THE EUROPEAN UNION BETWEEN INTERGOVERNMENTALISM AND ‘SHARED AND RESPONSIBLE SOVEREIGNTY’

THE HAPTIC NATURE OF THE EU’S INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

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ABSTRACT | The institutional architecture of the European Union has always been characterized by tensions and fissures which threaten to destabilize its edifice. However, the Union has shown remarkable resilience thanks to its ‘haptic’ qualities, which combine vulnerability with adaptability. Starting from a normative discussion of the democratic principles that should sustain an interconnected construct like the Union, I will highlight governance and institutional developments that could be read either as a return to heightened intergovernmentalism or as progress towards ‘shared and responsible sovereignty’

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