

## Sub-State entities and co-sovereignty within the EU

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**Keating, Michael** (European Univ. Institute. Dept. of Political and Social Sciences. Badia Fiesolana. I-50014 S. Domenico di Fiesole): **European Integration and the Nationalities Question** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: European integration presents a new context for the relationship between state and nation. New meanings of sovereignty, a reallocation of competences and the rise of new networks allow for expressions of nationality short of statehood. Nationality movements have adapted where they have usable traditions, a territorial base and an ideological alignment close to the European norm. The EU, however, provides few institutional possibilities for stateless nations.

Key Words: Nationalism. Europe. National minorities. Sovereignty.

**Ezeizabarrena, Xabier** (Pza. Nafarroa Behera, 3. 20001 Donostia – San Sebastián): **Basque Historical Rights within the European Union. A path towards co-sovereignty** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: This study aims to analyse the peculiar situation of the Spanish constitutional regime regarding Basque Historical Titles, and their development towards the EU whole framework.

Key Words: EU Law. Basque Historical Titles. Constitutional Law. Comparative Law. Co-sovereignty.

**Jurado, Elena** (Policy Network. Third floor. 11 Tufton Street. London SW1P 3QB): **Regionalisation and the Eastward enlargement of the European Union: a missed opportunity?** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: The paper examines the impact of the EU's eastward enlargement on the situation of sub-state entities in the new member states of Central and Eastern Europe. The paper also considers what the incorporation of eight Central and East European countries into the EU may mean for the role of sub-state entities in the new and enlarged EU.

Key Words: European Union. Enlargement. Central and Eastern Europe. Territorial autonomy. Sub-state entities. Conditionality. Minority rights.

**Karl, Josef C.** (Univ. of Oxford. Oriel College. Oxford OX1 4EW. UK): **Bavaria is Germany, isn't it? The case of the German Land Bavaria. A Historical and Political Approach** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: My analysis shows that the Free State of Bavaria, rather at the periphery of Germany but in the centre of Europe, aims to balance the claim for autonomy and the desire to participate in the political life of Germany as well as of Europe. Independence and integration are not seen as incompatible, but rather represent the special position of Bavaria.

Key Words: Free State. Not independent. Special status. Historical peculiarity. Bavaria. Germany.

**Quinn, Mathew** (Welsh Assembly Government. Crown Buildings. Cathays Park. Cardiff CF10 3NQ. UK): **Wales and the EU and UN** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: Wales has only had its own directly elected Government since 1999 but has been quick to establish the potential for international engagement in those areas where it has particular needs, values or priorities. This article describes the opportunities that Wales has to participate in the EU and UN institutions and the extent of innovation and engagement, with particular reference to its work in the field of sustainable development.

Key Words: Political science. Regional government. Wales. Devolution. Sustainable development. EU. UN.

**Bas, Luc** (Flemish Government. Koning Albert II laan 20. B-1000 Brussel): **Flemish Activity and Perspective at the EU and the UN** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: Flanders considers the intra-state participation in international decision making through co-ordination and collaboration with the federal level as very important. On the other hand Flanders explores intensively the possibilities for extra-state participation. For EU-policy, formal structures such as the Committee of the regions exist and other more informal instruments. For multilateral policy new possibilities are emerging of which one important initiative is the Network of regional governments for Sustainable Development (NRG4SD).

Key Words: Flanders. Belgium. International decision making. Direct participation. Co-ordination. Multilateral. Europe.

**Bengoetxea, Joxerramon** (UPV/EHU. Faculty of Law. Manuel Lardizabal, 2. 20018 Donostia – San Sebastián): **Sub-state entities and co-sovereignty within the EU: the Basque case in the current situation** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: This work analyses the status of infra-state institutions in the European Union from the perspective of the theory of co-sovereignty or shared sovereignty. To date the protagonists have been states and the European Union, which possess a supra-state character, but in the new scenario which is being designed some infra-state entities also appear, such as the nation-regions. The case of the Autonomous Basque Community is analysed according to these parameters, presenting a case of a somewhat complex shared sovereignty combining supra- and infra-state levels as well as the so-called state levels. This triple association is evident in the New European Constitutionalism and in the debate and practice of governing, as well as in strategic agendas like that of Lisbon.

Key Words: Co-sovereignty. Supra-state. Governance. Infra-state entities. Treaty of the European Union. European Union. Basque Autonomous Community.

**Herrero y Rodríguez de Miñón, Miguel** (Mayor, 70. 28013 Madrid): **Minorities and Historical Titles: the Search of Identity** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: The subject of this study is a common feature of the constitutional practice of many European States. This common feature points to the plurinational structure of the State, regardless of its federal or unitarian system, through the recognition of national minorities qualified by their political identities. The paper focus mainly in non federal States with active Constitutional Courts.

Key Words: Minority. Autochthony. Historical titles. Equality. Non discrimination. Identity.

**Watson, Maxwell** (Fellow of Wolfson College. Barton Road. Cambridge CB3 9BB): **Sub-State Entities within the EU: Experience, Economics and Enlargement** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: Regional disparities can trigger demands for autonomy: poorer regions fear domination while richer resist transfers. But economic features of federalism need careful design, to foster income convergence. One challenge is to preserve hard budget constraints, including under the Stability and Growth Pact. Internal stability pacts are popular; but more market-based approaches may be needed in countries with many small authorities.

Key Words: Sub-state entities. Fiscal federalism. Regionalism. Stability and Growth Pact.

**Loughlin, John; Lux, Suzannah** (Cardiff Univ. School of European Studies. 65-68 Park Place. Cardiff CF10 3AS. UK): **Subnational Finances in Spain: Lessons for the UK?** (Orig. en)

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Abstract: There are similarities between the UK and Spain, both are politically asymmetrical - but also differences - the Spanish reforms have benefitted principally the Autonomous Communities making it also fiscally asymmetrical. There is a variety of local revenues in Spain but only the council tax in the UK. The UK might learn from the Spanish experience.

Key Words: Spain. UK. Comparison. Local and regional finances. Political asymmetry and symmetry. Fiscal asymmetry and symmetry. Policy lessons.