

Alexander Somek

Invited lectures and participation in conferences

- November 1985 „Universalrechtsgeschichte und Evolutionstheorie des Rechts“ (lecture delivered at a conference in Rüdesheim) [Universal Legal History and the Theory of Legal Evolution]
- May 1987 „Die Rechtswissenschaft im Spannungsfeld zwischen traditionalem Ethos und kritischer Ethik“ (talk given at a meeting of Hungarian and Austrian Legal Philosophers in Balatonkenese) [Legal Doctrine between Traditional Ethos and Critical Morality]
- December 1987 „Superliberalismus – Legitimation durch Überschreitung“ (talk given in a seminar held by Felix Ermacora) [Superliberalism – Legitimation through Transcendence]
- February 1988 Die Ambivalenz des modernistischen Projekts in der Rechtsphilosophie (lecture held at the University of Münster) [The Ambivalence of the Project of Modernism in Legal Philosophy]
- March 1990 Participation in a colloquy organized by Ernst Amadeus Wolff at the University of Frankfurt/Main on Fichte's „Grundlage des Naturrechts“
- May 1990 Participation in the workshop on „The Theoretical Foundations of Legal Policy“ held in Retzhof near Graz
- June 1992 „Von der Rechtserkenntnis zur interpretativen Praxis“ (lecture delivered at the Faculty of Law, Graz University) [From Traditional Legal Scholarship to Interpretative Practice]
- December 1992 „Jherings Genealogie der Moralität“ (lecture delivered at a symposium held in Vienna)

- celebrating the centennial of Jhering's lecture on „the struggle for law“) [Jhering's Genealogy of Morals]
- May 1993 „From Kennedy to Balkin. Introducing Critical Legal Studies from a Continental Perspective“ (talk given at the University of Kansas School of Law)
- September 1993 „Demokratie und politische Einheit“ (talk given at a symposium organized by the institute „Vienna Circle“ on „Norms, Values, and Society“) [Democracy and Political Identity]
- May 1994 „Brauchen die Juristen Philosophie?“ (talk given at a meeting of the Viennese Lawyers' Association [Wiener Juristenverein-Konzipientenverband]) [Do Lawyers Need Philosophy?]
- October 1994 „Nationalstaat und Immigration“ (lecture delivered at a symposium held in Vienna on the philosophical aspects of current legal policy) [Nation-State and Immigration]
- April 1995 „The Cash-Value of Political Justice: Equality and Proportionality in Comparative Perspective“ (series of lectures delivered at the University of Kansas School of Law)
- June 1995 „Rechte und Quoten am Beispiel der Einwanderungspolitik“ (talk presented at a workshop held in Graz on the political philosophy of international relations) [Rights and Quotas on the Example of Strangers and Women]
- December 1995 organized international conference „The Indeterminacy of Social Integration“ (participation of scholars from Europe and the United States)

- April 1996 organized workshop „Cultures of Constitutional Interpretation“ (participation of scholars from Eastern and Western Europe and the United States)
- February 1996 „National Solidarity and Global Impartiality“ (lecture delivered at the conference organized by the European Law Students Association on „Europe Without Borders?“)
- June 1996 Chairperson of the Workshop „EU minimum standards and the concept of the refugee“ – the workshop was part of a conference organized by Amnesty International on asylum in Europe
- August 1996 „Unbestimmtheit und Anerkennung. Prolegomena zu einer Theorie der grundrechtlichen Schutzgüter“ (talk given at the International Wittgenstein-Symposium in Kirchberg/Wechsel) [Indeterminacy and Recognition. Towards a Theory of Basic Legal Goods]
- January 1997 „Rechtsanwendung als Interpretationspraxis“ (two lectures delivered at a conference organized by the German Academy of Judges in Trier) [Adjudication as Interpretative Practice]
- April 1997 „Die Diskontrate der Gesetzesbindung“ (lecture delivered at a workshop on law and linguistics in Mannheim) [The Discount Rate of Legality]
- April 1997 „Verallgemeinerung und Abwägung“ (talk given in a workshop on Ethics at the Vienna Institute for Philosophy) [Universalization and Balancing]
- June 1997 „Pluralistische und soziale Demokratie. Zur Rechtfertigung des Majoritätsprinzips bei Hans Kelsen und Max Adler“ (lecture delivered at a symposium devoted to the work of Max Adler) [Pluralist and Social Democracy. On the justification]

of majority rule in the writings of Max Adler and Hans Kelsen]

- October 1997 Participation in a workshop on the role of principles in law in Graz
- November 1997 „Geld – Macht – Recht: Über den Entdeckungszusammenhang des nachpositivistischen Rechtsdenkens“ (lecture at the University of Salzburg) [Money – Power – Law. On the context of discovery of post-positivist legal thought]
- December 1997 „Conflicting Conceptions of Higher Law. Austria and the European Trend in Judicial Review of Legislation“ (lecture delivered at the Supreme Court of Israel as part of the First Legal Colloquium Israel-Austria)
- March 1998 „The Deadweight of Formulae Explained“ (talk given at the Symposium „Universality and Contextuality. Constitutional Borrowings at a Global Stage“ held at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, March 20-March 21, 1998)
- April 1998 „The Undue Impositions Principle. From the Second German Abortion Decision to the Egalitarian Reconstruction of Constitutional Law“ (talk given at the Law School of Washington University, St. Louis)
- October 1998 „Reverse Discrimination Revisited“ (lecture delivered in Vienna as part of the Second Legal Colloquium Israel-Austria)
- October 1998 Chair of the section devoted to „Legal Thought“ at the international symposium on „European Integration and Expansion. A Challenge for the Human Sciences“ held in Vienna

- December 1998 „Grenzen der Anpassung. Eine alternative Sicht auf das Verhältnis von Pluralismus und Gleichheit“ (talk given at the Max Weber Kolleg of Erfurt University) [Limits to Adaptation. An Alternative Perspective of the Relationship between Pluralism and Equality]
- May 1999 „Zwischen Anstandsblabla und Rechtskritik. Überlegungen zur Beschäftigung mit der Ethik der juristischen Berufe“ (talk given at the conference on “Legal Ethics” held by European Law Students Association in Vienna) [Between Moral Babble and Legal Criticism. Some Thoughts on Legal Ethics]
- April 2000 „Equality and Discrimination“ (talk given at the Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, opening lecture of the Vienna „Eucofax“ Meeting)
- August 2000 „Demokratie an ihrer historischen Grenze?“ (talk given at the European Forum Alpbach) [At the Historical Limit of Democracy?]
- November 2000 „On the Very Idea of Supranationality“ (faculty seminars held at the Law School of the University of Sydney and the Law Faculty of Australian National University)
- March 2001 „Legal Expertise“ (contribution to a workshop on theory and practice at the Hanse Kolleg, Delmenhorst, Germany)
- May 2001 „Authoritarian Constitutionalism“ (talk given at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy)
- May 2001 „Die Elektrifizierung der Rechtswissenschaft“ (lecture delivered at a workshop on law and linguistics in Vienna) [The Electrification of Legal Thought]
- October 2001 Participant in a Workshop on „Law as Literature“ at

the University of Frankfurt/Main

- November 2001 „Supranationalität – Prinzip und Gegenprinzip“ (paper presented at an interdisciplinary workshop devoted to questions of European constitutional policy, which was hosted by the Mannheim center for European Social Research) [Supranationality – Principle and Counter-principle]
- December 2001 „Kollektive Identität und Europäisches Recht“ (paper presented at an interdisciplinary workshop on “European Identities”, organized by the Austrian Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Vienna Academy of Diplomacy) [Collective Identity and European Law]
- March 2002 “The War on Terrorism and the European Perspective on Public International Law” (panel statement at the meeting of the Midwestern division of the National Lawyers Guild)
- March 2002 “The Specter of Supranationality. A Comment on Joerges and Eriksen” (paper presented on a panel devoted to the Commission’s White Paper on Governance at the Annual Conference of Europeanists in Chicago)
- March 2002 “Authoritarian Constitutionalism” (paper presented on a panel devoted to the Dark Heritage of European Legal Thought at the Annual Conference of Europeanists in Chicago)
- April 2002 “Law and Integration in Europe” (panel statement at the conference on Western Hemispheric Integration, Democracy and the Rule of Law, held at the University of Iowa)
- April 2002 “We in Europe – The two tracks and the ethos of European integration” (speech delivered at the

- annual banquet of the journal for Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, Iowa City)
- April 2002 Participation in the JCMS conference on “Europe – Reassessing the Fundamentals” (European University Institute, Florence)
- May 2002 “Supranationality Limited – Europe’s One-Dimensional Jurisprudence” (faculty seminar given at the University of Iowa college of law)
- May 2002 “Europe: Constitutional Nostalgia and the Imperial Dream” (two lectures delivered at the University of Kansas)
- June 2002 “Europe: Federalist Nostalgia and the Imperial Dream. Some Comments on the Convention on the Future of Europe” (lecture delivered to the Iowa City Foreign Affairs Council)
- September 2002 “This is About Ourselves, Or: What Makes Genetic Discrimination Interesting” (paper presented at a conference in Essen/Germany on Biotechnology, Commerce, and Civil Society)
- September 2002 “Obstacles, Inequalities, and Circularity” (paper presented at the New York-Oxford workshop on “Regulating Transnational Markets: Between State Sovereignty, Integrated Markets and Transnational Communities”, held at New York University School of Law)
- October 2002 “Die beiden Sprachen des Antidiskriminierungsrecht” (paper presented in Graz at a workshop on the role of goals and rights in legal reasoning) [The Two Languages of Antidiscrimination Law]
- November 2002 “Die Ermächtigungsnorm. Kelsen und die Normativität des Normativen” (paper presented in

- Frankfurt/Main at an international conference on Hans Kelsen „as a legal scholar and a philosopher of law“) [The power-conferring norm. Kelsen and the normativity of norms]
- December 2002 Participation in a panel discussion on “Interpretative Power of the Law”, organized by the Association of Viennese Attorneys
- January 2003 Participation in and chairperson at the international workshop on „Transformation of Statehood from a European perspective“, organized by Research Unit for Institutional Change and European Integration, Austrian Academy of Sciences
- April 2003 “Antidiscrimination and Decommodification” (comment delivered at the International Conference on “Diversity, Justice, and Democracy”, organized by the European Center for Social Policy in Vienna)
- June 2003 “Die Frage der Rechtstheorie” (talk given at the “Franken Intradisciplinary Forum”, Law Faculty of the University of Erlangen) [The Question of Legal Theory]
- September 2003 “Is Representation Enough?” (paper presented at the conference, held in Vienna, on “Constitutionalism and Democratic Representation in the European Union”, organized by the Austrian Academy of Sciences and European partner institutions)
- October 2003 “Constitutional Treaty” (paper presented at the interdisciplinary workshop “The Discursive (Re-)Construction of European Identities (Interpreting the European Convention)”, organized by Ruth Wodak and other members of the Department of Linguistics of the University of Vienna)

- March 2004 "Market Holism. Towards a Reconstruction of the ECJ's New Theory of Community Competence" (talk given at the European Law Research Center, Harvard Law School)
- March 2004 "Good News and Bad Habits: Tobacco, Culture and the Rule of Law in the European Union" (talk given at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University)
- March 2004 "Reflections on United States - European relations" (talk and discussion at a "Great Decisions" Workshop in Muscatine, Iowa)
- June 2004 "The Role of Roman Law in European Legal History" (talk given at the Summer School of the University of Iowa School of Law in Arcachon, France)
- June 2004 Co-organisation of the Conference on "Antidiscrimination Law and the Social Welfare State", held in Vienna, June 21-22, co-hosted by the City of Vienna and the Austrian Chamber of Workers
- June 2004 "The Puritan Predicament" (paper presented at the above mentioned conference on Antidiscrimination Law)
- July 2004 "Constitutional *Erinnerungsarbeit*: Ambivalence and Translation" (statement at the workshop "Recrafting the Past after 'Bitter Experiences': the Shadows of the Past(s) over the Constitutionalization of Europe", held at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy)
- July 2004 Participation in a workshop hosted by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences on the current state and future of legal theory

- October 2004 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (Harvard University): Advanced Workshop: Regulatory Interaction – The Normative Question (organized in co-operation with Viktor Mayer-Schönberger)
- October 2004 “Harmonisation and Mobilisation: On the Social Construction of Successful European Integration” (paper presented at the International Law Weekend 2004 of the International Law Association, American Branch, New York City)
- March 2005 “The Austrian Tradition of Public Law Scholarship” (draft paper presented at a meeting with publishers and other authors at the Max Planck Institute for Public International Law and Foreign Public Law, Heidelberg/Germany)
- March 2005 and October 2005 “Inexplicable Law. Privatising Legality in Europe” (paper presented at the conference “Can Knowledge be made Just”, held at the Institute of Cultural Studies in Essen, Germany; a revised paper was presented at the University of Iowa College of Law)
- May 2005 “The Benign Empire. European Political Imagination in the Twenty First Century” (paper presented at a conference on “The Re-/Constructions of Europe/EU: On Social Political and Cultural Dimensions of Reforming and Enlarging the European Union” hosted by the Department of Linguistics and the Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Lancaster)
- June 2005 “Equality as Reasonableness” (paper presented at the conference “The Dark Side of Fundamental Rights”, held at the Department of Law (Andras Sajó) of the Central European University, Budapest)

- September 2005 "Decommodification revisited" (paper presented at the concluding conference of the CIDEL-Project "Law and Democracy in Europe's Post-National Constellation", European University Institute)
- December 2005 "Why Representation?" (comment at the international symposium "Transforming Europe – Conflict, Inclusion, Exclusion in the enlarged Europe" held at the University of Salzburg)
- February 2006 "Kelsen lives" (paper presented in a seminar conducted by Philip Alston, Benedict Kingsbury and Matthias Kumm on Theories of Public International Law at New York University School of Law)
- March 2006 *Europe in Translation: The rearticulation of European Civilisation in a Global Age* (international conference organized at the University of Iowa)
- April 2006 *Iowa City Hegel Fest* (workshop organized at the University of Iowa, to which I was able to attract Robert Pippin and Terry Pinkard)
- October 2006 "Und was fehlt eigentlich? Eine Anmerkung zu Europeas politischem Erfahrungsraum" (paper presented at a conference in Berlin about "Bitter Experiences of the Past and the Constitutionalization of Europe) [And what is really missing? A note on the European political horizon]
- April 2007 "Solidarity Decomposed: Being and Time in European Citizenship" (paper presented at a faculty workshop at the University of Iowa)
- June 2007 "Demokratie als Verwaltung: Wider die deliberative halbierte Demokratie" (paper presented at an international conference on the constitutionalization of world society at the University of Flensburg) [Democracy as Administration: Against the

deliberative truncation of democracy]

- June 2007 “Legalität heute” (talk given at the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Greifswald) [Legality today]
- October 2007 “Rechtsdynamik” (talk at a symposium on the history of German legal theory held at the ZIF in Bielefeld) [Legal Dynamics]
- October 2007 “Was ist Gleichheit?” (talk at the Otto Suhr Institut of the Free University of Berlin) [What is Equality]
- November 2007 “Rechtverhältnis und aufrechter Gang” (talk at a symposium in Vienna on Human Dignity) [Legal Relationship and Human Dignity]
- March 2008 “Constitutional Law: The Normative Question” (talk given at the WIKO Berlin)
- April 2008 “Democracy-Enhancing International Law: The Argument from Transnational Effects” (paper presented at a Indian-European exchange on comparative constitutional law at the WIKO Berlin)
- November 2008 “Konstitution ohne Emanzipation: Überlegungen zu Europas Verfassungsproblem” (keynote lecture delivered at a conference in Bremen) [Constitution Without Emancipation: Notes on Europe's Constitutional Problem]
- January 2009 “The Emancipation of Legal Dissonance” (keynote lecture at a conference held at the University of Bergen in the European Court of Justice)
- March 2009 “From the Rule of Law to the Constitutionalisation Makeover: Changing European Conceptions of Public International Law” (paper presented at a conference at the University of Indiana on

Changing Conceptions of Public International Law)

- April 2009 "Democracy-Enhancing International Law: The Argument from Transnational Effects" (revised paper presented at New York University School of Law)
- June 2009 "The Constitutionalization of Public International Law - A Kelsenian Perspective""(Leipzig, Conference on Hannah Arendt, Hans Kelsen, Carl Schmitt and the international order)
- June 2009 "Rechtswissenschaft und Common Law" (talk given at the Heidelberg, Max Planck Institute for Public International Law and Comparative Public Law) [Legal Science and Common Law]
- October 2009 "Constitutionalization and the Common Good" (University of Salzburg, Centre of European Union Studies)
- November 2009 "Die Verfassung im Zeitalter ihrer transnationalen Reproduzierbarkeit" (Berlin, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, talk at a conference on structural questions of the EU) [The Constitution in the Age of its Transnational Reproducibility]
- February 2010 "Constitutionalization and the Common Good" (presentation as part of the Floersheim Center Series on Global and Comparative Public Law Theory, Cardozo Law School)
- March 2010 "Constitutionalizing International Law – The New Way Forward?" (University of Iowa College of Law, presentation as part of a conference on Human Rights and US Standing in the World under the Obama Administration)"
- April 2010 "Monism: A Tale of the Undead" (talk at the Political Science Department of Columbia University, New

York)

- April 2010 "Monism v. Pluralism" (talk at conference on Foundations of Public International Law, held at the University of Pennsylvania)
- September 2010 "Monism: A Defence" (paper delivered at conference on Hans Kelsen, Oxford University, Faculty of law)
- September 2010 "Monism: A Defence" (talk given at the conference "Legal Science and Legal Theory: An International Conference on Philosophy of Law" organized by the faculty of law at Oxford)
- October 2010 "The social substance of the European allocation of competence" (talk given as part of a workshop on „European Constitution and Social Democracy“ in Bad Homburg (Germany), October 8-9, 2010)
- October 2010 "Europe's Social Question" (paper presented on October 11, 2010, at the London School of Economics as part of the GOLEM workshop series)
- October 2010 "The Spirit of Legal Positivism" (paper presented in a seminar conducted by Robert S. Summers and Robert Hockett at Cornell Law School on October 22, 2010)
- November 2010 "Cosmopolitan Self-determination", talk at the University of Salzburg

- January 2011 "Risk-Society and Alienation" (talk given at the
Fakulteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid – Vrije Universiteit
Amsterdam
- January 2011 "Three forms of collective self-determination" (paper
presented at the conference "Constitutionalism in a
New Key" held at the Humboldt University Berlin)
- February 2011 "Europe as an Administrative State?", a discussion of
Peter Lindseth's recent book at University of
Connecticut School of Law
- April 2011 New York State University, Buffalo: CEUS Conference:
Realizing Europe: The Lisbon Treaty in Perspective,
topic of my presentation "Europe: political, not
cosmopolitan
- April 2011 New York University, Remarque Institute, topic of my
presentation: "Social Policy in Europe:
Domestication, Assimilation, and Disarmament"
- May 2011 Harvard University, Centre for Humanities:
Conference: Theorizing the Commonwealth, topic
of my presentation: "The cosmopolitan constitution"