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## Seminar - Tuesday 10 February

Dear Colleagues, Students, and Partners,

In an era increasingly defined by "narratives of crisis"—where the rule of law, democracy, and fundamental rights often seem under siege—how can the European Union's core values serve as more than mere rhetoric? How can they become actionable legal tools for individuals and courts alike?

On behalf of the **EUMERGENCIES Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence**, we are pleased to invite you to our next research seminar: "**Activating Article 2 TEU in the Union's Values Crisis**"

- **Date:** **10 February 2026 | 12:30 – 14:00**
- **Lunch** starts at 12:00
- **Where:** **Room 2100** - Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 43, 1000 Brussels (Entrance via Rue du Marais 119) or **Online**
- **How to attend:** [Click Here to Register](#)

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## The Discussion

We are honored to welcome **Dr. Luke Dimitrios Spieker** (Humboldt University), author of the award-winning book **EU Values Before the Court of Justice** (Oxford University Press, 2023). Dr. Spieker will explore the **practical litigation of Article 2 TEU**, addressing whether these values can serve as a yardstick for judicial review and how individuals might invoke them before national and EU courts to

safeguard democratic principles.

**Professor Cecilia Rizcallah** (UCLouvain/ULB/College of Europe) will act as discussant and **Professor Teresa Cabrita** (UCLouvain) will chair the session.

## Why Attend?

Whether you are a student refining your understanding of European constitutional law, a researcher analyzing the "emergency" trends in EU governance, or a professional interested in the evolution of judicial review, this seminar offers a rigorous intellectual framework to **understand the legal future of the Union**. This event is a unique opportunity to engage with leading experts on a topic that sits at the very heart of the European project's survival and legitimacy.

## Practical Information

- **Speaker:** Dr. Luke Dimitrios Spieker (Humboldt University)
- **Discussant:** Prof. Cecilia Rizcallah (UCLouvain) Chair: Prof. Teresa Cabrita (UCLouvain)
- **Format:** On-site or Online
- **Registration:** Mandatory via the [following link](#). Online participants will receive the connection link 24 hours before the event.

We look forward to welcoming you to this stimulating debate.

Best regards,

The [EUMERGENCIES](#) Team Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence



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