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Scott, Andrew (University of Edinburgh. School of Law. Old College, South Bridge. Edinburgh EH8 9YL):
Scotland: from Devolution to Independence? (Orig. en)

In: *Euskal Autogobernuaren etorkizuna: eredu azterketa alderatua eta dimentsio europarra*,
32-41

Abstract: The presentation begins with historical background and examines the powers transferred to the Scottish Parliament and Government under the 1998 Act. It follows with the analysis of the range of powers transferred under the 2012 law and finally addresses the issues that dominated the debate prior to the referendum held in 2014. It concludes with the post-referendum negotiations and reflection on the possibility of a second referendum on the independence of Scotland.

Key Words: Transferred powers. Independence referendum. European Union. Plurinationalism. Bilateral negotiations. Nation. State. Sovereignty.

Criekemans, David (University of Antwerp. Stadscampus Sint-Jacobsstraat 2. S.M. 052 2000 Antwerpen, België): **Flanders / Belgium: identity and national coexistence, and the representation of the interests of the Belgian federation vis-à-vis the European institutions?** (Orig. en)

In: *Euskal Autogobernuaren etorkizuna: eredu azterketa alderatua eta dimentsio europarra*, 42-59

Abstract: The Belgian federation has a complex structure, based on so-called 'Communities' and 'Regions'. Since 1993, Belgium has become a federal state in which the regions are compelled by the constitution to manage their own external relations. This contribution also explains how the Belgian governments organize themselves and their respective interests vis-à-vis the European institutions. In this regard, we will especially zoom into the foreign policy activities of the Flemish government.

Key Words: Identity. Federalism. Belgium. Representation. Flanders. Wallonia. Diplomacy. Foreign policy.

Schmitt, Nicolas (University of Fribourg. Institute of Federalism. Beauregard 1, CH-1700 Fribourg): **In the country of William Tell, the myth becomes reality: Some reflections about cantons' sovereignty** (Orig. en)

In: *Euskal Autogobernuaren etorkizuna: eredu azterketa alderatua eta dimentsio europarra*, 60-78

Abstract: Swiss cantons are considered like «micro states» and enjoy quite large powers. There is no Swiss nation, but a «Willensnation» forged by the desire of its citizens to renew constantly the links that unite them: «Together, we defend the right to remain different»¹. As a result, there have never been secessionist movements in the country.

Key Words: Switzerland. Federalism. Cantons. (Non)Secession. Multilingualism. Willensnation. Shared sovereignty. Diversity.

1. De Rougemont Denis. *La Suisse ou l'histoire d'un peuple heureux*, L'âge d'homme, Lausanne 1990, p. 18.

Aranbarri, Asier (Deustuko Unibertsitatea. Gizarte eta Giza Zientzien eta Zuzenbide Fak. Unibertsitate Etorb., 24, 48007 Bilbo): **Erregio errealitatearen papera Europan** (The role of regional realities in Europe) (Orig. eu)

In: *Euskal Autogobernuaren etorkizuna: eredu azterketa alderatua eta dimentsio europarra*, 82-100

Abstract: This article aims to make an analysis of presentation of Patricia Popelier, professor at the University of Antwerp, her presentation "Sub-states and the European Union: constitutional strategies". Namely to analyse the impact of regional realities as sub-states on the multi-tiered system that the European Union has become, when it comes to establishing their own position within the European Union.

Key Words: European Union. Regions. Participation. Joint Perspective. Federal Perspective. Confederal Perspective. The Basque Country.

Bengoetxea, Joxerramon (ehuGune. UPV/EHU. Zuzenbide Fak. Ibaetako Campusa. Manuel Lardizabal, 2. 20018 Donostia): **Nazio-erregio izatetik Estatukide izatera: barneko zabalkuntza Europar Bata-sunean** (From Nation-Regions to Member States: internal expansion of the European Union) (Orig. eu)

In: *Euskal Autogobernuaren etorkizuna: eredu azterketa alderatua eta dimentsio europarra*, 104-121

Abstract: If a new state arose through independence from a Member State, how could it achieve accession to the European Union? Would it be left outside the EU and have to negotiate its entry? Or would it negotiate the terms from inside, without leaving the EU? That is the question and we believe there is no clear legal answer for or against it.

Key Words: Internal expansion. European Union Members. Articles 48, 49 and 59 of the EU Treaty.