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**Constitutional reservations to the primacy of EU law in the case law of the German Constitutional Court**

17:00 pm, Wednesday, 10th June, Nador 11, Room 201

Chair: Marie-Pierre Granger, Associate Professor, Departments of Public Policy and Legal Studies

Discussant: Orsolya Salat, Researcher, Center for European Union Research

The principle of primacy of EU law is a settled principle of the EU legal order. However, national constitutional courts have put forward constitutional reservations to unconditional primacy of EU law. This lecture will give an overview of the three types of constitutional reservations to this principle as developed so far by the German Constitutional Court. It will explain the rationale, nature, and effect of these reservations. Particular emphasis will be given to the current developments and refinements in the context of the Euro crisis.

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Darinka will spend a month in Budapest as visiting researcher at the Lendület-HPOPs Research Group at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In the framework of the research program of this project, she will be examining possibilities of re-interpretation of the primacy of EU law and its reception in national constitutional systems from the perspective of Member State interests and policy priorities.

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