedure in the Cortes Generales", Madrid, 2006. Centre for political and constitutional studies. "The permanent legislative committees in the system of commissions of the Cortes Generales", Madrid, 2006. "The aggravated procedure of reform of the Constitution of 1978 ", Madrid, 2006." "Legal writing and legal certainty: towards the constitutional control of the quality of laws?", Madrid, 2010. "Legal Drafting Manual", Madrid, 2011. She is also the author of the Spanish version of a work by Gierke, published by Maitland as Political theories of the middle ages





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(CEC, 1995), and also of the classic French work from the 16th century on the right of resistance *Vindiciae against Tyrannos* (Tecnos, 2008).

**Javier García Roca** is a Professor of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM, Spain) and Director of the Constitutional Department. He has recently been appointed Permanent Member of the General Commission of Codification (Ministry of Justice). He has been Director of the Parliamentary Law Institute (Congress of Deputies-UCM). He is a Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) and President Emeritus of the Spanish Association of Constitutional Law. He has worked for seven years as Staff Attorney at the Spanish Constitutional Court, where he acquired wide experience in many constitutional conflicts and proceedings; he has also acted as independent expert in constitutional justice for the Venice Commission (Council of Europe). He has expertised on the drafting of various bills and written opinions for different public administrations. He coordinates a broad group of professors which has received four R&D projects related with the European Convention on Human Rights and the Inter American System. Among his books, he has edited *Europe of rights: A compendium on the European Convention on Human Rights*; and the article: "Taking social rights seriously: principle of financial sustainability. A budgetary impact statement". Among his books written in Spanish: "La experiencia de veinticinco años de jurisdicción constitucional en España", "El margen de apreciación nacional en la interpretación del Convenio Europeo de Derechos Humanos: soberanía e integración", "Estabilidad presupuestaria y consagración del freno constitucional al endeudamiento" together with M.A Martínez Lago. He is one of the EUPADRA Academic Coordinators at the Complutense University in Madrid, and teaches, together with Ignacio García Vitoria, a course on "Parliamentary oversight" (parliamentary control). He is available to supervise EUPADRA thesis on: Parliamentary oversight (parliamentary control), constitutional proceedings, balanced budget amendment.

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**María José Martínez Iglesias** is the Director for Legislative Affairs of the Legal Service of the European Parliament. An official at the European Parliament since 1991, her first assignment was to the Regional Affairs Committee, subsequently joining the Constitutional Affairs Committee, where she was in charge, in particular, of assisting the EP negotiating team at the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC), which led to the Treaty of Nice. In 2002, she joined the secretariat of the European Convention, which drafted the European Constitution. On returning to Parliament, she was in charge of assisting the EP negotiating team at the IGC on the Constitutional Treaty. From 2004 until 2012, she was the Head of Unit of the Legal Affairs Committee of the European Parliament. During this same period, she was in charge of assisting the EP negotiating team at the IGC leading to the Treaty of Lisbon and was a member of the task force for the implementation of that Treaty. She was also responsible for assisting the EP negotiating team at the International Conference, which drafted the Treaty on Stability, Cooperation and Governance (the Fiscal Compact). From 2012 to 2014, she was a senior adviser in the cabinet of the President of the European Parliament, in charge of the governing bodies of the Parliament (Conference of Presidents and Bureau) and of legal and institutional affairs. During this same period, she was also responsible for assisting the EP's Sherpas on the EMU Governance Consultative Process. Since May 2014, she has been the Director for Legislative Affairs in the Legal Service of the European Parliament. During this period, she has also been involved with the negotiations of the Better Law Making Interinstitutional Agreement and the Brexit process. She has been the Institutional rapporteur to the 2016 FIDE Congress on the Division of Competences and regulatory powers between the EU and the Member states.





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