The Jurisprudence of the EU Constitution

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Abstract

The signature of the EU Constitution was a new step in the overall process of European integration. The EU Constitution is expected to have a far-reaching influence on the EU's organizational structure, decision-making model, EU citizenship, fundamental rights and external relations. This paper examines and illuminates the following subjects, among others: the background, agenda and composition of the Constitution; the major nature, objectives and features of the Constitution; the main-stream debates and critics of the Constitution; and reflections on EU Constitution. All these factors have a long-term impact on Member States and the future of European constitutionalism.

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