*European Constitutionalism and Enlargement

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Why the Duo

-Article 49 TEU (evergreen)
- Path-crossing with discussions on the reform of th Union's governance/decision making/membership structure triggered by successive polycrises
-New MSs proved divergent from EU mainstream

European Constitutionalism

-Governance/decision making of the EU

-Rule of law within the MSs (control)

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* GOVERNANCE OF THE UNION

Efficiency in decision-making
Balance in democratic representation
Role of States' governments
Role of «big» Member States

1) European Parliament: size & seat allocation

2) Council: presidency, QMV

3)Commission: size and organization of the College

No shift towards a federalist pattern…still a gradual slip characterised by a progressive loss of sovereignty

***List of Issues (must)**

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1) Improvement of democracy at EU level

2) EU resources

[3) powers and competences]

Tools capable of strengthening the "Community method"

***List of Issues (also at stake)**

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*Tiers of membership

Key for European constitutionalism are

*À la carte or set menu?

*Reversibility of status

*the procedures & the conditions for progressing…and for regressing!

*Differentiation

*RULE OF LAW WITHIN THE MEMBER STATES

Strenghtening control at the Union's level

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* Article 7 to be considerably improved
  * Procedure
  * Outcome

* Conditionality

The real shift from a community of States [governments] and people (*Van Gend &* Loos) towards a polity

→ A milestone towards a federal pattern

* What to do

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